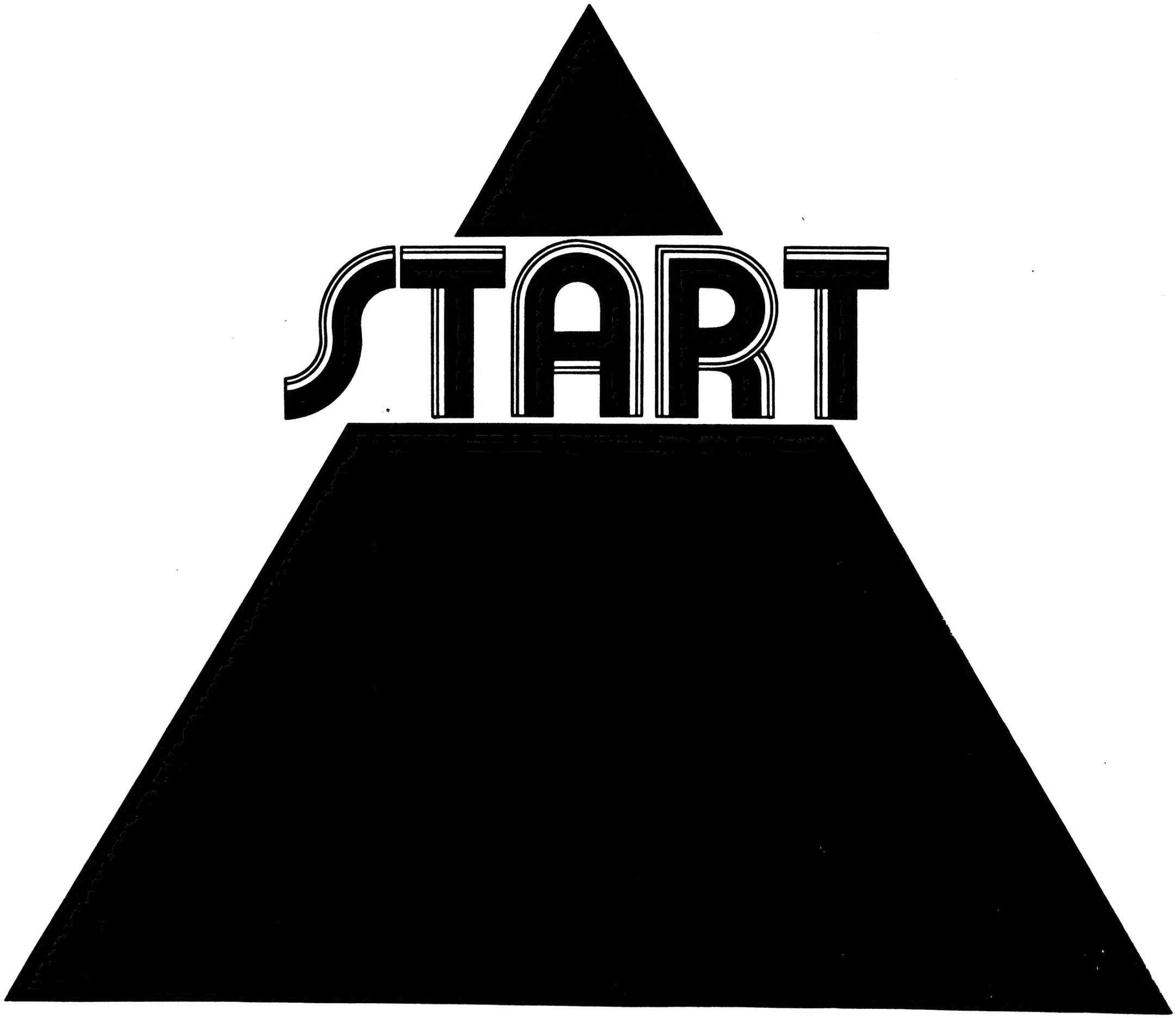
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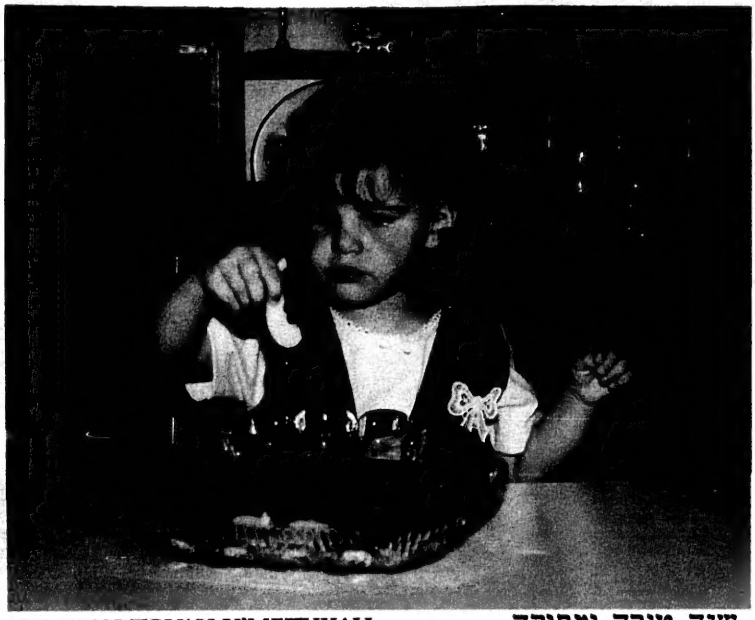

SHANAH TOVAH U'METUKAH שנה טובה ומתוקה

Young Jordana, 2½, continues the tradition of eating apples dipped in honey at the festive meal of Rosh Hashanah. The accompanying blessing asks G-d to grant us a good and sweet year.
La jeune Jordana, âgée de deux ans et demi, perpétue la tradition de déguster une pomme trempée dans du miel lors du repas solennel de Rosh Hashanah. La bénédiction prononcée lors de cette coutume traditionnelle implore l'Eternel de nous réserver une nouvelle année bonne et douce.
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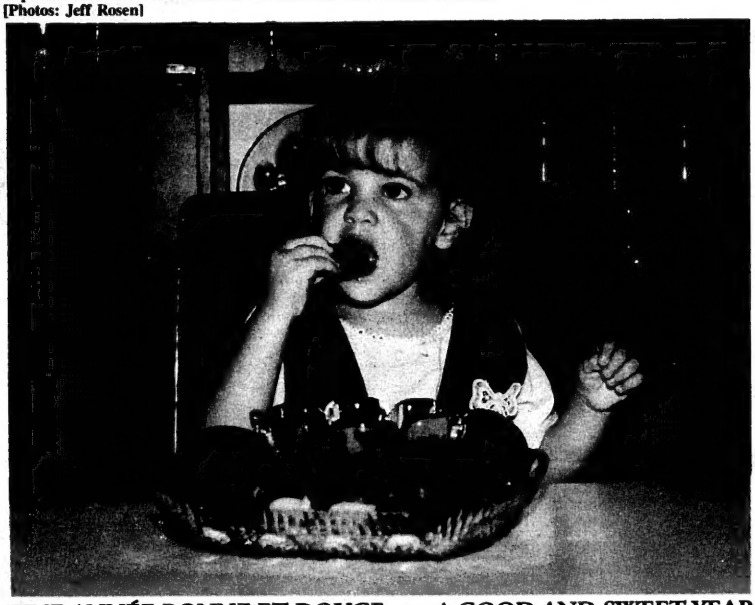


UNE ANNÉE BONNE ET DOUCE A GOOD AND SWEET YEAR

Editorial

Sound of the shofar a call for new year

"Happy is the people that know the sound of the shofar." — Psalms 89:16.

This pointed pronouncement is not merely a capsule prescription for Jewish contentment. It is, rather, a plea which carries within it the possibility of something deeper and more significant.

The shofar, an ancient instrument fashioned from nature, sounds a stormy, shivering, wailing, even tearful blast. But who among us is unfamiliar with its sound? From our youngest days we have all heard the shofar's call. Indeed, that is the central obligation of Rosh Hashanah: to hear the sound of the shofar.

Obviously the psalmist was aware of this as well. That is why he wrote of "knowing" the sound of the shofar as opposed to only hearing it. The happiness in his heart derived from understanding the inter-generational texture deeply rooted within the instrument, from knowing the very essence of its tremble.

The sound of the shofar, we are told, is intended to focus our thoughts both inward and heavenward to summon our conscience, to stimulate our spirit — in a sense, to rouse us from our slumber. For, though sleep nourishes, it also renders us oblivious to our true circumstance.

On the eve of the year 5755, the true circumstance of the Jewish people, is, as ever, fraught with worry, concern, mystery, wonder, challenge and hope. Our cowardly enemies strike again at the defenceless — whether in Afula or in Buenos Aires — killing countless persons. Xenophobic nationalism lurks menacingly around the corner in the alleyways and gutters of Eastern Europe. Rates of assimilation and intermarriage continue to climb in the Diaspora. And the cost of Jewish education is skyrocketing beyond the reach of middle class families and the federations.

And yet, so often this past year we seemed almost literally to be holding our breath or rubbing our eyes in disbelief at the nature and the pace of the peace process unfolding in the Middle East.

In Eastern Europe Jewish identity is slowly reappearing in spite of the inhospitable economic and social climate. Every major North American community has begun, in earnest, to seek solutions to its demographic fears. All across Canada, despite the cost, more children are enrolled in Jewish schools than ever before.

We approach the new year as our ancestors have in every generation, with optimism and hope, with the determination to overcome every travail, and thankful to the Almighty for the great, mysterious and wonderful gift to us called life.

For the Jewish people it has always been thus. And thus it will always be. The shofar bids us individually to awaken. Jewish history bids us individually to respond. To know this is to know the sound of the shofar.

L'Shanah tovah tikateivu v'techateimu.

Greetings from Israel's President Weizman

My Brothers and Sisters:

On Rosh Hashanah and in our daily prayers we say: 'Grant abundant peace unto Israel Thy people for ever; for Thou art Sovereign of all peace; and may it be good in Thy sight to bless Thy people Israel at all times and in every hour with Thy peace.'

Truly in the last year we have witnessed tremendous progress in our pursuit of peace. For thousands of years we prayed and hoped for a Jewish homeland in the land of Israel. We have succeeded in building a strong, independent and democratic country. Now we hope we shall be witnessing stability and peace, as more Arab countries accept Israel in our region.

A few days before last Rosh Hashanah, the signatures were appended to the Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians which aims at a solution of the historic conflict between the two peoples. In July, the Washington Declaration was signed with the Kingdom of Jordan, and a new page in Israel's relations with Jordan was opened.

The chances for a true peace are greater today than ever before, although during the last year we have continued to suffer from terrorism. The Jewish community in Argentina paid a heavy price, and other communities have been threatened as Jews and supporters of Israel. Our enemies will not succeed in derailing the peace process. They will not succeed in their effort to break our spirit and unity.

The past year has witnessed Israel's continued economic development and prosperity. Aliyah from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere has strengthened Israel not only as a reality in the Middle East, but as a reality in the pages of Jewish history.

The Jewish people and the Israelis can be proud of their achievements. Israel, with exports which amount to over $23 billion (US) annually and a GNP of $70 billion (US) is the leading economy in our region and is aiming to be on par with the developed countries. We can be proud of the Israeli high-tech industry and its achievements. Only a strong and vibrant economy can enable Israel to be a light to the nations and a source of pride, a magnet to the Jewish people.

We look ahead to the coming year with hope, and pray that this year will see the signature of peace treaties between Israel and all its Arab neighbors. We look to the future, hoping that more Jews will make aliyah and join us in the Land of Israel. In an era of peace, Israel can offer its people and the Jewish people as a whole a life of greater stability, spiritual enrichment and personal fulfilment.

We look to the future, hoping and striving for stronger relations between Israel and the Jewish communities in the world, for the fulfilment of the words of the prayer: "Sound the great horn for our freedom; lift up the ensign to gather our exiles and gather us together from the four corners of the earth."

Shanah tovah u'gemar chatimah tovah.

The board of directors and staff of The Canadian Jewish News would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Canada

Leah Posluns Theatre goes dark

Jewish Community Centre files proposal to creditors

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The cash-strapped Jewish Community Centre (JCC), teetering on the verge of bankruptcy, filed proposals to its creditors under the Bankruptcy Act last week in a bid to get the Centre's financial house in order.

It also closed the Leah Posluns Theatre and cancelled the upcoming season.

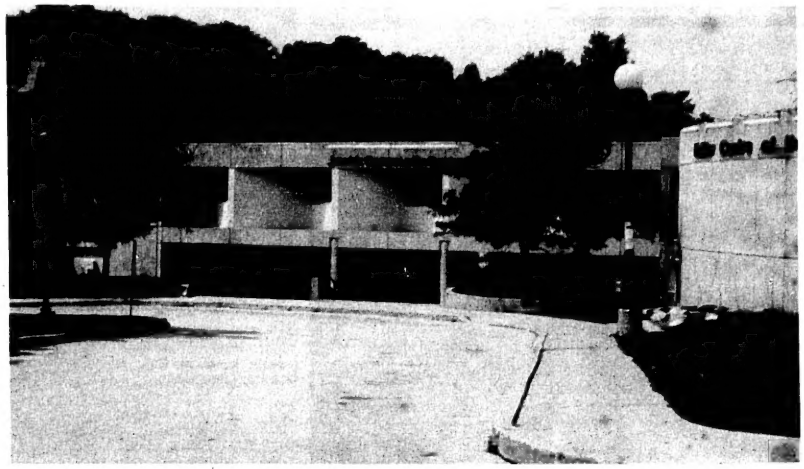
Thirty-two employees of the theatre and of the JCC's central administration were let go in the cost-saving move, said Sharon Bacal, a member of the JCC's recently-appointed three-person board of directors.

The closing of the theatre, which is part of the JCC, was necessary to ensure the financial viability of the Centre, she told *The CJN*. The theatre was a money-losing venture that ran an annual shortfall of up to $340,000, added Helen Finder-Guttman, a second member of the JCC's board.

Theatre staff were bitter in the wake of the closing. "I don't think we've been rescued," said someone close to the theatre who declined to be identified.

Staff at the theatre are "angry. Some of them have been there 18 years, 16 years. Their lives are tied into the place. It's not a job, it's a way of life," the source stated.

The theatre's 4,500 subscribers will receive refunds for the upcoming season, the source added.



The Jewish Community Centre has fallen on hard times. [Alron photo]

In addition to the staff at the theatre, JCC executive director Paul Brownstein was let go, as was the "central administration staff," Finder-Guttman said. Because the JCC will be splitting into three separate entities — the Bathurst, Downtown Bloor and Northeast Valley facilities — there was no need for a central administrative structure that included accounting and purchasing staff, she said.

The JCC will also close the Institute for Jewish Learning, the Leah Posluns Theatre's drama school and the dance and music programs that come under the auspices of the Koffler Gallery.

Referring to the dance and music programs, Finder-Guttman said "it is our intention to offer these programs this fall. . . under a different structure or arrangement that is fiscally responsible."

All of that depends, however, on whether the JCC's 290 creditors accept the Centre's financial proposals. "We filed a notice of intention to submit proposals to creditors under part three of the Bankruptcy Act," Bacal said. "We now have 30 days to submit the proposal. The creditors then have 21 days to either accept or reject. If the creditors reject, we are automatically bankrupt. That's very serious. We are very hopeful that they will accept the proposal."

Bacal said that many of the 290 creditors are suppliers from within the Jewish community. The tradesmen are owed approximately $1.2 million, said Morris Zbar, a spokesperson for the Federation.

The Bank of Montreal is the largest single creditor. It is owed about $10 million. Honeywell has a claim of about $1 million in the form of a construction lien on an energy-saving project, and there are also deferred revenues (for courses and programs that people have signed up for) totalling about $1 million. Revenue Canada is owed about $520,000 in unremitted employee income tax deductions, Zbar said.

That puts the JCC's total debt at between $14 million and $15 million.

Bacal said that acceptance of the proposal by the creditors need not be unanimous. "I think it will come down to whether the bank accepts the deal. I'm feeling very hopeful. It's a fair proposal. We are giving absolutely everything we have to the creditors."

Under terms of the rescue plan proposed by the Federation and the JCC, the Federation will pay the bank $4.5 million immediately. The Bloor and Northeast Valley branches will become independent but will be responsible for raising $3 million and $1 million respectively towards payment of the bank debt. The Federation will provide $750,000 over three years to aid in Bloor's fundraising effort.

Employees who have been terminated will be offered severance packages, Bacal said. Funds for the severance packages and to pay off unsecured creditors will come from a number of sources. The JCC has approximately $700,000 left from the $1.8 million it received from the Federation's Endowment Fund. It will have $500,000 in operating capital from the Federation should the proposals be accepted and a restructuring completed.

In addition, interest payments on Israel Bonds owned by the JCC will be offered to creditors and the JCC is still hoping to collect on pledges it received when it embarked on an ambitious renovation program in the late 1980s, Bacal said. It was that renovation that prompted the JCC to borrow from the Bank of Montreal when the economy turned sour and the pledges remained uncollected.

Meanwhile, Federation president Bernie Ghert has sent a personal letter to 25 community members asking them to guarantee $100,000 toward a new $2.5 million line of credit for future operations of the Bathurst facility. Any funds borrowed on the line of credit, together with the $5 million borrowed by the Federation to help pay the bank ($4.5 million) and provide the JCC with $500,000 in operating capital, will be repaid through a future campaign.

Ghert described the line of credit as an "absolutely critical element to assure the community of JCC facilities, services and programs that benefit seniors, youth and new immigrants.

"We feel for those who are now out of work. But the jobs of 276 [JCC] employees have been saved and without this restructuring their futures would have been jeopardized. Now a combination of the credit line and the steps that have been taken clear the way toward a hopeful future," Ghert said in his letter.

Zionist dream of peace became reality in 5754

Greetings from Israel's consul general in Toronto.

As we celebrate the New Year 5755, we have witnessed the fulfilment of the Zionist dream — the achievement of peace.

From the beginning, an integral part of the Zionist dream has been to live as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state in harmony with our Arab neighbors. The meetings between Golda Meir and King Abdullah of Jordan, the signing of the Camp David Accord by Menachem Begin and Anwar al-Sadat, the signing of the Document of Principles by the PLO and Israel, and the signing of the Washington Declaration by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan were all a natural evolution of Israel's quest for peace.

There have been many obstacles in our struggle for peace. The Islamic fundamentalist terror organization, Hezbollah, has been a threat not only to the achievement of peace in the Middle East, but to the free world.

The government of Israel has declared war on terror. Israel is making a major military and intelligence effort to defend Jewish institutions around the world and to stamp out terror. This goal can only be fulfilled if the governments of Western countries are prepared to cooperate and not ignore terrorist activities in their own countries.

At this critical time, we need the solidarity and support of the Jewish communities around the world.

Dror Zeigerman

The memorial service for the fallen in Argentina reflects the solidarity of the Jewish community in Toronto with other Jewish communities and is an example of how the Jewish community can impress upon the Canadian government the need to participate in the global war against terror.

The State of Israel is ready to take risks for peace because morality and peace are part of Jewish tradition and culture. Peace will bring stability to Israel and will also affect the rest of the world for generations to come. We can be proud of this contribution.

The fate of Jewish communities in the Diaspora is inextricably linked with the State of Israel, both the struggles and the achievements. The support of world Jewry has always been a source of strength in Israel's struggle for survival.

Now, as we embark on this new era of peace and stability in the Middle East, we must influence the younger generation to make aliyah and be actively involved in these exciting times.

May the year 5755 be a year filled with true peace for Israel and the entire world.

Shanah tovah u'gemar chatimah tovah.

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The CJC's Daniel Fine (left) and Avrum Rosensweig unload boxes bound for Rwanda. **See story page 23.**

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Coming year should finally see a lasting peace for all

Greetings from Israel's ambassador to Canada.

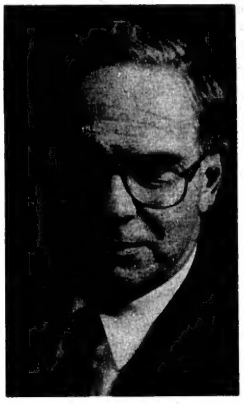
To the Jewish Community of Canada

On the eve of the year which is now drawing to a close, the prime minister of Israel addressed the Palestinian people from the lawn of the White House. In powerful and emotional words, he urged them to put an end to enmity and to bloodshed.

He returned to Washington. And again, on the eve of the coming New Year, from the same lawn and from the Legislative Chamber of Congress, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spoke to King Hussein of Jordan, to the people of the United States, to my countrymen, and to the Jewish people throughout the world.

He spoke words that have filled the dreams of every prime minister of Israel and stirred the hearts of our people these past 16 years:

"We have gone a long way towards a full treaty of peace, and even though our work has not yet ended, it is my hope and belief that not long from today we shall return to sign a final and a permanent treaty of peace."



Itzhak Shelef

Such is the hope and the belief of the entire Jewish household, in the Diaspora and in Israel. Together, over the years, we have walked the long road. And together, we shall continue to the very last mile.

On behalf of the people and the government of Israel, and on behalf of my family, it is my pleasure to extend to you and your families, our best wishes for health, blessing, and prosperity.

May we all be privileged in the year 5755 to arrive at the end of our journey: true, lasting peace for Israel, its neighbors, indeed, for the entire world.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'techateimu.

Community finishes the year stronger despite challenges

Greetings from the president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

As we look towards the New Year 5755, though faced with many challenges, Canada's Jewish community is stronger than ever.

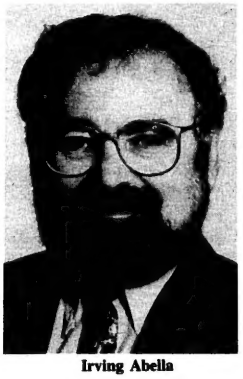
Our agenda, however, is a weighty one. We continue to combat racism and anti-Semitism, urge the government to prosecute Nazi war criminals still residing in this country, and work tirelessly on the issue of Jewish continuity.

On the international front, the Jewish community continues to work for a just peace in the Middle East while at the same time it is appalled at continuing acts of terror against Jews in Isreal, Argentina, England and elsewhere by those opposed to the peace process.

In the past year we have witnessed the historic handshake on the White House lawn between Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and more recently the agreement between Prime Minister Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan, formally ending the state of war between the two countries.

The irony of Jewish life in Canada today is that despite our success, our achievements and our status, concern about our future obsesses us all.

Our concern is of course for our children. Will they remain Jewish? Will our community survive into the next century as strongly as it seems to be leaving this one? Are the very seeds of our destruction implanted in our success? Can Jewishness survive in an open multicultural tolerant society?



Irving Abella

In North America Jews are confronted by the classic paradox of a pluralistic society. We desperately want to fully integrate into a society where until relatively recently we were not allowed, yet we know that by doing so we may not be able to maintain ourselves as a unique, vibrant, identifiable community.

Paradoxically, throughout our history, Jews have in some ways feared a truly open society as much as we have valiantly fought for it. Today, we Jews in North America worry more about assimilation than about anti-Semitism. Absorption not anti-Semitism seems to be our greatest threat in North America.

It seems to be self-evident what the major challenge to our Jewish leadership over the next generation should be. We must try to build a Jewish community that is not simply concerned with survival, but one that is creative and attractive to our children — a community with substance and content, a community that stresses not only memory and remembrance, but other important values of our tradition — social justice, equity and compassion.

We will need a Jewish community in Canada whose members will take pride in its activities and achievements. We will have to find ways to convert alienation to action and passivity to pride, the pride of being possessors of a great legacy, a legacy which has meaning for today and beyond.

In North America, living as a Jew is only one option amongst many. We must reassure ourselves that, even without a crisis in Israel or an upsurge of anti-Semitism, there is sufficient depth and internal commitment in our community for its cultural and social survival.

The agenda is daunting. The task is formidable. But we are a formidable people.

Helping the blind on holidays

NEW YORK — Before the High Holy Days this year, as it has done since its inception 63 years ago, the Jewish Braille Institute (JBI) of America will distribute braille prayer books for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in three versions — Conservative, Orthodox and Reform — without charge to the blind and visually impaired.

Also available for distribution is a special Yizkor booklet in large print for the visually impaired, containing memorial prayers for the departed.

"Through the free distribution of these prayer books in braille and in large print, blind men, women and children — and those with significant visual dificulties — may fully observe Jewish holidays and rituals," said Gerald M. Kass, JBI's executive vice president.

An elderly blind client of the Jewish Braille Institute with his High Holy Day prayer book.

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Activities of CSIS informant raises questions

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What did the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS) know and when did they know it?

Those are two of the questions Canadian Jewish organizations, together with a lot of other Canadians, would like answered about Canada's spy agency.

In a week of revelations about CSIS, news reports indicated that Grant Bristow, a CSIS informant working for the racist Heritage Front, passed the names of prominent members of the Jewish community to Tom Metzger, a U.S. racist with a history of violence.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver *Sun* quoted Tony McAleer, who operates Canadian Liberty Net, an extremist telephone hotline, as saying that in 1992 Bristow passed him personal information about a local Congress official, Michael Elterman. At the time, Elterman was chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region.

While some analysts suggest that this may be an attempt by white supremacists to tarnish Bristow, the reports have concerned Jewish groups.

In a civil case in Oregon, Metzger was held responsible for the beating death of a visiting Ethiopian student by white supremacists.

A CBC story last week indicated that Bristow passed information about the leadership of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada to Metzger.

"I feel threatened," said Irving Abella, president of Congress. "The job of CSIS is to protect Canadians, not put them in danger. If the story is accurate, then it endangers the lives of Canadians.

"This is not a ragamuffin group. It's a hard core group that's committed to violence and is under surveillance by the FBI," he said.

B'nai Brith condemned CSIS's "alleged activities [that] may have jeopardized the safety of innocent Canadians.

"Allegations of spying on Canadian Jews, among other minorities, have seriously damaged the credibility of Canada's intelligence community," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith.

"CSIS appears to have overstepped its mandate and to have lost control of its own operations. . . The idea of an individual on the payroll of a government agency intentionally endangering the welfare of Canadian citizens is unconscionable. If CSIS allowed their own informant to hand over personal information about Jewish leaders, then it is clear that something has gone seriously wrong at CSIS," he said.

Bristow's alleged activities vis-a-vis the Jewish community go back about one and a half years. At that time, a man who identified himself as a reporter for the *Ottawa Citizen* walked into the Toronto offices of Network Canada, a Jewish student organization, and asked to see the group's files on hate groups.

He claimed he was helping research a new book on Canadian racists and would appreciate the help the files could provide, recalled Howard Katz, executive director of Network. The "reporter" also asked whether the student group could help him get access to Congress files on the subject.

The student got in touch with Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress, who did a little research of his own. His calls showed that the *Citizen* had no such reporter and that the author of the book was not employing researchers.

Later, the Network student was in the Congress offices and by chance saw a photo of members of the white supremacist Heritage Front. The student immediately recognized the "reporter" as Grant Bristow, chief of security for the Heritage Front, Katz said.

At the time, the event was reported to the police but no more was made of it, Farber said. It was not unexpected that the racist group would try to learn what Jewish organizations knew about it, he said.

But an investigative piece by Toronto *Sun* reporter Bill Dunphy, which identified Bristow as a CSIS informant, added a new dimension to the events of a year-and-a-half ago.

Last week, Congress added its voice to the chorus calling for an investigation of CSIS.

Both a parliamentary subcommittee on security and the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), CSIS's civilian watchdog, will investigate the spy agency's activities.

Each day last week brought new information about alleged CSIS activities, including Bristow's role in providing security for Reform leader Preston Manning, and in gathering information on a CBC documentary on racism among Canadian troops serving as peacekeepers in Somalia. The Toronto *Sun* and the *Toronto Star* were asked by the RCMP to turn over documents pertaining to CSIS stories they had run; both have refused to comply without a court order.

Among the questions raised by the revelations:

- Did CSIS, through Bristow, attempt to discredit the Reform Party by getting Heritage Front members to join the party?
- Did CSIS spy on the CBC or provide intelligence about a CBC documentary to a cabinet minister?
- Did CSIS go beyond infiltrating the Heritage Front to actually playing a pivotal role, through its informant, in setting up and funding the racist group?
- Did Bristow attempt to gather information about Congress and B'nai Brith, in addition to Network? And if so, for whom did he gather this information?
- Did Bristow pass information about Jewish community leaders to Metzger?

Although Solicitor General Herb Gray had instructed SIRC to investigate all aspects of the CSIS controversy, Ron Wood, Manning's press secretary, urged a parliamentary review as well.

A parliamentary review would be "more legitimate in the public's eye," he said.

"Did Bristow have the blessing of someone higher up to work his way into the inner circle of [the Reform Party]," Wood asked. "Why would a CSIS plant encourage hate group members to join a legitimate party?"

"He may have acted as a rogue, or on the other hand, there may have been someone higher up saying this is a good thing to do," he told *The CJN*.

Wood suggested the possibility that the media may have been "sucked into this smear of the Reform Party."

Derek Lee, chair of the six-member parliamentary review subcommittee, said the subcommittee will examine two questions: has CSIS operated within its mandate in a reasonably efficacious way? and have the rights and liberties of Canadians been protected during CSIS operations?

Lee said "from what I've seen, there is no evidence that CSIS was targetting the CBC or Reform. But it's clear that an alleged informant for CSIS had contacts with the Reform Party."

"At the moment, I haven't heard a credible indictment of CSIS," he added.

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Mazon expands across Canada

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon Canada continues to expand its presence in Jewish communities across the country.

With Rosh Hashanah fast approaching, Mazon, which bills itself as "a Jewish response to hunger," has distributed pledge cards to 67 congregations from coast to coast. Last year, only 37 congregations participated in the Mazon fundraising effort.

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The pledge cards were sent to 24 houses of worship in the Toronto area, 13 in Montreal and its suburbs, and to congregations in Halifax, Moncton, Ottawa, Hamilton, Newmarket, London, Windsor, Oakville, Kitchener, Kingston, Brampton, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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דער שופר איז דער הויפּט-סימבאָל פון ראש השנה, אָבער אַנדערש פון אַ ני יאָר, פונקט ווי דער סדר-טעלער איז סימבאָליש פאַר פּסח אָדער דער אתרוג און לולב זייענן סימבאָליש פאַר סוכות. פאַקטיש בעפּינען זיך זיי אָבער אין דער ירושה-צייט, ווי למשל דער מגן-דוד. אויף אָבער, אויס-בערגאבענע פּאָדלאָגעס פון סיגאַרעטעס אין ביב-לישע ציימן, בעפּינט מען אָפט דעם שופר ווי אַן אַרטיסטישען מאָטיוו, אויסגעקריצט אין די קאָכלען פונעם דאָך.

אין דער אמתן איז אין חומש ראש השנה נישט געשילדערט ווי אַן אָנטוויב פון אַ ני יאָר, נאָר ווי אַ „יום תרועה". דאָס שופר בלאָזן איז באָקאַנט אָבער די צענטראָלע צערעמאָניע אין שול.

דער שופר שטאַמט פון אַ בארַאן (אויף ענגליש a ram), ווייל דאָס דערמאָנט אין דער עקדה, ווען אברהם אָבינו האָט פאַרביטן זיין זון יצחק אויף אַ וויידער. פונדעסטוועגן מעג מען באָנוצן אַ האָרן פון אַבי וועלכער כשר'ער חיה, אַ חתן פון אַן אָקס אָדער פון אַ קו, ווייל די דאָזיקע בהמות דערמאָנען אונדז ווען דעם גרעסטן חטא פון בני ישראל — דאָס באָשאָפן דעם עגל הזהב, דעם גאָלדענעם קאָלב, כדי אים צו פאַרגעטערן.

דער שופר בלאָזט זיך נישט אויס גיענג. דערפאַר האָלט דער בעל-תוקע — דער שופר בלאָזער — בי זיך אַן איבערציק שופר אין רעזערוו. בי אים שטייט אויך אַ מקריא, וואָס לייענט אַרויס די נאָטן, כדי דער שופר-בלאָזער זאָל נישט מחן געדענקען דעם סדר פון די תקיעות. די משנה באַשרייבט אַ לאַנגן בלאָז ווי די תקיעה. די תרועה איז אַ וויינע-דיק, פלאַטערדיקער קלאַנג פון נין סטאַקאַטע נאָטן. די שברים, ווי זיי היימן — זיינען דריי צע-בראָכענע נאָטן, וואָס גיינן שנעל אַיינער נאָך דער אַנדערער.

דעם באַנצן חודש אלול, ביים שחרית דאָווענען אין דער פרי, בלאָזט מען שופר פון צוויי-טן טאָג אין חודש אָן, צו באַלייטן דעם סעזאָן פון תשובה — אַ חוץ דעם לעצטן טאָג, טאָג ראש השנה בלאָזט מען נאָר איין מאָל ביי נעילה, צום סוף פון יום-כיפור.

וועו ראש השנה פאַלט אויס שבת, בלאָזט מען נישט דעם שופר. אָבער אין בית המקדש איז ידוּ-שלים דאָס מען יאָ געבלאָזן, אפילו אום שבת. אָן נאָך מער, די תקיעות פון שופר זיינען דעמאָלט בא-גלייט געוואָרן פון צווי זילבערנע טראָמפּיטן, וועו-מענס קלאַנגען האָבן זיך געמישט פּריער, כדי אנטשרעקט-טריכן די תקיעות פונעם שופר.

צוליב דעם, וואָס די מצוה פון הערן שופר בלאָזן איז אָפּהענגיק אין אַ ספּעציעלער צייט, זיינען פרויען פּטור פון מקיים זיין די מצוה. טראָץ דעם האָבן פרויען געטומען די מצוה פון הערן שופר בלאָזן זייער ערנסט, אַזוי אַז מען האָט פאַר זיי ספּעציעל אָפּט געבלאָזן אין דער היים. אַזוי אויך אין פורים איז געווען אַ מנהג צו לייענען די מגילה פאַר די פרויען אין דער היים, ווייל זייערע מליכטן פון בעל-הבית'קיט האָבן זיי געשטערט צו גיין אין שול אַריין.

אין דער געשיכטע בעפּינט מען אויך אַנדערזונענען אויף דער וויכטיקיט פון בלאָזן שופר נישט בלויז ראש השנה, נאָר אויך ווי אַ רוף צו מלחמה. איד גע-דענקט זיכער אין 1967, ווען די ישראל אַרמיי האָט צוריקגענומען דעם כּותל המערבי, האָט מען גע-בלאָזן שופר ביים כּותל.

פאַרשעדענע פון פאַרצייטיקער געשיכטע האַלטן, אַז דער שופר האָט אין אמאליקע צייטן געשפּילט אַ פישוּר ראָלע ביי די פאַלקס מאָסן, וואָס האָבן גע-גלויבט, אַז דער שופר טרייבט אַוועק דעם שטן און אַלע אַנדערע שלעכטע גייסטער. אפילו דער תלמוד דערמאָנט דאָס.

עס איז פאַראַן אַ שוואַרצער שופר, וואָס מען באָנוצט ביי דער צעוועמאָניע פון ליגן אין ערנסט-יזדיקן מענטש אין תּוֹם.

דער רמב"ם טיטשט אויס פאַר אונדז דאָס שופר בלאָזן אויף אַ מאָדערנעם און פאַסיקן אופן: „דער-וועקט אייך איר פאַרשלאָפענע יידן און פראַכט זיך אַריין אין אייערע טעגלעכע האַנדלונגען, און נאָכן חשבון-הנפש קערט זיך אום צו תּאָן תשובה, און געדענקט אייער באַשאַפער!"

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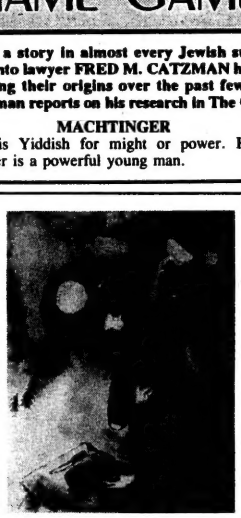

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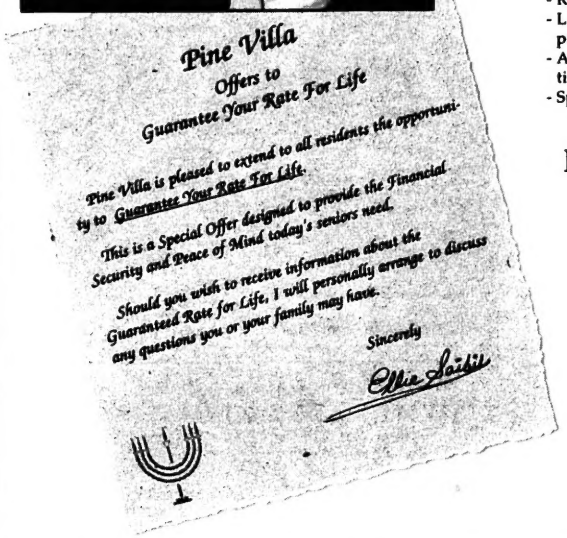
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Johnson wants Quebec's youth to remain in the province

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL —Young people should not be forced to leave Quebec because they have no economic opportunity here, but should have the choice of working in the province or elsewhere, Premier Daniel Johnson recently told a gathering of Jewish community representatives and D'Arcy McGee Liberals.

Speaking at Israel Poale Zedek Congregation, Johnson said there is nothing wrong with a young person taking a job away from home because the experience can be "mind-expanding.

"The important thing is that they have the choice and that will depend on our ability to create jobs," he said.

Johnson mentioned his own son, who after graduating from McGill University, took a job in Vancouver. "While we missed him greatly, we had the full knowledge that he would come back," but English-speaking families, he acknowledged, often do not have that comfort.

His main message was that he is seeing throughout Quebec a return to the Liberals that he has not seen since the 1980 referendum and that he thinks that's because people like the party's economic plans.

Most of the gathering was devoted to questions and comments from the audience of about 75.

Johnson was accompanied by local Liberal candidate Lawrence Bergman, the president of the shul; as well as Notre-Dame-de-Grace hopeful Russell Copeman and Industry Minister Gerald Tremblay who is running again in Outremont.

Eric Maldoff, former president of Alliance Quebec, told Johnson that the difficulty anglophones have in getting jobs in the Quebec civil service has been "devastating" to young people, giving them the feeling that they do not belong in the province and narrowing their employment options.

"I think if you look at the total public sector, including schools and hospitals, it is a fair mirror image [of the population]. But the public service is another cup of tea," Johnson admitted.

However, a number of factors are working against increasing anglophones in the civil service, including the fact only about 30 per cent of the jobs are in Montreal and that staff is being cut back by 14 per cent, he said.

"The target of 12 per cent [anglophones and ethnics] is extremely difficult to reach," he said.

Johnson was noncommittal in his response to Rabbi Moishe Glustein, principal of Yeshiva Gedola Mercaz Hatorah, who expressed the hope that a Liberal government would be open to discussion of extending access to English schools to immigrants.

Johnson was also vague on a request from Raphael Assor of Federation CJA that the goverment, through the Health Ministry or the Montreal Regie Regionale of health services, join with the Jewish community in a study it is conducting on how to better serve its elderly. Assor suggested that because the Jewish community has a much higher than average proportion of elderly, the way its services are organized might be used as a model for the rest of Quebec.

Russell Copeman

Senator Leo Kolber said he felt the Liberals were not placing enough emphasis on the word "separation" rather than "sovereignty," [in references to the Party Quebecois (PQ) platform.]

Lily Frank, executive vice-president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, concurred, saying she felt many Quebecers think sovereignty means remaining part of Canada.

Johnson replied that the party is using "separation" as much as possible, as well as such "graphic" French words as rupture and brisure (breakup).

In introducing Johnson, Bergman said "this community can meet its goals as part of the Daniel Johnson team better than outside of it. We need a strong voice within government." He said political stability and economic growth are the overriding issues of the campaign.

He pledged to work personally for the betterment of youth and the elderly through a partnership between community and government.

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Before arriving at the synagogue in Hampstead, Bergman and Johnson made quick handshaking tours in the Cavendish Mall and Cote St. Luc Shopping Centre.

The two had come from a rally for Liberals in the 13 west Montreal ridings at Concordia University's Loyola campus. There, several members of the Jewish community were brought onto the stage as prominent area supporters of the Liberals. Among them were: Joe Rabinovitch, executive director of the Association of Jewish Day Schools; Aline Malka and Michelle Cohen, active in the Federation CJA Women's Federation; Sheldon Hershon, of the Adath Israel Synagogue executive; lawyer Caspar Bloom; Maldoff, who is president of the Montreal Children's Hospital; and Joel Hartt, chair of the Lakeshore School Board.

"Don't worry," said Johnson as he took the stage, to the wildly cheering 500-strong party faithful. He declared that the Liberals believe in "a Quebec for all Quebecers, where everyone feels comfortable and all languages are spoken...[and in] building a united society where we respect our neighbors."

He portrayed federalism as an economic union that benefits Quebec and ensures its continued development. He pledged to cut unemployment by five per cent and increase exports.

International Affairs and Immigration Minister John Ciaccia, who warmed up the crowd before Johnson spoke, said that if the PQ wins and submits a "solemn declaration" to proceed toward independence, the rest of Canada is not likely to take a "business as usual" attitude in its relations with Quebec. The rest of Canada is Quebec's biggest trading partner and that will be put at risk by a PQ victory, as will the province's international economic ties, he suggested.

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Toronto couple helps fund new skating rink in Metulla

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

UIA chair Gerald Halbert (right) accepts a cheque for $1 million from William and Dorothy Drevnig for the Canada Centre in Metulla. [Nir Bareket photo]

TORONTO — If, some day in the not too distant future, an Israeli mounts the podium at an international figure skating competition to accept a medal, part of the credit will have to go to William and Dorothy Drevnig of Toronto.

Neither does much skating anymore, but thanks to them, young skaters in Israel will have the chance — and the place — to practise their skills and prepare themselves for international meets.

Earlier this summer, the Drevnigs presented the United Israel Appeal (UIA) with a cheque for $1 million to go towards construction of an Olympic-sized skating rink at the Canada Centre in Metulla.

The rest of the funding for the project, which will cost between $3 and $4 million (US), will come from the Israeli government and the Metulla town council.

The Drevnigs' contribution is a continuation of the Canadian Jewish community's support for a multi-use recreational complex that has proven to be a smash hit and a tourist mecca in the northern Israeli community.

An estimated 500,000 visitors per year stream to Metulla on the Lebanese border to enjoy Canada Centre's skating rink, indoor and outdoor pools, basketball court, gymnasium facilities, shooting range and other amenities.

The centre is already renowned in Israel and the expansion/addition envisioned by planners is designed to keep Metulla at the centre of tourists' travel plans and improve the quality of life in Israel's north.

The current rink at about one-quarter to one-third Olympic size is in constant demand and not large enough for the needs of elite-level athletes or the numerous kids who are just learning to skate or play hockey.

The new rink will permit ex-Soviet oleh Misha Shmerkin, a world-class figure skater, to practise in Metulla; it will also serve as a venue for young Israeli athletes to sharpen their skills, said Gerald Halbert, chair of UIA.

The new facility is scheduled to open no later than the fall of 1995 and perhaps as early as next spring, he said.

Drevnig, who used to skate in his youth, said he chose to support Canada Centre because he was looking for a worthwhile project in Israel that "had a Canadian angle."

He said his lawyer, Donald Carr, directed him to the Metulla project.

"Ice skating is very popular in Canada and. . . we thought that as Canadians" we'd support a Canadian-style project, he said.

The new facility will be known as the William and Dorothy Drevnig Building.

William Drevnig is the former founder and owner of the Pennington's clothing chain, which he sold about 10 years ago.

Halbert said expansion of the centre will enhance the benefits provided by the original Canada Centre.

"The major significance is what it's done for the morale of the people in the north" who have had to suffer from rocket attacks and constant tension emanating from Lebanon, he said.

Canada Centre has generated a substantial tourism industry in Israel's north and "it's brought Russians to the area and given them employment," he said.

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UTJ synagogue gets its first rabbi

Set to start on Rosh Hashanah

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Shaarey Tefilah congregation will start its third year of operation at Rosh Hashanah with its own rabbi — its first one.

Rabbi Mordechai Scher has been appointed and will conduct the High Holiday services, says the congregation's chair, Dr. Arthur Hayes. Rabbi Ronald Price, executive vice-president of the Union for Traditional Judaism (UTJ) will also participate in the services. Rabbi Itsak Birnbaum will be Torah reader. The congregation is affiliated with the New Jersey-based UTJ.

Shaarey Tefilah is the first Vancouver congregation founded under the aegis of UTJ "and our dreams to have our own rabbi have become a reality," Hayes proudly told *The CJN*. Up to now, Rabbi Price has provided advice and assistance in setting up the congregation and has often been here to conduct services. Most recently he spent the entire Passsover week here.

The congregation does not yet have a permanent home and has been holding Shabbat and Sunday services at the Ramada Centre, on West Broadway. The High Holiday services will be held in the new Talmud Torah auditorium. Daily weekly Schacharit services are held in private homes.

"Despite the fact we haven't had a rabbi or permanent home, our membership has been increasing," Hayes said. About 70 families have joined so far.

"Our search for our own home is well under way and we hope to have one by the end of the year," Hayes added.

In keeping with UTJ policy, the congregation makes a special effort to sign up members who have had no previous synagogue affiliation. "We're not trying to take members from any other shul. We especially want to encourage younger unaffiliated Jewish families so they won't be lost to Judaism," Hayes said.

He said the "name of the game" of the UTJ is outreach to those who want to live a Jewish lifestyle and "this is the task we have set for ourselves."

Hayes said services are conducted in accordance with halachah, and are not egalitarian.

"We believe," says the UTJ in an information booklet "that Jewish tradition views men and women as equals but that women's role should be complementary, not interchangeable. But we allow considerable latitude for women's participation in our ritual. Our Panel of Halachic Inquiry was the first authoritative body to issue a thorough responsum, permitting the creation of women's prayer groups."

At Shaarey Tefilah women sit separately behind a mechitzah. However men and women can sit together behind the mechitzah but Hayes says this rarely happens.

UTJ says it is akin to Orthodoxy because it adheres to halachah but it considers Orthodoxy too rigid and exclusive. "In that respect, we prefer the openness of Conservatism, though this movement is too liberal."

Rabbi Price, the executive vice-president, says "we believe there is an observant traditional Judaism without it being watered down."

UTJ, started in 1985, offers a number of Judaic services which are available to individuals. "Congregation affiliation with the UTJ is possible but is not required to subscribe to our services," says the information booklet. "Any synagogue or individual may benefit from our programs."

UTJ has recently gone "on line" by computer to provide its services on the information highway.

Individual membership in UTJ in Canada is $36 (Canadian); $50 for the family. The Canadian office is at 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview, Ont., M3H 3J7.

Information about the movement can be obtained by calling head office in New Jersey, 1-800-843-8825.

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The News in Brief

JDC Distributes Shofarot Kits

NEW YORK — As part of the High Holiday activities planned by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 350 shofarot kits were distributed to Jewish schools and synagogues across the former Soviet Union in time for the new year.

Included in the kits are a shofar, shofar cover and a booklet prepared by the JDC on the background and symbolism of the shofar.

Every schoolchild will also receive three colorful explanatory booklets on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, in Russian. As well, lulavim, etrogim and sukkot will be distributed to synagogues and educational institutions through the former Soviet republics.

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Prince Philip to Visit

JERUSALEM — Britain's Prince Philip is to pay a short visit to Israel at the invitation of Yad Vashem. He will be received by President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Duke of Edinburgh will arrive here before the end of the year, the Foreign Ministry has confirmed, but it is not yet clear whether the visit will take place on the proposed date of Oct. 30.

Yad Vashem invited the prince to receive the Righteous Among the Nations award in the name of his mother, the late Princess Alice of Greece, who saved a Jewish family during World War II.

Princess Alice gave instructions to hide members of the Cohen family in a room in the palace in Athens, according to Dr. Mordechai Paldiel of Yad Vashem. The Cohens had been friendly with the Greek monarchs before the Nazi occupation and some of them escaped to Egypt where they joined the Greek forces.

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Nobel Prize winner dies

NEW YORK — Elias Canetti, whose works attacking fascism won the 1981 Nobel Prize for literature, died August 13 in Zurich. He was 89.

Canetti, a Sephardi Jew, was born in Bulgaria to a wealthy family and raised in Manchester, Frankfurt, Vienna and Zurich. He was buried in Zurich next to Irish writer James Joyce, who died there in 1941.

Canetti's first novel, *Auto-da-Fe*, was seen as an attack on fascism and banned in Germany in the early 1930s. He fled Austria after the 1938 Nazi takeover and began his major work, *Crowds and Power*, published in 1960, to explain mass psychology and the pull of dictators.

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IDF Wages Called Too High

JERUSALEM — Wages in the Israel Defence Force (IDF) are too high, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told *The Jerusalem Post* last month.

Shohat said "a large chunk of the [defence] budget goes to salaries and improved conditions. I think [wages in the Army] are too high and need to be adjusted to the rest of the economy."

The Army has countered Treasury allegations that high salaries are the reason the defence budget will not be increased.

"The people in the Treasury are saying that a career Army officer should be ashamed to earn a decent living and serve just for ideological reasons. This is manipulative propaganda which is also an inaccurate representation of facts," a senior Army officer said.

Salaries for military staff and non-combat officers ranging from captain to colonel are either comparable to or less than an equivalent position in the civilian sector, the officer emphasized.

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Controversial writer dies

JERUSALEM — Israeli philosopher and intellectual gadfly Yeshayahu Leibowitz died in his sleep August 18 in Jerusalem at 91.

Leibowitz, who once compared Israeli administration of the territories to Nazi rule in Europe, was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize last year, which he later turned down after wide-spread protest.

Born in Latvia, Leibowitz studied medicine, chemistry, philosophy and Halachah before making aliyah in 1932. He became a chemistry professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and his classes, which covered the breadth of the natural sciences and the humanities, drew large crowds. An Orthodox Jew, he also lectured and wrote extensively on Maimonides.

Leibowitz was a vocal critic of both Labor and Likud governments for years. He fired salvos against Shas party spiritual leader Rabbi Eliezer Schach and the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson for mixing politics with religion, and argued for the separation of religion and state with former prime minister David Ben-Gurion.

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Peace from the pulpit

NEW YORK — North American rabbis are being urged to support the Mideast peace process during the upcoming High Holiday services.

A 50-page guide compiled by the Israel Policy Forum, a New York-based liberal advocacy group, has been mailed to 4,000 rabbi of all denominations. The guide includes fact sheets on the peace process, quotes from traditional sources, and a letter of support from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin asks the rabbis "to educate our fellow Jews to act in accordance with Jewish values ... by teaching peace."

The package was mailed one week after the Reform movement made a similar appeal to its 860 rabbis in North America.

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Germany Denies Zhirinovsky Visa

BONN — The German embassy in Moscow has refused a visa request by Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky to visit Germany this month.

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel ordered the ban on the grounds that the visit might work against "Germany's democratic foundations."

Zhirinovsky, who leads Russia's Liberal Democratic Party, was invited by the neo-Nazi Volks Union Party for a lecture tour throughout the country at the end of September.

In December 1993, Germany denied Zhirinovsky and seven of his associates permission to enter the country, saying Zhirinovsky's presence would "prejudice German state interests."

Late last year, Zhirinovsky made waves by entering Austria and staying at an Alpine resort with a friend who was a member of the Nazi SS. He entered Austria by passing through Munich, where he met with Gerhard Frey, leader of the extreme right-wing German People's Union.

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Author Ernst Pawel Dies

NEW YORK — Ernst Pawel, who wrote about giant Jewish figures of history, died late last month of cancer at his home in the New York suburb of Great Neck. He was 74.

Included among his works the 1984 biography of Czech Jewish writer Franz Kafka, *The Nightmare of Reason*, which won several prizes and was translated into 10 languages.

Pawel also wrote *The Labyrinth of Exile*, a biography of Zionist pioneer Theodor Herzl.

He recently completed a book about German Jewish poet Heinrich Heine, and at the time of his death was working on his memoirs, titled *Life In The Dark Ages*.

He also wrote three novels, *The Island of Time*, *The Dark Tower* and *In the Absence of Magic*, as well as essays and book reviews.

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Survivor Returns as Envoy

BUDAPEST — Israel's new ambassador to Hungary, Joel Alon, is returning here after leaving Hungary in 1949 with his family, all of whom survived the Holocaust.

"It's a great satisfaction that after 45 years I can return to Hungary as ambassador representing Israel," Alon said in a telephone interview.

During the Holocaust, Alon, a twin, was a victim of the infamous experiments performed on twins by Auschwitz doctor Josef Mengele.

Alon, his twin brother and his parents survived the Holocaust and went to Israel.

Alon is replacing departing envoy, David Kraus.

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Cemetery Vandalism Investigated

PARIS — Police are investigating the desecration of the Jewish cemetery of Fegersheim, near Strasbourg, in eastern France, where more than 100 headstones were recently broken or overturned by unknown vandals.

No inscriptions or graffiti were found.

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But Will it Have Holes?

GENEVA — For generations, the Swiss lived without knowing the joys of the bagel. Now, all that has changed thanks to the efforts of Morris Abram, the former U.S. ambassador to Geneva.

Abram, who has stayed on in Geneva as representative of the UN, is producing a kosher bagel, hoping it will be a hit, at least with the 6,000-member Jewish community.

The kosher bagel, dubbed by the *Tribune de Geneve* as "Morris' bagel," is prepared under the supervision of Rabbi David Messas of Geneva.

Front Line

The unforeseen results of last year's Oslo start

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The handshakes in Oslo and Washington are now a year behind us and a lot has happened since. Though initial progress has been made in Gaza and in Jericho and is continuing slowly in the West Bank as well, the implementation of the celebrated agreement between Israel and the PLO is difficult and much behind the intended schedule.

By now it is evident that the psychological impact of the ceremonies and of the declared change of policies has not altered the state of mutual distrust and that only time and progress could gradually modify the mood on both sides. Rhetoric, often bad and insensitive on both sides, as well as sporadic acts of violence less frequent than before, is clouding the forecast.

All this could have been predicted. There cannot be a smooth ride to full conciliation between two entities who for 100 years have struggled for the exclusive possession of the same land. Now that the partition formula has been revived — a concept still not fully accepted by the oppositions on both sides — the process of pacification can only be slow and bumpy.

But the ice was broken in Oslo and resolution in the Middle East looks more real now than before. Regardless of the still unsatisfactory pace of negotiations between Israel and the PLO over their bilateral problems, other elements of pacification are slowly entering the scene, of which the Jordanian example is so far the most telling.

The notion that wars are futile seems to have been adopted by nearly all the contending establishments in the region and is slowly penetrating the uninformed masses as well. It is already stronger than the message of the unredeemed opponents of any compromise, who do not recognize the fatal dangers of the status quo and who want it to continue even at the risk of yet another armed confrontation. Their ability to sabotage the positive trend is now reduced, as shown by the relative drop in local terrorist attacks.

Yeshayahu Anug

Much has been written about the origins of the Oslo breakthrough. The accepted view is that the disintegration of the former Soviet Union and its subsequent withdrawal from a longstanding Arab alliance were major factors of change. But this explains only the Madrid conference and not the Oslo surprise. The latter was made possible by the political change in Israel which caught the right moment to engage the frustrated Palestinian leadership in a separate peace initiative. By then militant opposition to a Mideast settlement had passed from the Kremlin to Islamic fundamentalists.

But this new threat, like the one represented by the U.S.S.R. in other times, is of a global nature, as manifested by the terrorist attacks against Jewish institutions in Argentina and in Great Britain, and by terrorism in Egypt and in Northern Africa. It affects the new Asian republics of the former Soviet Union. Having become a world issue, Islamic fundamentalism must be handled by global engagement, that is, by a working alliance between the moderate Muslim countries and the West. Such a set-up would have been unthinkable in the recent past, but has now become a real possibility due to the common dangers confronted by the countries targeted by Islamic zealotry.

It is not all surprising that the process initiated by the Oslo agreement should have triggered the recent wave of worldwide Islamic terrorism, since if successful, the process will deprive extremist Islam of one of its most popular causes.

If the epicentre of the recent brand of Islamic terror is indeed Iran, that country will have to confront the consequences of its manipulations. In this respect, the surprising delivery of arch-terrorist Carlos by the government of Sudan, itself a fundamentalist country, to France, a country with a rather blurred record in handling lesser terrorist figures, raises interesting clues of a new trend in prosecuting international criminals. The information Carlos is already supplying to his interrogators in Paris and which will be made public in his forthcoming trial may well bring about international showdowns of unforeseeable consequences. His former host countries as well as his accomplices in the Palestinian terrorist circles have every reason to be worried.

Another sector where Islamic fundamentalism surpasses Hamas activities in the territories is in Southern Lebanon, with Hezbollah as the local protagonist. Contrary to the usual pattern of armed escalation which threatens to involve Syria, surprising developments should not be excluded here. Israel could now well consider reversing its position that only peace with Syria can put an end to the Hezbollah nuisance. It could be tempted to risk the transfer of the security zone it now controls, to the responsibility of the Lebanese Army which would be allowed to move to the Israeli border on the condition that it commits itself to eliminate the Hezbollah threat and proves its capability to do so.

Unthinkable as it may now sound, such a scheme could be actively supported by the United States in a binding accord with Syria. After all, the Syrian regime too is a potential target of Islamic fundamentalism and Hezbollah is one of its most violent branches. Such an option could positively affect an Israeli-Syrian settlement of the Golan issue and could well become the next sensational turn on the changing Mideastern scene.

But even without such a daring option, the Oslo accord has, by its very existence, already broadened its limited Israeli-Palestinian parameter. A natural offspring of the broken relationship between the defunct U.S.S.R. and the PLO, Oslo has shaken the Mideastern stalemate and opened new horizons for its peoples. Seen from a global perspective, one must recognize that in spite of the pitfalls which the peace process had to overcome and the difficult corners that it will have to negotiate, the Middle Eastern dispute now looks much more promising than the many contemporary tragedies in other corners of the world.

Turkey's Jewish community is integrated

By DANIEL PIPES

Jewish communities still extant in Muslim countries tend to be weak and without a future, mere shells of the vital populations that existed half a century ago. Anyone with energy or ambition long ago fled Iran, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, or Tunisia.

Those who remain barely eke out a living. They have no role to speak of in the business or intellectual life of their countries; politically they count only as potential victims or as hostages to be bartered away. In *The Jews of Arab Lands in Modern Times* (1991), Norman Stillman accurately describes them as "a small, vestigial, and moribund remnant."

How different in Turkey! Here Jews, as in the West, play a disproportionate role in the life of the country. During a visit not long ago to Istanbul (the city where nearly all the Turkish Jews live), I had an opportunity to meet two of the country's tycoons, both Jewish.

Jefi I. Kamhi is the flamboyant, jet-setting chair of Profilo, a company that produces almost everything you can think of (prefabricated construction units, white goods, parts and accessories); in addition, it imports and exports, distributes consumer durables, and invests.

Uzeyir Garih, CEO of Alarco, is a more restrained figure; his company contracts projects, engineers them, and specializes in building big-ticket items, such as pipelines, gas storage terminals, refineries, textile factories, and office complexes. Both men are active in business associations, are counted among their country's leading philanthropists, and have strong ties to the highest political circles.

Thanks to their knowledge of European languages and foreign contacts, Jewish businessmen have played an important role in the expansion of Turkish companies into international markets. They also have a prominent role in fashion, advertising, and banking. For example, Jews dominate Istanbul's Tahtakale money market and effectively set the dollar exchange rate for Turkey's currency. These Jews are not small, vestigial, or moribund.

And it's not just the businessmen. I didn't get to see Sami Kohen this trip, but he's been for many years the foreign affairs columnist for Turkey's largest circulation daily newspaper, *Milliyet*, where he writes a sophisticated analysis of his country's geopolitics, as well as frequently contributing to such American papers as *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The New York Times*.

Other Jews teach at the universities and work for the government, where they serve as diplomats and hold other positions of responsibility. In short, unlike the dying Jewish communities in other parts of the Muslim Middle East, the one in Turkey is vibrant and influential.

Interestingly, other Jews — those of Israel and the United States — also have a role in Turkey. In extensive talks with officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office, I found a consistent interest in strengthening ties with Israel, and near delight with the Israel-PLO agreement because it hastens this process.

These analysts see Israel in a variety of ways: as a trading partner, a fellow democracy to help stabilize the region, an ally that can help deal with the Iranian and Syrian regimes, and a means of access to Washington.

The first-ever visit by Turkey's foreign minister Hikmet Cetin to Israel last November consolidated these ties and raised high hopes for the future.

Of course, Turkey also has its share of fundamentalist Muslims, fascists, and other types of anti-Semites. Like their counterparts elsewhere, these elements spread conspiracy theories about Jews and fulminate against Israel.

But in Turkey, unlike Iran and the Arab countries, these people don't make policy, nor do conspiracy theories dominate political thinking. Perhaps most important, Turks don't engage in violence against Jews. (It was foreigners, not Turks, who carried out the one major act of violence against Turkey's Jews, the 1986 bombing of Neve Shalom Synagogue.)

There's every reason to think the good news will continue in the years ahead — that Jews of Turkey will flourish; that Ankara's relations with Israel will expand; and that American Jews will play an important role explaining Turkey to Americans.

With regard to Jews, as is the case in so many other ways, Turkey has successfully removed itself from the paranoia and repression of the Middle East and made itself a part of the West.

Daniel Pipes edits the Middle East Quarterly.

Moroccan Islam tolerant, minister claims

By LARRY YUDELSON
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

With a portrait of His Majesty King Hassan and his country's red and green flag behind him, Serge Berdugo, who was visiting New York City recently, was the model of a perfect minister of tourism. He extolled Morocco's beaches, "world-class gastronomy" and sense of hospitality.

But Berdugo wears another hat as well, and it was equally evident when he addressed a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations last month: As president of the Moroccan Jewish community, Berdugo is his country's ranking Jewish communal leader.

Though he lives in a Muslim country, and the community he heads has shrunk to below 10,000 members from 300,000 in 1948, Berdugo is adamant that his is not a "remnant" Jewish community.

It is instead one that thrives, he said, quickly attributing this phenomenon to the tolerance of the Moroccan monarch and people, and to the loyalty of Moroccan Jews in Europe, North America and Israel.

"Moroccan Islam is a gentle Islam that is tolerant, and very strong," he said, calling it "a force that permits the blossoming of Judaism.

"We're a very special country — absolutely Orthodox, but we live our religion merrily," he said. "Every hour of the day is immersed in the religion, and without any conflict."

Berdugo's ancestors settled in the country in 1490, refugees from the Spanish Inquisition. As King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella Christianized their kingdom, they expelled both Muslims and Jews.

"When you have experienced the same inquisition, and you are expelled together, when you come back to the same country you try to be fair to each other," said Berdugo.

Born in 1936, Berdugo studied in Paris and earned a law degree before becoming a successful industrialist. He was first elected to the Council of Jewish Communities in 1977. And in 1993 was appointed tourism minister, the first Jewish minister of his country since the 1950s.

At times Berdugo's various hats overlap easily. As he boasts of his Jewish community's increasing concern over preserving its heritage, he describes projects to restore synagogues, create a library and open a Jewish museum.

It is perhaps not coincidental that these efforts, carried out in conjunction with the World Assembly of Moroccan Jews, will be a further draw to Jewish tourists.

Similarly, as he described Morocco's role in the Middle East peace process, he made sure to include the tourism component.

"As minister of tourism, I am trying to boost relations between two countries as soon as possible; but that officially cannot be until there are political relations," said Berdugo.

While Morocco has long been normalizing its ties with Israel, it has so far not established formal relations with the Jewish state.

He said he was working with the Spanish government to create a commemorative route following the path taken by Spanish Jews, among them his ancestors, exiled in the 15th century.

Included in this plan is "another government," he said, smiling at the barely veiled reference to Israel, "in order to create a triangle. It's all being prepared, it will all be contingent on the (peace) process that we think will not be too long (in coming)."

For some years, Israelis born in Morocco have been allowed to visit the country. Now, Berdugo indicated, restrictions are being eased on others with Israeli passports. He said there are five licensed tour guides who speak Hebrew — Muslims trained by a rabbi in Strasbourg — and "now you go to a shuk and hear everybody speaking Hebrew."

As minister of tourism and president of the Jewish community, Berdugo is "trying to prepare religious ethnic tours" for non-Jews as well as Jews who "want to see what was the Jewish heritage."

His projects are not only with Jews: Under his auspices, Palestinians are studying in Morocco, training to operate hotels in Jericho and Gaza.

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Alarming development

In recent months, four caches of weapons-grade nuclear materials from Russia have been seized in Germany, not enough to build an atomic bomb but enough to raise the dire possibility that an illegal and supremely profitable trade in highly enriched plutonium and uranium has begun. It is an alarming development. If sufficient quantities fall into the wrong hands, we could face an unprecedented international crisis.

For reasons best known to itself, the Russian government denies that nuclear materials are missing from its stocks. But Germany reportedly has incontrovertible evidence suggesting that this is simply not the case. Last week, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's personal emissary met with President Boris Yeltsin in Moscow and presented a damning report that should galvanize the Russians into prompt action.

It is no secret that Russia has yet to devise an effective system to protect its stockpile of bomb-usable plutonium and uranium. By all accounts, Russia possesses 170 tons of military and civilian plutonium and 1,000 tons of highly-enriched uranium. A full-fledged atomic bomb could be built with as little as 13 pounds of weapons-grade nuclear material, and it doesn't take much of an imagination to realize that terrorists and rogue countries like Iran, Iraq or Libya could terrorize the world with it. In fact, the three aforementioned countries have tried or are still trying to build a nuclear device. If they succeed, the Middle East, if not the rest of the globe, could be thrown into utter turmoil. It is a scenario which threatens our peace and stability.

In cooperation with Russia, it is incumbent on the West to ensure that Russian stockpiles of nuclear materials are kept under lock and key. However, at the moment, no such foolproof system appears to exist in Russia, a nation which has been convulsed by upheaval and chaos since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. "It's possible to buy anything in our country, including weapons and samples," a Russian scientist told the *New York Times* recently.

It is time for Russia to get its house in order, and soon. Potential nuclear blackmailers must be stopped in their tracks. The fate of our civilization may well hang in the balance.

Creative economics

There may be some debate these days over the real meaning of Israel's economic process but one thing is certain: the government is dedicated to exploring new and creative measures designed to enhance Israel's economic profile.

Since June 20, Israel has had a Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ). According to Andrew Silow Carroll, writing in *Moment* magazine, the zone, near Beersheva, will be a free market enclave with 20 years of tax benefits for businesses who relocate to the area.

Designed primarily as an export centre, the zone will also enjoy exemptions from import duties and some foreign currency restrictions. Israeli law bearing upon environmental standards, child labor, security and workers' wages will prevail in the FEPZ.

The architects of this new free zone concept hope that 20,000 new jobs will be created as a result of investments that will be flowing into the Beersheva area. Israel's highly skilled manpower — especially the large pool of immigrants from the former Soviet Union — is expected to be a magnet for electronic and high tech firms.

The projected FEPZ is not an abstract idea: more than 100 high-tech companies have already expressed interest in the zone. In the *Moment* article, Carroll says the umbrella organization which is directing the new zone, Israel Export Development Company Ltd., is made up, among others, of major American investors who have a deep commitment to Israel.

Israel, of course, is not the first country to set up a free trade zone. More than 50 countries in Asia, Africa and Central America are already involved in such economic enterprises but many have failed because of unstable political conditions in the countries involved. Israel's relatively stable political and military climate — the result of agreements between Israel, Egypt, the PLO, Jordan (and perhaps even Syria some day) — suggests that the time is now propitious for Israel to launch its FEPZ.

Israel has always dreamed of becoming the Swtizerland of the Middle East. That dream, however, abutted the sharp reality of four decades of protracted warfare with hostile Arab neighbors. Perhaps now, in the new era, the dream will come closer to fruition.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

MEDIA SUPPORT

I have been organizing community blood-testing clinics to help leukemia and aplastic anemia patients find compatible bone marrow donors since 1990. The community needs to be made aware that the cure for these forms of cancer already exists; in fact, *everyone* walking down the street is a potential cure for somebody else.

From the very first Canadian drive for Allison Atlas, which ultimately spawned the massive Elizabeth Lue campaign, to the most recent of several Canadian testings for Jay Feinberg, *The Canadian Jewish News* has been amazing in its constant, complete and sensitive coverage.

In particular, *CJN* reporter Leila Speisman has been an integral part of our team since that first testing date, providing pre-drive publicity and post-drive reports, including emphasizing the critical need for donations to fund future drives. The fact is that we could never *ever* expect to get the turnout that we consistently get in our community without media coverage.

I would like to express my deepest thanks, on behalf of Friends of Allison Atlas, the Elizabeth Lue Memorial Fund, and Friends of Jay Feinberg, for the primary role that *The Canadian Jewish News* and Ms. Speisman, have played in the direct success of these campaigns over the past four years.

Dr. Marshall Deltoff
Coordinator, Canadian Friends of Jay Feinberg
Executive board member, Elizabeth Lue Memorial Fund
Toronto

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INTERGENERATIONAL EXCHANGES

Looking through the Aug. 18 *CJN*, I saw a picture in the Community Focus supplement on page 4. It shows four seniors — three women and a man.

Under the picture are just a few lines saying "Younger and older intergenerational players performing a play at the Betel Centre with students from Pleasant Public school."

There are no names of the participants and no picture of the youngsters. I would like to tell the story behind the picture since I was one of the senior participants.

For about four years I've been involved in the intergenerational pen-pal program from this school. It is a project which gives Grade 5 students an opportunity to learn about seniors through the exchange of letters. During the years I had three students with whom I corresponded and we became friends. Before the school season ended, they made a tea party where we met for the first time. We all exchanged some little presents and I was very moved to read the few lines one of my little pen-pals attached to my gift.

The words were written by Helen Keller. The note said: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." What a wonderful thought from a 10-year-old to add those special lines! It was a pleasure to see the young children and white-haired seniors engaged in conversations and laughter.

The names of the four seniors on the picture are from left to right: Ibolya Grossman, Allan Pryce, Ann Szedlecki and Betty Dawson.

Ibolya Grossman
North York

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WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE TRANSNISTRIA

Re: "Transnistra — the forgotten cemetery."

Transnistria was the fictitious name established to designate an area of Ukraine (located between the rivers Dniestre and Bug), specifically assigned for the purposes of sending all the Jews from the Romanian provinces of Bessarabia and Bukovina to their death. (See *CJN* story June 23.)

The geographic entity was simulated from 1941 to 1944, when the Red Army freed those still alive. Upon their liberation, the survivors were assumed to be Soviet citizens, without ever having their identity acknowledged as Jews surviving Nazi atrocities.

After 1944, Transnistria ceased to exist (having completed the inhumanity for which it was created). But despite its lack of recognition, it remains the grounds for mass graves for over 117,000 Jewish people brought to their torturous deaths in a variety of cruel and harrowing ways.

What's worse, those that survived suffer beyond the trauma and despair they share with survivors from the more well-known concentration camps; for they also share the pain and indignity of having their torment ignored (even amongst some of the most well-informed specialists). Their anguish is not mourned by remembrance prayers, their grief not shared by fellow Jews or gentiles.

The least we as mankind can do now (with Romania no longer a Communist country) is to acknowledge Transnistria and the abomination ordered by former Romanain leader Ion Antonescu against the Jews. As well, with Ukraine freed from communism and having better relations with Israel, we owe it to the survivors to ask for Ukraine's public recognition of the existence of Transnistria on their soil.

Freda Rosenblatt
Toronto

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SOME SURVIVED

Two young men were sent out to guard a cave in the thick forest. A group of Slovak Jews were hiding in the cave trying to save their lives from Slovak fascists and Nazi soldiers. It happened 50 years ago in November 1944.

Shivering from cold, one of the youngsters heard a suspicious noise and went back to the cave to warn the group about the impending discovery.

One member of the group, Armin Breuer, took aside his young son, Alex, saying, "You have your Christian documents with you. Show them to the fascist scoundrels and tell them that you don't belong to us. You just came into the cave to warm up after a cold, rainy day. Tell them that you are on your way to your family in Bratislava."

Refusing to listen to his son's protest, he pushed Alex to the other side of the cave, far from the Jewish group.

A few minutes later the Hlinka Guard's elite unit, set up for chasing Jews and partisans, broke into the cave, pushed out the group, poking the people with their guns and cursing them.

Alex went to the commander, showed him his documents and told him his story. He was sent aside and told headquarters would investigate his case.

Alex Breuer miraculously survived the war, but Armin and Ida Breuer were massacred together with their group in Kremnicka.

Last year my family revisited Czechoslovakia. We heard that after the war a monument was erected in Kremnicka to commemorate the murdered.

When we arrived, only few people knew where the memorial was. No sign marked the way.

At last we found the place. The "memorial" was a huge stone triangle with a triple cross and an illegible note. Beside this "memorial" was a little tablet noting that 719 people were hanged there. No mention of Jews or partisans. Nothing.

In May 1994 10 great-grandchildren, four grandchildren and two surviving children gathered in Yad Vashem to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Breuer parents' horrible murder.

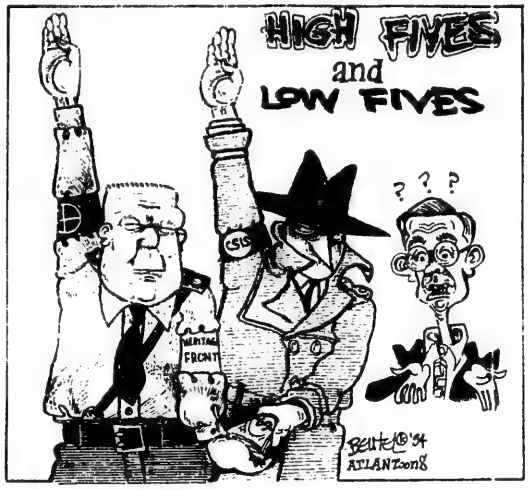
There a simple marble plaque will remind the family's future generations of the murder of their ancestors.

Alex told about his parents' life and death, grandson Baruch recited the Kaddish and a great-granddaughter, Yael, played a mournful melody on her flute honoring her great-grandparents.

These people are the only remnants of the once large Breuer family. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and their children all perished in Auschwitz.

Looking at the group, the offspring of my husband's family, I realized that Hitler's and the Slovak fascists' plan — the complete destruction of the Jews — was not entirely successful; and we will live forever.

Helena Breuer
Toronto



A useless diploma and a change of career

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Cleaning out some cupboards a few weeks ago I came across a small announcement. When I looked at it, a whole flood of memories invaded my mind. For a remarkable coincidence had occurred: it came to hand on July 25, 1994, and the date on the paper was July 25, 1934 — exactly 60 years before.

I remembered the day which, in a strange way, marked the turning point of my life.

In the early 1930s I studied law at the universities of Heidelberg and Berlin. Hitler came into power and though I had graduated from law school, my legal career had ground to a halt. It was customary in those days to write a doctoral thesis and fulfil requirements which differed between universities. In Berlin, it included a public defence of certain legal theses and an announcement, duly printed in a pre-set form, posted on the university's bulletin boards (This was the announcement I had chanced upon). The public was invited to hear doctoral applicants display their legal acumen.

I think the University of Berlin was the only one in Germany that still abided by this medieval ritual, for a ritual it was. The three opponents usually were friends of the debator and had been duly briefed. They would raise pre-set objections to the various theses and the candidate would demolish their arguments.

Rabbi Plaut

My proposition dealt with some obscure aspects of German law, the significance of which totally escapes me today. I do remember that my "opponents" did well and I did my share, and the colorful assembly of faculty jurists did their part — in short, I was declared a Doctor of Laws, and signed my name in the folio volume as number 588, joining those who had gone through the same ritual during the 125 years of the university.

My three opponents were Heinz Frank (later to be the western director of Canadian Jewish Congress), Heinz Kellerman (later a counsellor at the State Department in Washington), and Dr. Bruno Sommerfeld (later, under the name of Bruno Bernard, a popular Hollywood photographer who created the famous Marilyn Monroe image with the swirling skirt).

The ceremony was an oddity, for Hitler and his gang were already in power, and my legal career had been officially cancelled. I was a young man with certificates in my briefcase, but no job opportunities.

As usual, my Dad had a suggestion I was glad to follow.

He believed that sooner or later I would be able to return to my legal career. "Meanwhile," he suggested, "why don't you go to the rabbinical seminary and take some courses? I have already talked with Rabbi Leo Baeck, and he said he would be glad to have you as an auditing student. You will study what it truly means to be a Jew; and in the end it will all be for your best. You will be a lawyer and a knowledgeable Jew to boot." Those were not his exact words, but that was the meaning.

Dad also arranged for me to beef up my knowledge of Hebrew. He engaged a young man who came to the house, clicked his heels and bowed from the waist. "My name is Abraham Joshua Heschel," he introduced himself, "and I am supposed to increase your Hebrew knowledge." How was I to know my tutor would someday be an inspiration to millions of Jews around the world?

So I went to the seminary, understood little at first, but was entranced by Dr. Baeck's lectures on midrash and the art of preaching. One day he received a letter from Dr. Julian Morgenstern in Cincinnati, which asked him to send five promising students to the United States for rabbinical training. He picked me as one of the five and thus saved my life.

I have never forgotten that I began my Jewish studies lishmah, for their own sake, and with no motive other than to learn more about Judaism. It so happened that it also became a career for me, but that was not my original motivation. Studying Torah lishmah was the golden key that opened the door to my future life; it is the golden key to a more meaningful and satisfying Judaism for anyone. The reward that one gets from it is better than any diploma.

So, what better wish to all my readers than that Judaism may become more meaningful to you in the New Year — not because it is a career, but because it is a blessing which is in everyone's reach.

Tuning in to the deaf culture

By FRANCES KRAFT

I travelled less than 20 km to the National Congress of Jewish Deaf convention earlier this summer, but I feel as if I went to a foreign country. The week-long event, which transformed part of Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel into an island of deaf people, was both a cultural celebration and a learning experience.

The "deaf culture" — a relatively new concept to me — is a unique phenomenon in which deaf people, particularly the younger generation, take pride. Sign language is an important component of this culture.

Yet deaf people don't want to be isolated from the hearing community. Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer of Chicago's Congregation Bene Shalom of the Deaf explained to me that just as chassidic Jews in the United States want to be accepted as Americans (but not at the expense of their Chassidism), so too do deaf people want to be accepted as part of the greater community without having to relinquish their culture.

As a hearing journalist, I was made to feel welcome, and I was told repeatedly that hearing people are welcome at meetings of the Toronto Jewish Association for the Deaf (TJAD).

I was intrigued by the applause that followed each presentation, affording a small window into the deaf world. Although there was some restrained hand-clapping, most people waved their hands high in the air, their facial expressions reflecting their appreciation.

I learned that this type of silent applause came into popular use a number of years ago to better reflect the deaf experience. It saddened me to hear from two sources that people who still clap their hands are considered by some of the more militant deaf to be "Uncle Toms." This minority population, it seems to me, can ill afford divisiveness.

Silent applause used

I was touched to find there was more hand-clapping (instead of hand-waving) for hearing speakers at the convention, as a way of being polite.

Courtesy was also evident when I spoke to hearing or hard-of-hearing people, and they signed while answering me verbally so that others who were nearby would understand.

I was aware of my "hearingness," as one woman put it, and felt at a loss because I couldn't sign. On a trip to Mexico last year, I got by on *Sesame Street* Spanish and a few phrases from a teach-yourself book. At the convention I lacked even rudimentary sign language vocabulary.

A (hearing) cousin of mine who works at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf was staffing a display table. She taught me the signs for "I'm hearing" and "I don't understand." I used the signs later in the day and felt less like a tourist.

I began to comprehend the barriers deaf people face in the hearing world. Specifically, I began to understand the barriers deaf Jews face in accessing the Jewish world. I was shocked to learn of deaf Jews who have been lost or almost lost to Judaism because in their communities, it was a church that provided their sole accessible spiritual outlet.

I learned that attitudes are changing and accessibility is improving — but slowly. I know of only three synagogues in the Toronto area which have ever initiated or are planning to initiate outreach programs to the deaf. I hope to hear of more.

Dry Bones

Be sure to check those Jewish best before dates

By ALLAN GOULD

You know, there are a *lot* of things to worry about in this world, especially if you are Jewish: Will Israel be safe? Will anti-Semitism ever stop? Will that chazzan ever finish that Musaf?

These are questions which have haunted the Jewish people for years, and the answer never seems clear, does it?

And now, we Jews — actually, everyone in North America, come to think of it — have something *new* to worry about, as if we didn't have enough before: Will your can of soft drink be fresh, or has it passed its "freshness" date?

You must have seen the articles in the newspapers, and certainly you must have caught the advertisements on TV: Pepsi-Cola, quickly followed by Coca-Cola, have now put best before dates on their cans, so that we should never — G-d forbid! — have the mortification of popping open a can at a bar mitzvah, wedding, or divorce, and discover that the carbonation is no longer at its peak. (Oy! Such a shanda!!)

This is something which I had never worried much about but it was a great relief; I was getting pretty tired of worrying only about the Jewish State and the ubiquitousness of anti-Semitism. (About our chazzan, I've pretty well given up; the Mashiach will probably come several hours before he ever finishes that Musaf.)

Then, I said to myself (yes, I do talk to myself all the time; you wanna make something of it?), "Allan?"

"Yes," I answered, as other people in shul started to point at me and laugh.

"Allan," I said, again. "Why should there not be best before dates in Jewish Life, as well? Why just on pop cans?"

"You're right!" I cried out, as people on both sides of me started to move away.

And so, here it is: ***Allan Gould's reommended "best befores" for Jewish well-being***:

On the tongues of our Jewish children: There should be a stamp which reads: ***Best Before he/she turns 14; after this, do not expect as easy a ride.***

On boxes of matzah: There should be a statement declaring, ***Because this is matzah, it will taste best before the year 5799 (or the year 2039 in the regular calendar). If you expect it to taste fresh at any time, you clearly don't know your matzah.***

On $50 and $100 bills, there should be a note which reads, in Hebrew or Yiddish: ***This money should be given to tzedakah, and best before Yom Kippur, if you wish to be written in the Book of Life.***

On the back of books with the Birkat Ha-Mazon (Grace After Meals): ***This is best sung before you leave the table, and best sung after you finish eating.***

On tallesim, there should be a stamp which declares, ***This tallis is best worn before noon, on weekdays, preferably in the early morning, except on Kol Nidre night when it is best of all. Use it in good health.***

Allan Gould

Upon Kosher calves' liver there should be stamped: ***Best before enough salt is put on this to kosher it, and make it as delicious and juicy as shoe leather. But if you are kosher, you are kosher, and that is that. May be used for chopped liver, in which several gallons of mayonnaise, along with eggs, just could make it edible once more. We're not making any promises, though.***

On the walls of a sukkah. ***This sukkah is best used before Simchat Torah. After that, you will look pretty silly, and you could well freeze, if you are a Canadian Jew.***

On Shabbat candles, etched in the wax, it should be written: ***Best lit before it gets dark on Friday nights, preferably 18 minutes, if not more. Didn't you ever watch when bubbie did it?***

On certain Hebrew teachers I know, stamped on their foreheads: ***This teacher is best used before he/she turns 50, or before he/she is just plain used up, whichever comes first. Maybe if you paid him/her better, this dating would be unnecessary.***

On mezuzot: ***This is best kissed before one enters and leaves this house.***

On dogs and cats, amidst their fur, should be etched: ***This pet should be fed before the Jewish owner feeds him-or-herself. Don't you know your Talmud?***

On maps of the State of Israel, there should be marked: ***This is best visited annually, if not-more often. Come to think of it, why not live here? What kind of Zionist are you, anyway? You give a few bucks each year, and you think that lets you off the hook?***

On the knees of bubbies and zaydes there should be a stamp: ***Best seen before she/he turns 120. Actually, best seen weekly, for best results and greatest influence on children and grandchildren. Give a call today!***

On the outside of Torah arks, there should be written: ***The Torahs in here should best be read aloud on Shabbat, Mondays and Thursdays. However, the rules herein should be followed every single day of your life, if you know what's good for you. And if you study this book daily, you'll know what's good for you. Get it?***

And, of course, on a personal matter — on the mouth of my chazzan, there should be written: ***This cantor is best used before noon on Shabbat mornings; after that time, he may go bad. In fact, make that 11 a.m.***

See what I mean? Pepsi and Coke might have something there, and dating on Jewish objects and people could be the answer to a lot of our problems. Now, as for that other kind of "Jewish dating," check the personals column in this week's issue. And mazel tov! (If it works out).

Allan Gould is the author of 21 books. His latest, Criminal Acts, *an anthology of true crime in Canada, is coming out this fall — and is best before Chanukah, if you get my drift. Actually, his* What Did They Think Of The Jews? *is pretty good too.*

Features

Discomfort in eastern Germany

Sheldon Kirshner visits two Jewish communities — Dresden and eastern Berlin — in what was East Germany.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Herbert Lappe professes to feel no nostalgia for the old German Democratic Republic (East Germany), a Marxist state which vanished four years ago with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the subsequent unification of Germany.

Lappe, a Communist in the old days, regards East Germany as a closed chapter in his life. Nevertheless, he maintains a certain fondness for it. Yes, East Germany was totalitarian and people's lives were circumscribed. But it was safer and more secure, at least as far as Jews are concerned.

A resident of Dresden and a prominent member of the minuscule Jewish community, Lappe maintains that the Communist authorities, for all their faults, invariably suppressed all manifestations of neo-Nazism. The exception to that rule occurred in the last three years of East Germany's existence, when the regime's control faltered.

"After 1987," said Lappe, "you could see swastikas painted on walls, and you could hear jokes about Jews and anti-Semitic jibes at football games."

Last year, in May and September, the Jewish cemetery — which was barely disturbed by the Nazis — was desecrated, with gravestones overturned and defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti.

And a window in the synagogue was smashed, and a Torah scroll stolen.

The new climate of racial intolerance, which has swept both halves of Germany since unification in 1990, hit still closer to home when Lappe's son, Moritz, was beaten up by toughs to the shout of anti-Semitic insults.

"We went to the police, but nothing happened," said Lappe, an engineer and management consultant who was born in London in 1946 but raised in Dresden. "The police should have reacted immediately. It frightens me that they didn't. I can tell you that Jews here are very concerned by the emergence of neo-Nazism in eastern Germany."

In desperation, Lappe wrote an anguished letter to Steffen Heitmann, the justice minister of the province of Saxony. He received no reply.

"We were completely integrated into German society before unification," he added. "Now I feel uncomfortable, like a Jew in Germany rather than a German Jew. For the first time, I'm thinking of leaving Germany." It's a sentiment, he believes, that is shared by the majority of Jews in Dresden.

On these issues, Lappe's colleague, Heinz-Joachim Aris — the 60-year-old executive director of Dresden's Jewish community — doesn't feel as strongly as he does. But he, too, is filled with angst over the developments of the past several years.

"The government," he declared, "should fully enforce its laws against right-wing extremists, and be as vigilant toward radicals on the right as radicals on the left."

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Dresden, a beautiful city of inspired Gothic and Renaissance architecture on the Elbe River, is the capital of Saxony. Its Jewish community, which dates back to the 14th century, reached its peak during the Weimar period, when its population was about 6,000.

Dresden's venerable synagogue was destroyed by the Nazis on Kristallnacht in November 1938. By 1939, fewer than 2,000 Jews remained in the city. The deportations that followed emptied Dresden and neighboring cities of nearly all their Jews.

Lappe's father, from Chemnitz, and his mother, an Austrian Jew from Graz, emigrated from Germany in 1933. A handful of Jews, such as Aris' mixed-race family, never left.

Under the 1935 Nuremberg Laws, which disenfranchised Jews and forbade mixed marriages, Aris was classified as a mischling of the first degree. His father was Jewish. His mother was not. He and his sister, who lives in Chemnitz today, were registered as Jews and were thus vulnerable to persecution.

"We suffered humiliations," recalled Aris, an economist by profession. "We were required to wear a yellow star. We weren't allowed into restaurants, cinemas and parks. Public transportation was off-limits to us. My father was a forced laborer."

In February 1945, three months before the end of the war, the family was scheduled to be deported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

But fate intervened.

Allied aircraft, in one of the most devastating raids against Germany, firebombed Dresden exactly on the day they were to be rounded up.

That bombardment killed tens of thousands of civilians and left Dresden in ruins. The Arises survived because they did not live in the centre of the city.

Aris' father, Helmut, was a Communist loyalist in the workers' state which arose in eastern Germany in the late 1940s. Indeed, he was a dominant figure in the Jewish community, which never had more than several hundred registered members, and he edited the community's newspaper.

Lappe's father returned to Chemnitz from Britain in 1948 before settling down in Dresden. "He felt like a German and wanted to build a new socialist Germany," said Lappe.

"We were treated very well as Jews," observed Lappe. "There was no connection between our status and the government's hostile attitude toward Israel."

As victims of fascism, Jews in East Germany were given preferential treatment, Lappe explained. "We had better food rations, better health services, and guaranteed lifetime jobs. And also, the Jewish community got all the help it needed."

Heinz-Joachim Aris [Frank Schroder]

But, Lappe admitted, there was a price to pay. "We had to be quiet about the government's policy toward Israel." East Germany was the only member of the Warsaw Pact that never established formal diplomatic relations with Israel, although East German Jews were sometimes permitted to visit relatives there.

Of East Germany's several thousand Jews, the majority did not identify with the Jewish community. "Their commitment and identity were primarily socialist," writes Toronto sociologist Robin Ostow, an authority on German-Jewish affairs.

In the early 1950s, the Central Committee of the Communist party, in line with directives from the Soviet Union, accused Jews of being "Zionist and American agents of imperialism." Jews were purged from positions of power, and leaders of the tiny Jewish community were interrogated and asked to sign statements which equated Zionism with fascism, writes Ostow.

During this tense era, Lappe's father — an electrical engineer — had no problems. However, Aris' father, a factory manager, was imprisoned for several months.

With Josef Stalin's death in 1953, the crisis subsided, anti-Jewish measures were rescinded, and Jews who had lost their positions were reinstated.

A handful of Jews, who never officially belonged to the Jewish community, were key figures in the regime. Markus Wolf headed the foreign intelligence bureau. Klaus Gysi was secretary of state for religion. Hermann Axen and Albert Norden sat on the ruling Politburo. Hilde Benjamin was minister of justice. Gerhard Eisler was chief commentator on East German radio.

Apart from East Berlin, Dresden and Chemnitz (formerly Karl Marx Stadt), there are organized Jewish communities in Leipzig, Erfurt, Magdeburg and Halle.

According to Ostow, Jewish communities were the recipients of large government grants to repair and renovate their synagogues.

Dresden, which is home to 86 registered Jews, 40 of whom are recent Soviet immigrants, benefited from this largesse.

A new synagogue, replacing the one the Nazis had destroyed, was erected in 1950. It is adjacent to the cemetery, which contains some 4,000 headstones.

Dresden has neither a rabbi nor a cantor, much less a Jewish school, but on Jewish high holidays, a rabbi from Berlin leads services, attended usually only by the elderly.

Irene Runge [Frank Schroder]

According to the caretaker, there have been no weddings and bar-mitzvahs in Dresden for ages. Virtually all the Jewish males in the community are married to Christians. Lappe, who also has a non-Jewish wife, has three children (aged 15,16 and 26). They are registered with the community as Jews.

To Lappe, the community's main problem, neo-Nazism notwithstanding, is a shortage of funds. "We can't cover our costs." But help is on its way. Recently, the government of Saxony announced it would disburse DM 900,000 ($500,000 US) annually for the next decade to assist Jewish communities in that province.

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On Jan. 1, 1991, the Jewish communities in East and West Berlin merged. But a foreign visitor still comes away with the impression that the two communities are separate and distinct.

Irene Runge, born in New York City in 1942, is one of the leading personalities in eastern Berlin.

A self-styled "red-diaper baby," Runge is a sociologist and community activist whose parents were ardent communists. During the McCarthyist epoch in the United States, they returned to Germany, settling in East Berlin.

Brought up as an atheist and internationalist, without any grounding in Jewish culture or religion, Runge did not set foot inside a synagogue until she was 19. "I didn't know what it meant to be Jewish," she said. "I was completely secular."

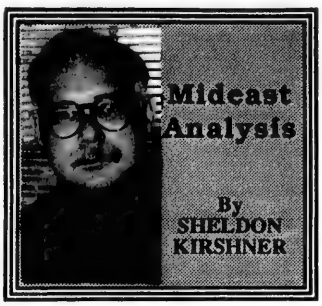
She was never a member of the Communist party, having been rejected for membership three times. "I didn't smell like them, and they didn't want me in their group."

Through a friend, Hermann Simon, she was introduced to the non-religious Jewish community, which is affiliated with the Oranienberger synagogue. In 1985, she joined a newly-formed club, Jews for Jews, now known as the Jewish Cultural Organization. It sponsors a whole range of cultural programs for German and Russian-speaking members. Runge, a member of the board, said that membership has climbed to about 1,000.

"We're a secular, left-wing organization," she said, "but we're in regular touch with an Orthodox rabbi in Jerusalem. And on high holidays such as Passover, we're supervised by a Lubavitch rabbi."

By her estimate, several hundred Jews belong to the non-religious community in eastern Berlin. Runge tries to maintain cordial relations with the Orthodox community, embodied in the Adass Jisroel congregation, but "it's a little bit complicated with our neighbors."

Like many Jews in Germany's eastern zone, Runge had qualms about German unification. But of late, she has revised her view. "It's less terrible than I thought. Now I can see there are advantages for a country to be unified."



Four years after its invasion and annexation of Kuwait, Iraq is a spent force in the Middle East. But its authoritarian leader, Saddam Hussein, is still very much in command.

By committing aggression against Kuwait, Iraq brought an unparalleled disaster upon itself — political isolation, a war it had no chance of winning, the partial obliteration of its armed forces and the near destruction of its economy.

Today, Iraq is subject to a strict United Nations economic embargo enforced by the United States and its allies. And if Washington has its way, the sanctions — which do not affect the import of food and medical supplies — will remain in place until Iraq fully complies with UN resolutions.

After a series of cat-and-mouse games with the UN commission monitoring Iraqi compliance, Iraq is finally cooperating. Baghdad has allowed cameras to be installed at its principal missile-testing sites, supplied the UN with lists of weapons suppliers and, most important, agreed to accept long-term inspection of its main industrial facilities.

The objective is to ensure that Iraq does not — and cannot — develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons or long-range missiles.

Yet Iraq has not been completely defanged. According to a U.S. congressional study, Iraq — which armed itself to the teeth before the 1991 Gulf War — still has something like 2,500 battle tanks and 250 fixed-wing aircraft at its disposal. Iraq can thus protect its borders, but can no longer project its military power beyond them.

Citing Iraqi cooperation, France and Russia have called for the easing of sanctions against Iraq. But the United States — which has taken the lead in punishing Iraq — is adamantly opposed because of Iraq's hostile attitude toward Kuwait and its execrable human rights record.

Embargo plagues Iraq

Although Iraq's rubber-stamp parliament has officially annulled the 1990 annexation of Kuwait, the government-controlled media refers to Kuwait as Iraq's 19th province. And Iraq has not accepted the newly-demarcated boundary between itself and Kuwait as mandated by the UN.

Iraq, too, has failed to return or account for some 800 Kuwaitis who were captured during Iraq's five-month occupation. And Saddam has continued his military campaign against the Shi'ite population of southern Iraq, the group which tried to unseat him in a rebellion in March 1991, just as the Gulf War ended.

Furthermore, Baghdad is deliberately draining the pristine marshes inhabited by the Marsh Arabs — an ancient minority who've been ruthlessly driven from their homes — and harassing the Kurds.

Last but not least, Iraq has resisted a UN plan for selling $1.6 billion worth of its oil every six months, claiming the scheme is an infringement of its sovereignty (which has already been violated by so-called no-fly zones established by the United States in northern and southern Iraq.)

Under the proposed arrangement, profits from the sales would compensate Kuwait for war damage, help defray the costs of the UN monitoring teams in Iraq, and be used for humanitarian purposes in Iraq.

For most Iraqis, life has become a grim struggle for survival. In a report, the UN Food and Agricultural Organization says that Iraq is experiencing "mass deprivation, chronic hunger and endemic undernutrition."

Inflation since 1990 has reached 4,000 per cent and production has fallen drastically. As a result, numerous middle-class families have been reduced to penury.

Iraq has managed to rebuild bridges, plants, telephone and electrical systems shattered by Allied bombings. But Iraq will not be able to return to normal unless the sanctions are lifted, a possibility that is dependent on the United States.

For the moment, the prospects for Iraq look dim. The Clinton administration has yet to be convinced that Iraq should be allowed back into the family of nations. Certainly, Iraq continues to flout UN resolutions. In the meantime, Saddam hangs on, defying the world and fending off attempted coups from rivals who lack the strength or the resources to replace him.

Jewish continuity debate

During the past year, much has been spoken and written about Jewish continuity: our survival as a spiritual community, linked to each other, to our history and tradition, and to Israel. In June, the continuity task force of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto issued its report and recommendations, which elicited a wide range of responses.

Aaron Brotman, *chair of the task force, addresses some of these responses, including that of* **Rabbi Dow Marmur,** *spiritual leader of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple.*

As we search for ways to achieve Jewish continuity, we must also continue to define it. **Marcy Goldman's** *account of her grandmother's legacy gives insight into just what Jewish continuity is all about.*

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

The congregation I serve has for many years acted according to about half of the 80 or so recommendations made by the Task Force on Jewish Continuity in its recently submitted report to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

We are, therefore, flattered by the implied, though probably unintentional, expression of confidence in our work. But did we really need an elaborate document, two years in the making, to tell us what we already know?

Most of the other 40 recommendations are intended for the community at large, primarily the Federation itself. But it is not likely that many of these will blaze new trails in the struggle for a meaningful Jewish life as the 20th century draws to a close. The most original calls for an initial annual allocation of $1.2 million. As there is no suggestion that the money might be found within the existing budget, it is to be assumed that it will be taken from those funds now being sent to Israel.

Rabbi Marmur

Continuity has become not only the current "in" word in the Diaspora, but also a code for keeping more money at home. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the spiritual leader of mainstream British Orthodoxy, advocates it explicitly; others, including the Toronto report, are more circumspect. The underlying naive assumption is that the Diaspora can go it alone, as soon as it gets its lines of communication sorted out, and as long as it has the administrative and financial clout to do more more programming.

Which brings me to what I perceive to be the first major flaw in the report: its apparent lack of interest in substantive Israel-Diaspora cooperation. It does not seem to recognize the implications of the centrality of Israel in the quest for Jewish identity.

The report is eloquent about the need for more Jewish education. Had it suggested, for example, that the community spend $1.2 milion a year to bring 500 young women and men to Israel as a reward for having completed 10 years of Jewish schooling, it would have made sense to take the money from the Jewish Agency and give it to this project. Both the Israeli economy and Jewish continuity would have benefited, and Jewish education here would have been greatly stimulated.

The recommendations could have also followed another path. The report is adamant about the need to integrate new immigrants. Why not propose that each year 500 young women and men from among them be sent at community expense for an intensive course in Israel? Surely, $1.2 million better spent than on the creation of yet another committee.

The report could have made a similar proposal about singles, of whom it speaks with apparent concern but to whom it offers little hope. Most singles would like to be married, but haven't found a partner yet. An annual massive international get-together in Israel for Diaspora communities around the world, with the ostensible aim to study Judaism and the hidden agenda of finding a spouse, would be a most effective response. To subsidize such travel would be a mitzvah.

Studies of Jewish identity, like the one recently sponsored by the Avichai Foundation, make it clear that a well-planned educational stay in Israel is second only to a day-school education in securing Jewish continuity. There is also good reason to believe that, for projects of this kind, additional money can be found from individual donors.

A second flaw in the report is its timidity. The way it deals with intermarriage is a case in point. Though, to its credit, it does not avoid the issue, it is unduly adamant about the need to tell the Jewish public about the different attitudes and practices of the various denominations, and far too reticent about an effective communal outreach program that would integrate intermarrieds.

Why didn't the task force recommend bringing the various religious groups together to create a joint program of conversion? It is not enough to quote complaints about the divisive community, which the report does, without offering effective ways of tearing down the barriers. And why does the report dwell on the difficulties after conversion more than on opportunities for true integration?

Perhaps greater emphasis on outreach would have led the report to a stronger affirmation of the synagogue as the centre of Diaspora life. For all its respectful talk about the synagogue, and its call for closer cooperation between Federation and congregations, the report has little to say about the community's duty to give synagogues the respect and support they deserve.

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By AARON BROTMAN

It has been approximately two months since the Task Force on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage submitted its report to the community and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. As chair of the Task Force, I would now like to reflect on the reaction to, and the current status of, the report which, it will be remembered, called for urgency in dealing with the issues it addressed.

This article will not defend the report. Quite the contrary; there is no pride of ownership that excludes commentary, criticism, discussion and the free exchange of ideas — and not only from those professionally or organizationally involved. The complexity and urgency of the issues require all of our combined energies, skills and resources if we are to have any hope of success. Continued discussion is not only welcome, it is encouraged.

Aaron Brotman

It is necessary, however, to react to some of the many comments that have been made.

We have been told that the report was well- written and presented. It was generally well received. But there were also many comments that some areas had been omitted or should have received greater emphasis. I would like to respond to these comments under three general headings: skepticism, the Israel connection, and education.

- **Skepticism:** This is a valid and acceptable reaction. We have been down this path before and have not addressed some issues satisfactorialy: youth; a better integrated and united community (federations, synagogues, religious divisiveness . . .) .

We agree with and understand this reaction. It is up to us to accept this challenge and prove it is not "business as usual." It is clear that the old way is no longer working and that we must address these concerns with newfound strengths and initiatives.

- **Israel Connection:** A number of people have commented on the lack of recommendations pertaining to our connection with Israel and its bond, in turn, to our people. I believe these comments are justified and indicate a flaw in the report.

We would hope and expect that the Israeli connection will be addressed as part of future recommendations and initiatives.

- Education: Many people have commented that the importance of a formal Jewish education is, as it has always been, at the core of Jewish identity and tradition. The Task Force agrees and includes Jewish education as one of its three listed priorities, together with family life education and initiatives directed to young adults.

We were unable to include specific comments from the Commission on Jewish Education in our report because it has not completed its deliberations (expected by the end of the year), although other educational areas were addressed. Again, we hope and expect that Jewish education initiatives, both formal, informal and throughout the family life cycle, will be implemented.

This brings us to the current status of the Task Force report. The report was presented to the Federation officers, of which I am one, on July 20. After a great deal of intense discussion, two motions were passed which effectively accepted the report and established a small implementation committee (to report back to the officers), acknowledging the urgency of the issues.

This committee reported back to the executive committee and officers of Federation on August 17, establishing in general the approach outlined in the report. The initial funding will not be taken from current projects or from designated funds. Coordination with the Federation's community planning and allocations committee will avoid potential conflict and duplication.

All this has not been achieved without intense discussion (and even negotiation) with the "establishment" (of which I am a part) and the "bureaucracy."

As I have said repeatedly — and once again in this article — in these times it is not "business as usual." I have been criticized by a few people for making these remarks.

Unlike my acceptance of the comments regarding skepticism and the Israel connection, I completely reject the attitude that these are not urgent times requiring extraordinary attention and activity in all the communities of the Diaspora — emphasis on *"in the communities"* — as I believe this is where these issues can be addressed most effectively — in the trenches.

Some national organizations — the Council of Jewish Federations - U.S. Commission, for example — have in my opinion been totally ineffective and bureaucratic in this area. The biggest concerns we have to face are the unnecessary burdens and hinderances of bureaucracies, politics, divisiveness of turf and territory which stifle ideas and energy and alienate many of those whom we are trying to reach.

We must, all of us, move forward with renewed dedication and passion to maintain our current valued leadership and organizations, and to attract those who — with some justification, I believe — feel alienated and/or rejected.

Lastly, for those of you who have had the interest to read this article, but have not read the Task Force report, I urge you to call the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and ask for a few copies to share with your families and friends.

Discuss all or parts of it, even criticize it, but talk about it. We hope that discussion of the issues it raises, and those that evolve, will strengthen each of us, our families, our community, our people and all of humanity.

Bubbie helped me rediscover my Jewish roots

By MARCY GOLDMAN
Special to The CJN

Sadly, but not unalterably, I came a little late to my Jewish roots.

My parents had decided that organized religion held little appeal for them. They were unusual people; my mother, in her quest for universality, kept a warm and heimish home, but one wherein Jewish customs went by the wayside. My father disliked anything that had a label, and staunchly maintained that all groups — Jewish, Catholic, most clubs and fraternities — were all indeed one sort of segregation or another, since each included or excluded on an arbitrary basis.

I rarely went to shul as a child and sadly, when I did, all my peers, and even some adults, expressed incredulity at my presence. I could have come from another planet.

I experienced Passover on a regular basis through the gracious invitations of my aunt, who made sure all were welcome at her Seder table. My only Hebrew words were Shalom and my own name, Marcia, after Moses.

But when I was eight, my life changed a little. My grandmother, who was blind, came to live with us.

Getting used to sharing my room with her was no problem. I was just young enough to be delighted to have a roommate — and one who never tired of my after-school chatter at that.

More traditional than anyone else in my experience, and truly spiritual, she was a strong influence in my life — only it took me 30 years to figure this out.

Although my grandmother was generally a most undemanding, peaceful sort, she insisted that I light her Sabbath candles — a poignant, pathetic gesture between a blind bubbie and a reluctant granddaughter. I would watch her intone the prayer in this house of seafood-eaters, her see-nothing eyes gazing into history.

"Marcy," she would ask gently, "please point me toward the light."

I would oblige, gently holding her shoulders and pivoting her slowly to face the solid brass candlesticks. We were usually alone — no other adult even to ask why I was allowed to light matches unsupervised, although divinely blessed, no doubt.

She sang the blessing — I had no idea what she was saying, but in spite of myself, I found her mystic; and in spite of her blindness, I knew she had a unique vision, but one I was not yet ready to share.

Sometimes she said, despite her blindness, she could just barely make out two pinpoints of light, the flicker of the two candles as they glowed.

My grandmother has been gone some time and it is a lifetime ago since I was a granddaughter. In these parts I'm known as "Mom" — big time. But the intervening years had an effect — proof that time is not just quantitative.

Just to let you know, Bubbie, I came back.

Now a parent of my own three sons, I have made a decision not to live on the outside of Judaism but to approach the inner side. And each year, I layer on another coat of my own Jewishness. I no longer pick apples on Rosh Hashanah or mark other holy days simply by baking a larger brisket. We no longer gear up on Friday nights, we quiet down.

There are Hebrew lessons to drive to, raisin challahs to be pummelled and baked, Jewish history and stories to read to myself and my kids, a sukkah to build during the nippy, drizzly days of October, and a host of people, my community, to meet at shul and pray with, and with whom to exchange heartfelt, holiday sentiments.

It is not easy finding your way back to your heritage. And like many other slightly marginal Jews of my generation, I feel awkward with my lack of knowledge of shul protocol, Jewish rituals, and the Hebrew language itself.

I fumble even as my young sons are certain I am guiding them on a well-charted course. Sometimes I almost give in to my feelings of discomfort and stray from mainstream Jewish events and activities.

But then I think: is my discomfort sufficient to forfeit yet another generation? Can I look my sons in the eye as the years roll by, and excuse myself from denying them the basic Judaic traditions simply by saying I was never the religious type? I figure they can always reject things later on. But it is easier to divest yourself of extra baggage than load up on what you're missing at a later date.

So I sit in shul and sometimes squirm, trying to find patterns in prayers and songs that alternately elude and mesmerize me. But I take heart that my sons are blandly comfortable and my eldest kindly points out to me where we are in the prayer book — beaming with his mastery of the simple Hebrew words. I see a black and white blur on the page — he sees letters that make up words that have a meaning.

I take heart that often, another synagogue member will whisper what page we are on and guide me, as I guided my grandmother, towards some sort of light.

What comforts me is the realization finally that, while one needn't be religious to be spiritual, a little ritual is necessary to modern living.

At our home on Fridays my husband strives to come home early, the candles are lit, the kippahs are on, and all is (relatively) serene. And I think of my grandmother and my days as her resistant lighter of the Sabbath tapers.

Bubbie, I wish you could see us now — how you would adore my boys and they you. How gratified you would be to know I am no longer a reluctant outsider but clumsily attempting to be a full participant in the whole tapestry.

But I am sure the scent of the fresh baked challah finds its way to paradise and sometimes it seems the candles are extra bright.

And I know wherever you are, I would no longer have to turn you toward the light.

World

Palestinians take control over civilian affairs

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Pressing forward with the next phase of the Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative, the Israeli Cabinet has unanimously ratified an agreement that transfers control over civilian affairs to Palestinians throughout the West Bank.

The Cabinet took the step despite calls from Israeli opposition leaders for the ministers to suspend the accord because of a terrorist attack within Israel's borders recently that left two Israelis dead.

The so-called "early empowerment" agreement, which was initialed last week by Israel and Palestinian authorities, provides for the transfer of control to the Palestinians over taxation, education, health, social welfare and tourism.

The timing for the implementation of the accord, which was approved August 27 by the Palestinian governing authority, still has to be worked out.

However, because of the start of the new school year on Sept. 1, control over education in the West Bank's seven school districts officially fell under Palestinian control last week.

The overall agreement was to be signed Monday, August 29 at the Erez checkpoint separating the Gaza Strip and Israel by the leaders of the two negotiating teams, Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild for Israel and his Palestinian counterpart, Nabil Sha'ath.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat had originally been scheduled to sign the accord at Erez. It was unclear whether the terrorist attack near Tel Aviv on August 26 was responsible for the change.

In that incident, Shlomo Kepach, 22, of Holon, and his friend Gil Revah, 21, of Bat Yam, were found with their throats slashed at a construction site in Ramle, where they were working on the installation of an elevator for a new five-story building.

A search began for the two when their families grew concerned that the men had not returned home from work at the usual hour. Police were summoned to the construction site after a foreman found the two bodies lying in pools of blood on the fourth and fifth stories of the newly constructed building.

Police found a blood-stained knife as well as a pack of cigarettes that had the word "Hamas" inscribed on it.

Members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement later claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was the third of five attacks planned in reprisal for the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

In its statement, Hamas said it would strike two more times before the end of the year.

However PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said last Sunday that the two Israelis murdered in Ramle were apparent victims of a labor dispute, not a politically motivated terror attack.

"As I have been informed it was a confrontation between the two workers and the owners of the work. It escalated and they have done this crime ... It was not a military operation at all ... They escaped, we don't know where they are," Arafat told Reuters.

Arafat's surprising statement angered Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who called it "sheer nonsense." It ignored the Hamas claim of responsibility for the attack. Israeli police say they know the identity of the five Palestinian workers.

The August 26 attack was the first on a target within Israel since the implementation of Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and the West Bank enclave of Jericho in mid-May.

Police officials said no arrests were made, but that they suspected the murders were carried out by Palestinian workers.

Police subsequently staged a nationwide sweep for Palestinians working within Israel without government-issued work permits.

According to police officials, more than 200 Palestinians without permits were detained. The police said their Israeli employers, who reap the financial benefits of hiring the low-paid workers, would be subject to heavy fines.

Following the murders, a group of angry Ramle residents gathered in the streets, where they burned tires, threw rocks at police, shouted anti-government slogans and pledged vengeance.

According to the police, 23 Israelis were arrested during the Ramle riots.

Residents of Holon and Bat Yam, the hometowns of the two victims, also held angry demonstrations.

The slain men were buried in the Holon cemetery on August 28.

Israeli opposition leaders called on the government to seal off the territories to prevent Palestinians from working within Israel, a measure taken several times in the past, following terrorist acts against Israelis.

But Rabin rejected calls to impose another closure on the territories. At the Cabinet meeting, he called instead for a crackdown on Israeli employers who offer work to illegal Palestinian workers.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, responding to right-wing calls for the government to suspend the early empowerment agreement, urged a more low-key response. He said that terrorism could best be fought by improving the living conditions of Palestinians.

"There are those who believe we can shoot at Hamas with cannons or with guns and be done with them. We tried that route for many years with partial results," he told Army Radio. "In my opinion, the way to liquidate terrorism is by getting rid of the reasons for it, political and economic."

The agreement on early empowerment represents the second phase of the Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative outlined in the Palestinian self-rule accord signed last September in Washington. The first phase took place in May, with the granting of Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho.

During a Cabinet meeting recess on August 28, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said Israel had decided to go ahead with the latest agreement because it had already been initialed.

But he warned that if the Palestinian governing authority did not take steps to control violence against Israelis by Islamic militants, further phases of the peace process could be imperiled.

Sarid also said Israel was demanding that the Palestinian officials catch and hand over to Israel the militants responsible for last Friday's terrorist attack

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UN body praises Mideast peace process; rejects anti-Israel resolution

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GENEVA — The UN Human Rights Commission has passed a resolution praising progress in the Middle East peace process and calling on all UN member states to extend economic assistance to the three-month-old Palestinian governing authority.

At the same time, the 53-member commission rejected a second resolution that condemned Israel for committing human rights abuses in the administered territories.

It marked the first time since 1968 that Israel was not condemned for its practices in the territories.

The second resolution had been sponsored by Syria, Lebanon and Cuba.

"They have been given a lesson that their negative attitude (toward Israel) is no longer accepted," Yitzhak Lior, the Israeli ambassador to the UN in Geneva, said in reaction to the defeated resolution.

"Israel is no more on the defensive at UN forums," said an American delegate.

Explaining the defeat, delegates to the commission said that African states are no longer willing to back Syria's anti-Israel positions and that instead they are siding with Israel in the hope that Jerusalem will be more helpful to them in the future than Damascus.

JDC SENDS SECOND MEDICAL TEAM TO GOMA

Dr. Richard Hodes, head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee medical team in Goma, Zaire, examines a Rwandan child in the Kibumba refugee camp. [JDC photo]

Continuity debate

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Which brings me to yet another flaw, as I see it: the failure of the task force to identify the spiritual search of our time and to urge community support for those who seek to meet it. Perhaps if teachers of Judaism, even rabbis, had been allowed to sit on the task force, its scope would have been both more broad and more accurate. It would have acknowledged that the synagogue, for all the criticism by Jews who don't wish to pay dues, remains the single most effective institution in the service of Jewish continuity.

Even without the benefit of clergy, though, the task force has produced a good report — as far as it goes. But it does not go far enough. By insulating the local community from the larger context of Diaspora and Israel; by failing to put forward far-reaching proposals that could meet head-on the vexing issues of our time; and by sidestepping the deep spiritual and intellectual challenges before us, it has lost the opportunity to say something significant and to seek to bring us together for a common purpose.

The result, therefore, does not seem to be much more than status quo plus yet another committee. The fact that there aren't any solutions — a fact admitted by the chair of the report in his covering letter — is not a good enough reason to restrain imagination and to be satisfied with the obvious.

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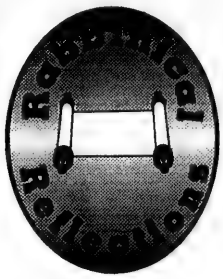

By RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL

The historian Simon Rawidowicz, in an essay entitled, *Israel: The Ever-Dying People*, contended that "There was hardly a generation in the Diaspora that did not consider itself the final link in Israel's chain. Each always saw before it the abyss ready to swallow it up." Yet somehow, the situation today seems different and more urgent.

We arrived at this point as the result of a long process. The historian Jacob Katz describes the period between 1770 and 1870 as a time in which "Jewish communities underwent a transformation that changed their legal status, their occupational distribution, their cultural habits, as well as their religious outlook and behavior." By the end of the 19th century, Jews had made political gains and undergone cultural shifts, but still remained a separate people. As Katz notes, "Jews entered European society but did not merge with it."

But the pace of change accelerated in the 20th century. Seventy-five years ago, the German-Jewish philosopher, Franz Rosenzweig, said the Jew no longer needed to return home at dusk, but "finds his spiritual and intellectual home outside the Jewish world."

The 1990 National U.S. Jewish Population Survey drew a gloomy picture of intermarriage rates, conversion out of our community and increased apathy and ignorance amongst many who do consider themselves Jews.

In response, Jewish federations around North America have established commissions on Jewish education and continuity which are recirculating many recommendations first suggested by the former Institute for Jewish Life of the early 1970s.

The Israeli and Diaspora political leadership are calling for increased opportunities for teenagers to visit Israel. Informal and whole family education is advocated as an effective strategy for "opening up" the joys of Jewish life to the many disaffected.

While this burst of activity and programming is all to the good, we must acknowledge that Jewish indentification is both profoundly personal and determined by many factors, most of which are beyond our control. Moreover, all of these efforts are predicated upon a satisfactory answer to a question which is often not articulated publicly, yet which constitutes the heart of contemporary dialogue between parents and children. Dennis Prager writes that it is "by far the most important question facing the Jewish people today" — Why be Jewish?

This appears to be a new question on the table of the Jewish community. Until recently, we answered functional questions of how to be Jewish, such as "Am I allowed to attend a wedding during the month after my mother's death?" or "What should I do to make my house kosher?" We are used to explaining about our history, politics or culture. But, as Barry Holtz contends, in an essay which has inspired this meditation, in an open environment, against tremendous cultural competition, we must now be prepared to make the case for why being Jewish is of ultimate concern.

On Rosh Hashanah, we read of the birth of Issac after many years of unfulfilled hopes. We also read of the Aggadah, the almost-sacrifice of that same child. Perhaps, in the selection by our Sages of those narratives for review during the Day of Remembrance and Judgement, we may find some suggestions as to how to respond to our modern concerns.

First of all, Abraham and Sarah exhibit trust in God. They follow the Holy One to a land they do not know; Abraham brings their son to a mountain he has not yet seen. The first reason for being Jewish is belief: follow God in faith that the Holy One has a plan and a destiny for me. Out of this comes a vision of holiness and a sense of being commanded.

We are told by the Torah that when Abraham and Sarah left Haran, they departed with "the souls they made" there. They left with others and ultimately became the ancestors of a family which would preserve the convenant as a privilege. The second reason for being Jewish is belonging: being part of a community of memory and meaning in a world where multiculturalism actually serves to obscure the communal connections which add meaning to my life.

When the three visitors to Abraham's tent leave after the prophecy that "next year at this time, Sarah will have a son," two of them go on to Sodom, where they attempt to extricate Lot from an environment of violence and immortality. They want Lot to join an encompassing civilization with ideals and behaviors not doomed to destruction. The third reason for being Jewish is to be part of a culture and civilization which has a paideia, a holistic vision of "the good life."

God promises Abraham that he will become the ancestor of a people which will be a blessing to all the people of the earth. The fourth reason for being Jewish is that we are Abraham's children and we have a proud and distinguished history which should be preserved by our living presence. Moreover, the ethical teachings of our Torah require us to enter the larger world and work to bring about a society and planet which is fit to become the Dominion of God. We are called upon to be a commonwealth of priests and a holy nation so that we can be a blessing to others.

Another reason for being Jewish is that our work is incomplete. As a part of that commitment to a better world, we are also linked to the State of Israel in its dream to be a "light to the nations" and by its efforts to uplift the Jewish people in our homeland and throughout the Diaspora.

Finally, after all his difficult experiences, Abraham comes to Moriah, the mountain where God is seen. Judaism provides wise guidance to us in our quest to make sense of our lives. Our sacred texts — the Torah, Talmud and later writings and commentaries — speak with tremendous insight to the challenges we face in contemporary life. Our ritual life — the Days of Awe, the Shabbat Queen, the Royal Table — gives us a way of living which enables us to pass on morality, wisdom and ethics to our children. Our tradition teaches us not only about how to be "in the world," but also how to cultivate the inwardness which is necessary for being with God. We should be Jewish because the way of Torah is a path of deep and profound authenticity which helps us to make sense of our lives, teach our children a joyous way of life, and lead us to experience the presence of God.

As "members of the tribe" we must begin to articulate to each other, our children and our grandchildren why we are Jewish. We must tell our personal stories and histories in ways that, until now, we may have been reluctant to share. As Joan Didion, the writer, once observed, "We tell ourselves stories that we might live."

Abraham and Sarah had no historical tradition to draw upon to justify their path away from Haran. They no doubt revealed their spiritual insights and experiences to others. They aspired to be like the stars of heaven. We are blessed with the record of their encounters as well as the stories and traditions of subsequent generations.

Continuity depends on a living Judaism anchored by strong family traditions, good education and innovative programming. But it must be nourished by fidelity and hope. It is time to tell our stories — of our past and of our anticipated future — so that our people will continue to flourish and shine like the stars in the sky.

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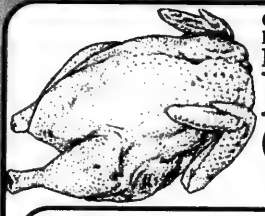

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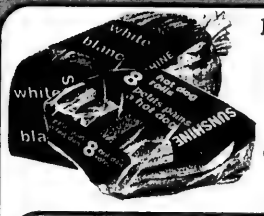

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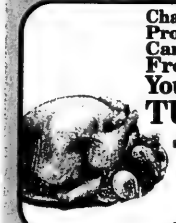

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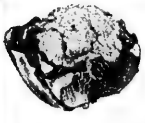

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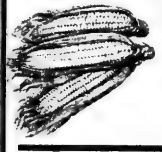

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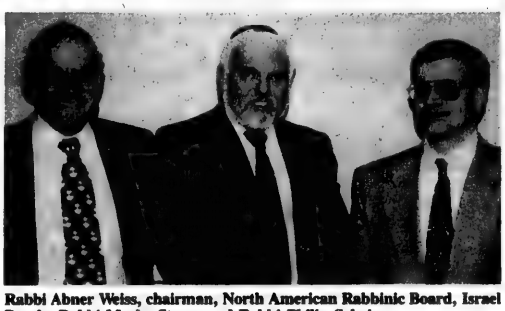
TORONTO — The North American rabbinic chair for State of Israel Bonds has issued a vigorous counter-attack against the controversial views of Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister.

Beilin has repeatedly said Israel no longer needs financial assistance from the Diaspora.

Rabbi Abner Weiss, speaking last week in Toronto, called Beilin's comments "extraordinarily irresponsible." He said some of his U.S. colleagues are using Beilin's remarks to justify poorly planned or non-existent Israel Bond campaigns this year.



Rabbi Abner Weiss, chairman, North American Rabbinic Board, Israel Bonds; Rabbi Moshe Stern; and Rabbi Philip Scheim.

However, according to Rabbi Weiss, economic reality contradicts Beilin's assertions, and Bond dollars are required more than ever. He told a delegation of Toronto rabbis from all denominations that Israel will need $40 billion during the rest of this decade to absorb new immigrants. Twenty billion dollars will be Israel's responsibility alone. United States loan guarantees will account for another $10 billion, leaving a $10 billion gap which must be met by world Jewry.

"If there is a government in Israel that angers the United States, the loan guarantees will cease immediately," he said.

With the unemployment rate for new immigrants dropping from about 40 per cent to 13 per cent, the impact of Bond dollars, said Rabbi Weiss, is plain to see. Israel recently raised rates to as high as eight per cent on Bonds available in Canada.

"The government of the State of Israel is not stupid enough to be increasing interest on money loaned to it, if it doesn't need the money," Rabbi Weiss said.

Community reaches out to help Rwanda

TORONTO — The Jewish Community here is responding speedily and generously to an appeal for Rwanda relief funds.

Over $30,000 has been collected in two weeks, through a fundraising drive initiated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region (CJC).

"The Jewish community's response to the Rwandan tragedy attests to its compassion," said Gerda Friedberg, chair of CJC's Ontario region. "Our focus is to do our part in alleviating the suffering."

Local contributions are being sent to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in New York, which is coordinating the relief efforts of North American Jewry. The JDC, which was active in Somalia, is setting up an aid facility in Tanzania, for the victims of the Rwandan conflict.

Among the Toronto donations are more than 11,000 tablets of Ciproflaxicon, valued at about $20,000, from Miles Canada and Kohlers Distributing in Hamilton. Ciproflaxicon is the only medication that has proven itself effective against the many diseases from which the Rwandan refugees are suffering.

"The misery of Rwanda is not just an African tragedy. It's a global tragedy, and our Jewish community, thousands of miles from the front lines, is responding in a very special way," noted Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto president Bernie Ghert.

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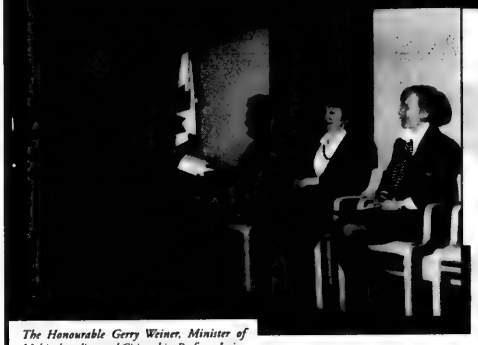

The Honourable Gerry Weiner, Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship; Professor Irving Abella; York President Susan Mann; Gail Guthrie Valaskakis, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science, Concordia University.

York's programs in Jewish Studies offer students a Bachelor of Arts degree or a combined Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education degree.

York has offered Jewish Studies courses for over a quarter of a century. A Centre for Jewish Studies was established in 1989 for the purpose of opening up new areas of teaching and research, and to strengthen relationships with the Jewish community. In its brief existence, the Centre has done much to advance the teaching and study of Judaica at York. Recently, the University initiated a course in Sephardic Studies. In the coming year, new courses on Jewish Law, Judaism in Canada, and Canadian Jewish History will be offered.

Areas of focus within York's Centre for Jewish Studies include: Classical Jewish Learning; Teacher Education; the Jewish Community in Canada; Sephardic Culture; Canada-Israel Relations; Holocaust Studies; Contemporary and Medieval Jewish Thought; Jewish Communal Public Policy; Jewish Law; Jews in Film, Sports, Recreation and Leisure.

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These include:

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- A cooperative research and lecture agreement with the ***Jerusalem Institute for Public Affairs.***
- A cooperative arrangement with the ***International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization*** under the auspices of the President of Israel. A joint project between the International Center and York's Centre on the study of Jerusalem is under consideration.
- A joint research program in Canadian Jewish Studies with ***Concordia University*** in Montreal, funded through an endowment grant from the Ministry of Multiculturalism and Citizenship.
- Links with scholars and programs at universities in Canada, the United States, and Israel.

Wolinsky Lectures

The Leonard Wolinsky Lecture Series, which serves both the University and the general community, has focused on significant themes in Jewish life and, over the years, has hosted a number of outstanding scholars. In 1993, the series theme was Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. The 1994 lectures dealt with antisemitism and nationalism in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Dreyfus case. These Lectures have done much to strengthen the long-established connection between Jewish Studies at York and the Toronto Jewish community.

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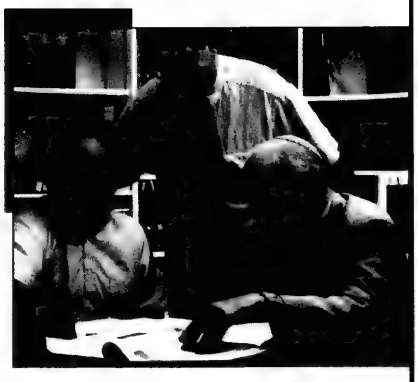

Professors Irving Abella, Michael Brown and Syd Eisen examine a recent addition to the Jewish Studies collection at the York Library.

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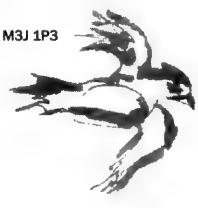

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Sharp speaks out for united Canada

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Without French Canadian society, Canada would be a dull, smaller version of the United States, according to Mitchell Sharp, adviser to Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Sharp, 83, was speaking at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at the 75th anniversary dinner of Metro Toronto B'nai Brith Lodge. He delivered both a strong message of Canadian unity and advice on how to achieve it.

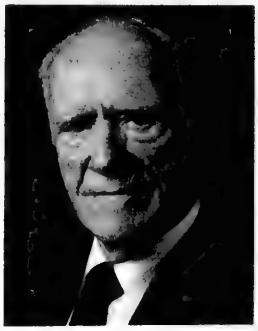
"The best way to promote the cause of unity is to demonstrate that while those who advocate separation are mistaken in their views, we regard them as fellow Canadians with whom we expect to be associated in citizenship for a long time," he said.

"I cringed when I heard some ignorant, narrow-minded Canadians say, 'Let them go. We'd be better off without them.' That kind of talk plays right into separatists' hands. They want to create the impression that English-speaking Canadians are intolerant."

Sharp credited the dual existence of Canada's English- and French-speaking societies with stimulating tolerance.

When the Winnipeg native first arrived in Ottawa in 1942 to work as an officer of the Department of Finance, there were no French Canadians in top public service jobs, he said.

Interestingly, at that time the dearth of French Canadians "wasn't particularly noticed," Sharp said. "That just seemed to be the way it was." Today almost one-third of the top jobs are filled by French Canadians, he said.



Mitchell Sharp

Sharp surmised that the Jewish community might have "a better understanding" of the Quebec situation than other groups, given that both Jewish and French communities have struggled to retain a culture.

The veteran politician, a former Minister of Finance and Toronto-area MP in the 1960s, is optimistic about the future of Canada, he said. His optimism is based on the flexibility of the Canadian constitution and his belief that most Canadians love Canada even though we don't "parade our patriotism."

Sharp also spoke briefly about Israel, expressing the hope that "the spirit of B'nai Brith — people helping people — will prevail in the negotations with the Palestinians, the Jordanians and hopefully the Syrians."

Sharp was introduced and thanked by lodge member Charles Chaplin.

The celebratory evening, attended by close to 180 people, marked 75 years of a B'nai Brith lodge presence in Toronto. The original Toronto lodge was the only one in Toronto for over two decades. The late Nathan Phillips, who was to become a mayor of Toronto, was its president in the early 1920s.

By the 1940s, lodge membership had grown to over 800, and groups broke off to form new lodges. Metro Toronto lodge includes four of those lodges — Empire, Forest Hill, Eglinton and Sportsmen's — which merged again with the original lodge over the past decade.

Metro Toronto Lodge has a strong history of community involvement. It has "nurtured and helped hundreds of charities," said emcee Murray Ehrlick. The lodge lends annual financial support to almost three dozen organizations, including the Jewish National Fund, Baycrest Centre, the Salvation Army, Canadian Cancer Society, Tel Aviv University and the Magen David Adom.

The original lodges which now comprise Metro Toronto Lodge have "contributed to a page in the history of Canadian Jewry," said Brian Morris, president of B'nai Brith Canada (BBC). "You have passed on a torch which burns even more brightly today."

Frank Dimant, BBC executive vice-president, reflected on the historic events witnessed by lodge members over the years and spoke of Jewish unity in the wake of recent terrorist attacks on Jewish targets.

Lodge president Allen Feig spoke of Jews being brought together by the early calendar date of Rosh Hashanah this year as well as by recent incidences of anti-Semitic terrorism. B'nai Brith brings Jews together on a year-round basis. "If we act together as Jews, we will survive as Jews," he said.

Twelve lodge members were honored in a candlelighting ceremony. Harvey Borden, a past president of two constituent lodges, paid tribute to past presidents.

Lodge member Jack Constant recited the motzi and read a prayer for peace which he had composed.

North York appoints Yaffe chief medical officer of health

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Dr. Barbara Yaffe was recently appointed the medical officer of health for North York by order of City Council.

Yaffe, a North York resident and mother of two young children, ages 4 and 6, has served as an associate medical officer of health in the City of Toronto Public Health Department for the last seven years.

She says, "The Public Health Department at North York has an excellent reputation . . . with its teaching health unit, research teams and excellent staff. It is known as a centre of excellence and I feel I can contribute in a meaningful way to the department."

The 39-year-old North York resident has been actively involved with the Greater Toronto Area Medical Officers of Health group, where she served on several committees including communicable disease control, TB policy and health promotion. Last year, she spent six months working on streamlining Toronto's public health department.

Yaffe told *The CJN* that the mission of the North York Public Health Department is to improve the health of people in the City of North York through health promotion, disease prevention and health protection.

"Planning and working with the community, we anticipate, identify and respond to community health needs. We are a teaching health unit in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Health and the University of Toronto. Thus, education and research are integrated to our operation."

The programs and services in the department are mandated under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

As North York's commissioner and medical officer of health, Yaffe heads a staff of 280 professionals.

"I am responsible to the board for the management and administration of the mandated programs and services," she says. "My job involves health planning; policy development; consulting internally and externally to hospitals, physicians, community agencies and groups; research; and teaching."

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Minyan organized in Danforth area

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Things are changing in the Riverdale/Danforth area of Toronto. For the first time, a minyan has been organized and Jewish residents in that section of the city will have High Holy Day services as well as services throughout the year.

Over the years, a few Jewish businesses have been found in the area. Nevertheless, there has never been a deeply rooted Jewish community. The neighborhood does, however, have two of Canada's oldest Jewish cemeteries, on Jones Avenue and on Pape Avenue.

"Recently, many Jews, primarily from the arts, have moved into the area," says Israeli-born Canadian documentary director, Simcha Jacobovici, who lives in the neighborhood with his wife Nicole and 6-month-old daughter Ziva Esther.

Jacobovici explains that until recently, those who attended services on High Holy Days or at other times, would drive to a shul in the north. "Now a small group of us has started a weekly minyan in my house."

Through a mailing and by word-of-mouth, the news has spread that a minyan had been formed in the east end.

Jacobovici says, "We meet every Shabbat, perform the service, have the best kiddush in town, and then study the parshah while the children play and run around."

Jacobovici says, "It is our intent, once the core group has grown, to move into more permanent facilities and start a full-fledged shul." He notes that the group would be pleased to have others join the fledgling group for a minyan or for the High Holy Day services.

The High Holy Day services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be held in the area for the first time, and it seems fitting, given the ethnic makeup of the neighborhood, that the services will be held in the Athenian Garden Restaurant on Danforth Avenue, says Jacobovici.

Greek owner grew up with Jews

"The owner is a Greek and he grew up with Jews prior to the Holocaust in a small village near Salonica, which was a major Sephardic Jewish community prior to the war. He was delighted to make one of the rooms available to our minyan for the holidays."

He notes that Aish HaTorah will provide a sefer Torah and a rabbi for the High Holy Days.

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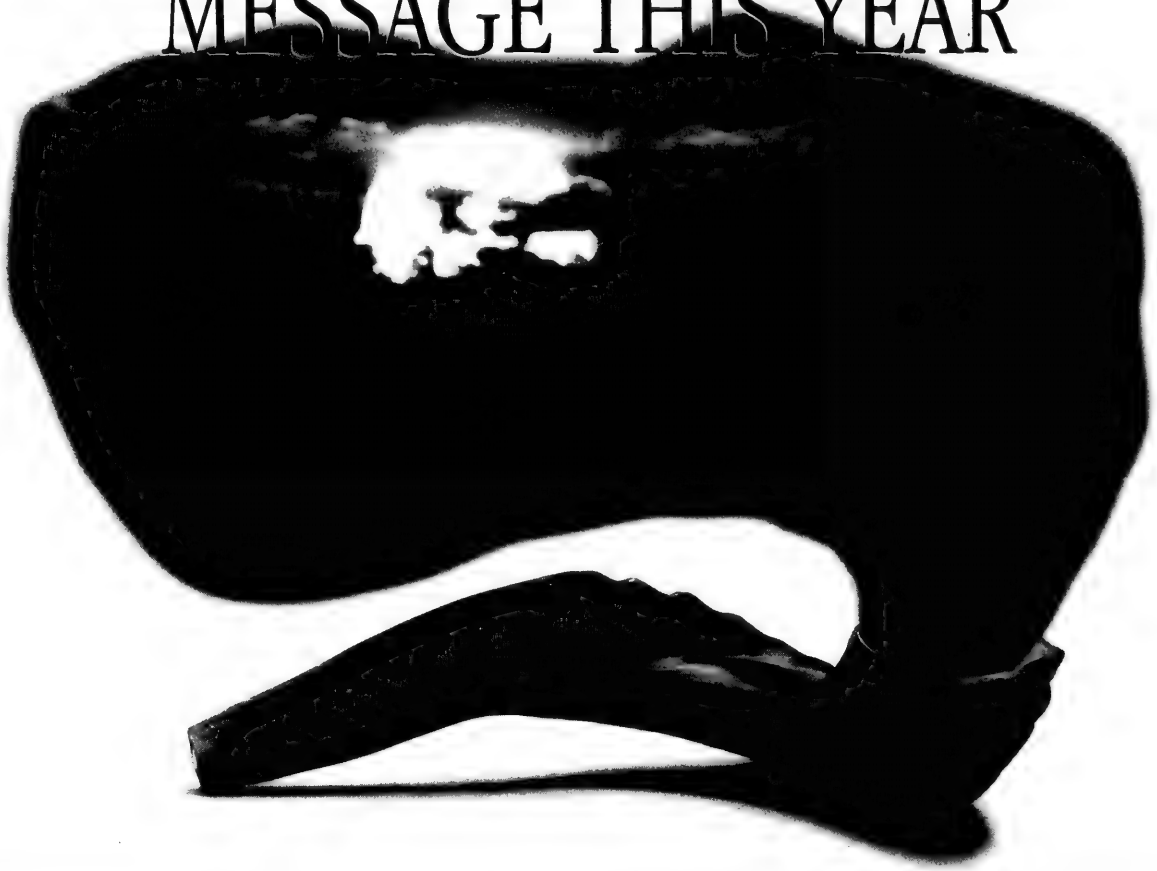

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Branson seeks funds for needed CAT scanner

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Bert Raphael

TORONTO — North York Branson Hospital serves many people in the Jewish community of Metro.

To provide better and more efficient service to its patients, Branson needed a CAT scanner and other new equipment, as well as renovations to the east wing of the hospital, says Bert Raphael, chair of the hospital's Partners in Health fundraising campaign.

The campaign, with a goal of $2 million, is well under way, says Raphael, a senior partner in the law firm, Paroian, Raphael, Courey, Cohen & Houston, who has been active for years in many community activities.

"We are pleased that the CAT scanner is now installed, a new chronic ventilation unit is operational, an intermediate care unit has been completed and is operational, and other significant renovations are in progress," says Raphael.

"These recent acquisitions and renovations were required to bring our quality of care up to the high standards the hospital set when it was founded in 1957 by the Seventh Day Adventists."

Until recently, patients requiring CAT Scans were sent to neighboring hospitals for this service.

Rapahael told *The CJN* that "a vast number of patients — some 3,500, more than one in four patients plus emergency patients — are Jewish. Many of them are quite elderly and live in the Bathurst Street corridor."

The Jewish community is characterized by a population that is aging more rapidly than the provincial average and it has one of the highest older adult ratios in the city. It is well documented that aging and an increased need for health care services are related.

He notes that the hospital makes kosher meals available. Branson, which has many Jewish doctors on its staff, offers a wide range of medical services for both inpatients and outpatients of North York and beyond.

He adds that he is pleased that the Jewish community is well represented on the hospital's board of directors, whose members include Harley Mintz and Norman Gardiner.

Raphael explains that in these difficult times of government restraint hospitals look to private donors to make up the financial shortfall and provide the quality of service that people need and expect.

Branson Hospital was the first active-treatment fully-accredited public general hospital to be established in North York. For almost four decades, the hospital has continued to keep up with advances in medical services through modernization of facilities and the introduction of upgraded programs and equipment.

Raphael, who was the honoree in the Legal and Accountants Division of the State of Israel Bonds, also serves as legal counsel to the Canadian Jewish Congress national committee for Soviet Jewry and the Reena Foundation. He has received many tributes for his voluntary activities in the Jewish community, including work for the United Jewish Appeal, for the apprehension of Nazi war criminals, and in the field human rights.

Raphael says he accepted the chair of the Partners in Health campaign "because I felt that there was an obligation in the Jewish community to repay North York Branson Hospital for the services it has rendered."

He appeals to the entire Jewish community, particularly those living in North York, to contribute to the hospital's campaign "since they and their friends and relatives are the ultimate beneficiaries of a first-rate hospital facility."

Branson has been the busiest transfer site in Metropolitan Toronto by a wide margin, notes Raphael. It also ranks as a CAT referral leader across the province. This referral rate reflects the extremely active North York Branson Hospital patient programs.

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Rabbi Emanuel Carlebach of the House of Israel Synagogue in Ste. Agathe, Quebec carries the new sefer Torah donated to the shul by Lily Bass on its journey across Lac des Sables. Bass is seated at right (facing camera); Rabbi Ephraim Shmuckler, the scribe, stands under the chupah; and Montreal Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung is seated second from left (back to camera). [Ya'acov Bauer photo]

Sefer Torah goes down the lake

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

STE. AGATHE — It's a sight country-cottagers whiling away a summery Sunday around the lake are not likely to soon forget.

A wide-bodied pontoon sped down Lac des Sables with a bearded young rabbi in a long black coat standing in front holding high a sefer Torah, its silver crown glinting in the sun, waving as he went by.

On board, others, including Montreal Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung, danced and sang as the boat, decorated with a large Israeli flag and blue and white balloons made its way across the lake to the House of Israel Synagogue.

Behind followed over 30 motor boats of all shapes and sizes — from little skittering Sea-doos to hulking barges — forming a flotilla escort.

The occasion was the dedication of a new Torah scroll donated to the congregation by Lily Bass and her family in memory of her husband Louis Bass, who passed away about a year ago. The scroll, whose monetary value is about $40,000 (U.S.), was handwritten in Israel and was flown to Montreal, sitting in a first-class seat on El Al Airlines beside Lily Bass.

To complete the image of travel by air, land and sea, the congregation, led by Rabbi Emanuel Carlebach, an energetic young Lubavitcher, hit upon the idea of taking the scroll out on the picturesque, mountain-ringed lake for the mile or so trip from the Bass home to the synagogue.

As is customary, a few letters of the Torah remained unfinished. The completion took place back on the verandah of the Bass residence, under the watchful eye of scribe, Rabbi Ephraim Shmuckler as dozens of people, most of them up from Montreal for the weekend, looked on.

From there, the scroll was carried under a white and gold-braid wedding chupah to the dock at the bottom of the yard and onto the pontoon with Rabbi Carlebach holding it aloft. A police officer on a Sea-doo led the procession.

"It was an amazing sight. I've been coming here for over 20 years and have never seen anything like it," said lawyer Irwin Liebman, chair of the event. "We've done some research and can't find anywhere else this has been done."

Scroll paraded through the crowd

The boaters were cottagers from around the lake, most of whom are affiliated with House of Israel, the only synagogue functioning year-round in Quebec, outside of Montreal and Quebec City. Built in 1953, the synagogue underwent a major renovation a couple of years ago and has about 800 members, mostly Montrealers with summer homes or skiers in winter, who represent the spectrum of Jewish denominations. At least 300 are expected for the High Holy Days.

The Basses are longtime members and owned a hotel in the area.

A motorcade of about 35 cars drove from the Bass home to the synagogue, and when the boats arrived about 200 people were on the shore waiting and making merry.

Many more joined in at the little synagogue, which overflowed with people on its steps and out onto the street. Police had their hands full keeping order between the ecstatic Torah parade and athletes running and cycling in a triathlon.

The new scroll, still under the chupah, was "greeted" by the House of Israel's other nine sifrei Torah, which were carried outside the synagogue. Rabbi Carlebach compares the sacred five books of Moses, which are believed to reveal G-d's will, to children. Both are so precious, he says, one can never have too many.

At the shul, the Torah was again joyously paraded through the crowd which had swelled to beyond capacity. Cantor Ya'acov Motzen of Adath Israel Congregation came from Montreal to conduct the service.

Rabbi Carlebach saw the event as particularly auspicious. Three days earlier, Bass' daughter Shanna Gomolin gave birth to a boy, the first grandchild. The infant witnessed the completion of the Torah from his pram on the verandah, while his mother spoke of the event as a memorial to her father and a celebration of life.

Holding back tears, Bass said she felt her late husband's presence, and another daughter, Heidi, in a d'var Torah, said the preservation of the Torah has allowed Jews to "transcend a tragic history."

Family, friends and shul officials symbolically assisted the scribe in completing a letter with a traditional white quill. A band played joyful songs.

As Heidi said, finishing just one letter is equivalent to the mitzvah of writing the entire work, in God's eyes.

Among those so honored was Shay Dubrofsky, former longtime president of the House of Israel, now well over age 90.

Then all the children under bar/bat mitzah age were invited to take part by Rabbi Carlebach as "guarantors of the Torah."

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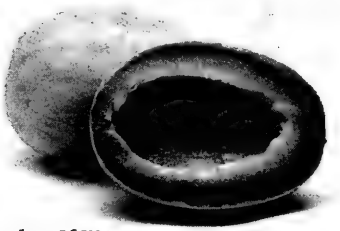

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Women's yeshiva in Jerusalem is started by U.S. educator

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Holly Pavlov believes that love and support are key elements of success in any school. At She'arim College of Jewish Studies for Women, which Pavlov opened in the Har Nof area of Jerusalem this year, she herself is the key element in a multidimensional Jewish learning experience.

An American educator who made aliyah in 1983, Pavlov grew up in a "non-traditional" Jewish home in Philadelphia and decided at the age of 12 that she wanted to become observant.

Holly Pavlov

A graduate of New York's Stern College, Pavlov, 44, is the mother of seven children ranging in age from 7 to 22, and the grandmother of one. Her husband, Yossi, is an American-born psychologist.

Before opening She'arim, which caters to English-speaking women who have made a commitment to keep kosher and observe Shabbat, Pavlov spent 10 years as educational director of Midreshet Rachel, another women's Torah study institute in Israel.

Pavlov's intellectual standards, common sense and motherly concern all play a role in her educational philosophy. "When you teach, you teach the whole person. You can't separate the mind from the soul," she said in a recent interview in Toronto. The city was her only Canadian stop in a three-week North American fundraising and staff recruitment tour.

Pavlov demands both intellect and warmth from her teaching staff. "The teacher has to care deeply about the student on every level. I only hire staff who are interested in being involved with students beyond the classroom," she said.

The staff includes both women and men. Although Pavlov feels strongly about the benefits of learning in an all-female environment, she wants her students, many of whom are newly observant, "to see normal, healthy males *and* females [who are Orthodox]."

Because she believes that informal education is just as important as formal education, teachers must be willing to host She'arim students on Shabbat.

Pavlov wants to provide her students with a model of how to live "a normal family life" in a religious way instead of just presenting Judaism "in an idealized form" in the classroom.

As a ba'alat teshuvah (someone who has chosen to become observant) and a mother who understands how parents feel when their children choose a different lifestyle, she encourages students not to "throw away their past. We're not looking to cut the person off from their parents or their life. I feel a lot of empathy. Our experience is that people can use everything in their past."

Classes at She'arim in subjects such as Navi, Chumash and Halachah are run chevrusah-style, with women studying in pairs. Pavlov favors this "more creative, less passive" form of learning which she says fosters the ability to learn independently.

"This way the students won't always have to go to a lecture to learn. They will be able to learn by themselves," she said.

Students can attend She'arim for three months to a year. So far there are 25 part-time students. The institute will offer full-time classes beginning in October. Two levels of study will be offered at first. Pavlov plans to include more advanced studies in the future. A reading knowledge of Hebrew is a prerequisite.

Tuition for full-time classes is $4,000 (U.S.) per year, "but nobody is turned away on the basis of financial need," said Pavlov.

For further information about the school, contact Pavlov at She'arim College of Jewish Studies for Women, P.O. Box 35129, Jerusalem, Israel, or call 972-2-519-148.

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Examining materials unearthed while digging on site. [Kevin Unger photo]

Archeologist Jones discovers lost home of first mishkan

By DAVID BEGOUN AND KEVIN UNGER
Special to The CJN

"And the nation ascended from the Jordan on the 10th day of the first month and encamped at Gilgal on the eastern side of the Jericho." (Joshua 4:19).

Archeologist Vendyl Jones, has stumbled into a wall, only this one he is convinced is the remains of the surrounding walls of the first mishkan (portable sanctuary) erected under Joshua's command at Gilgal.

Immediately upon crossing the Jordan River in the year 2488, the Israelites set up camp at Gilgal at the northern end of the Dead Sea. For the next fourteen years, the mishkan remained there while the Israelites slowly conquered the tribes and cities in the Promised Land.

"The mishkan sat right over there. These are the lines we picked up by satellite in November 1993," said the veteran archeologist.

"The gate to the mishkan courtyard was right here," Jones said, pointing at his feet.

After gaining notoriety for his dicoveries of the kitorit (Temple incense) and a vial of shemen afarsimon (anointing oil) which were found at Qumram in 1988, Jones set out to find the mishkan at Gilgal.

With satellite photography and infrared detection systems, an unexplained rectangular shape was picked-up in the general vicinity which Jones had predetermined to be the biblical site of Gilgal.

Jones immediately compiled his team from family members, former diggers and volunteers who contributed private funds to join the dig.

Shortly after they broke ground, they determined that the dimensions of the wall were in precise ratio accordance with the dimensions of the outer courtyard of the mishkan laid out in the Book of Shemot, Chapter 27.

The outer courtyard, as described in Shemot, is 50 cubits by 100 cubits (most widely accepted to be 25 m x 50 m). The wall that Jones discovered — which he believes to be the outer mechitzah of the mishkan — also has a two to one ratio (63.5 m x 127 m), and a height of exactly one temple cubit (50 cm).

"Why would anyone build a wall only 50 cm high? This wouldn't serve a purpose for keeping any animals in or out. It wouldn't even keep out a rabbit," said the charismatic Jones after whom Steven Spielberg's Indiana Jones character was modeled.

One of most important in biblical history

In the convening tent of the team's headquarters in Kfar Adoumin, Jones — in a safari suit and crash helmet — overflowed with messianic enthusiasm as he described his project: "If this is what we believe it to be, it will be one of the most important finds in biblical history."

Slightly older and less chiseled than the dashing Indiana Jones as portrayed by Harrison Ford, the real Jones is a learned biblical scholar and historian in his own right.

If proven correct, Jones has discovered one of the single most important locations in all of Jewish history — the first Jewish capital in the Holy Land.

It was at Gilgal, immediately upon crossing the Jordan, that Joshua commanded the elders to construct the eternal 12 stone monument, with the entire Torah engraved on it, to testify to the miracles HaShem had performed. Later, the children of Israel were circumcised at Gilgal. Another four days passed before the first Pesach sacrifice in the Land was carried out, and the miraculous manna ceased.

For the next fourteen years the Israelites used Gilgal as the base from which they launched their conquering battles, including the famous battle of Jericho. Daily sacrifices and prayers were held in the courtyard of the mishkan which Jones claims to have found.

With infrared, thermal sensing techniques, which are capable of detecting a 3,000 year old footpath under 40 feet of rainforest and 15 feet of lava flow, Jones is hoping to find either impacted soil from the boards of the mishkan or continual foot traffic in and out of the courtyard.

"We're hoping to find the 12 stones which the Book of Joshua says are eternal. Then we'll see what the critics have to say," Jones said. To date, all that has been found aside from the walls, are pieces of pottery which Jones says date back to the 1300s BCE — the time of Joshua.

Although Jones and his team are confident that they have uncovered the ancient camp at Gilgal, they believe that only if HaShem wills the site of Gilgal to be uncovered, will their work be successful.

"All we can do is put in the effort, but ultimately it's in HaShem's hands," Jones confessed.

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CJC helps campers learn about Israel

Rachel Goodman (left), coordinator of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's summer camp project and assistant Gaela Mintz (right), prepare edible map of Israel for decoration by campers at B'nai Jacob Camp in Niagara Falls. [Rosalie Samosh photo]

NIAGARA FALLS — Youngsters at Niagara Falls B'nai Jacob Camp this summer experienced a new way of learning about the geography of Israel.

They decorated an edible map of the country with dessert toppings brought to them by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region (CJC).

The campers participated in the topographical design after looking over small maps of Israel given to them by CJC staff.

Using an outline of the country on bristol board covered with clear plastic wrap, the children, aged 4 to 10, decorated with chocolate syrup (rivers), coconut sprinkles (communities), chocolate chips (hills), ice cream (deserts) and other tasty edible toppings. Later, the youngsters joyfully ate their creations.

Rosalie Samosh, director of education and programming for 15 years at B'nai Jacob, lauded the CJC's hands-on, multi-media programs. "The annual visit from CJC staffers is always a highlight of our summer," she observed.

CJC, Ontario region has just completed two decades of providing Judaic content programs and resources to camps in the province. The coordinators of the 1994 program, Rachel Goodman and Lily Birimberg, devised this year's project with particular focus on Israel.

The coordinators both took part in the United Israel Appeal's March of the Living 1990 Mission to Poland and Israel, and spent a year in Israel after graduation from high school.

While on the march, the two met Susan Jackson, CJC Ontario region's Director of Community Services and Youth Activities, who supervises the camp program.

A graduate of Toronto's Ulpanat Orot, Lily Birimberg, 21, lived for 14 years in Israel, and is studying education at Touro College in New York City. Rachel Goodman, 21, recent recipient of a BA in psychology from Stern College for Women, is studying for a doctorate in clinical psychology at St. John's University in New York.

In May, the coordinators, assisted by Gaela Mintz, 14, a Grade 10 student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, received an orientation on their work from Jackson and Randie Cartman, a CJC staffer who was the program coordinator two years ago. Subsequently, camps were contacted to enquire about program requirements and scheduling arrangements.

Camps other than B'nai Jacob assisted this year include: Jewish Community Centre day camps in Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor; Simcha, Kitchener; Lubavitch, Toronto; Kidsworld/Funworld, Toronto; and Or Hadash, Newmarket.

This year's menu for camps comprised programs on Israel, Shabbat and Bible heroes for children aged 3 to 5, and 6 to 9. The counsellors and campers seemed to respond most favorably to interactive Israel programs, observed the coordinators.

Tamara Gillier-Ciron, youth director for the Windsor Jewish Community Centre, praised the CJC coordinators "for really reaching out to our 100 campers, especially in their Israel programs emphasizing the past as well as the present-day peace process."

Our challenge was to program for camps and children with different levels of Jewish knowledge, explained the coordinators. They believe that the CJC project is especially important because it services some camps which have little Jewish content in their programming.

"The kids will remember that people came from Canadian Jewish Congress (and in some cases from another city) because CJC feels Jewish continuity and identity is important," said Goodman.

"We endeavored in our program to strengthen the campers' Jewish interest, and create a spark in them to further their knowledge."

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The Case for Grandparent Rights and Responsibilities

In theory, any grandparent has the right to ask the Courts to grant him or her access to a grandchild, even if it is against the wishes of the biological parents. The courts usually have the power to grant custody or access to any person that is appropriate and on such terms that are in the child's best interests. However, many grandparents across the country are complaining that estranged spouses of their children with custody are frustrating proper or, sometimes, any access.

In many cases, such frustration cannot be prevented. On separation, ex-spouses often move to different places because of a new spouse or job opportunity, making access particularly cumbersome, with no one really to blame. However, in some cases, the custodial ex-spouse simply wants to sever all contact with her/his ex-spouse's parents, particularly if they themselves remarry and/or remarry into a different culture. ("Mr. Syrtash, can you believe she moved in with a "shagitz" and my grandchildren are now being raised" etc...) I have received several calls from grandparents who complain about some ex-daughter or son-in-law who makes access difficult. Conversely, I have received a similar number of calls from custodial parents who want their ex-in laws to leave them alone since "they were the ones who contributed to the marital split and are a horrible influence on my kids."

Many grandparents are now lobbying for legislation that would give them special or elevated statutory rights to access. If they succeed, is the right to ask child support from them by ex-daughters-in-law (or ex-sons-in-law) far behind, especially if they can afford to give such support?

In Quebec, grandparents already have a legal obligation to support their grandchildren. The courts in Quebec have acted to enforce such rights in the appropriate cases. However, in the rest of Canada, no such law exists, even if the grandparents had been subsidizing the family for several years. I've had at least a few cases where one of the spouses works (or receives a cheque for tax purposes) in "dad's business". Such a spouse often has only a modest position or earns no real salary. Dad buys a house for the couple (in Dad's name or with a hefty mortgage against the matrimonial home). Dad's business pays for all the expenses, i.e. much of the children's direct or indirect needs: private schools, designer clothing, Disneyworld, and furniture, etc.. But when the party's over, the Court cannot look to the grandparents as having any legal obligations.

The Court can assess the spouse's former lifestyle as an indicator as to his or her "real income". However, the Court looks primarily at the history of the actual receipt of revenue flowing directly to that spouse when assessing the ability to pay child support or a spouse's need for such support. Quite often, the result is that the Courts will disregard what a spouse received from his or her own parents when assessing the spouse's ability to pay or the spouse's real needs, notwithstanding the spouse's own parents' "former" generosity.

Partly for this reason, the living standards of children fall dramatically after separation, particularly when time with their grandchildren is suddenly reduced ("out of sight, out of mind?"). Conversely, where the custodial parent is receiving indirect support from Mom and Dad, some spouses who are paying support may be paying more than their share because "on paper", the custodial parent is earning less revenue than she is actually enjoying.

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Shoppers steps into walkathon

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Shoppers Drug Mart will be competing with Harvey's and Swiss Chalet. But the drug store chain won't be dispensing french fries.

Shoppers Drug Mart and Dinnerex, the restaurant company that operates 23 Harvey's and 33 Swiss Chalet restaurants in Canada, will be competing in the Shoppers Walk for the Cure, a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF).

At the kickoff for this event, David Bloom, Shoppers president, challenged Gabe Tsampalieros, president of Dinnerex, to match the number of participants on his team with the number walking for the Shoppers team.

The walk for JDF, the first of its kind in Canada, will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1994 at Coronation Park on Lake Shore Boulevard. There will be both a 5K and a 10K route. Walk organizers would like participants to register by Sept. 14.

The walk is billed as a family event. There will be entertainment, prizes and a barbecue for participants and their families. CHFI announcer Sandy Hoyt will also be on hand as the honorary celebrity walk chair.

While Shoppers is the main corporate sponsor of this event, other companies like Harvey's, Blacks, and William M. Mercer will be donating supplies, services or prizes.

This event is modelled on the walks that have been taking place for the last five or six years in the United States, said Vince Brewerton, president of the Toronto chapter of the JDF of Canada.

"They're a great success ... in the cities that have them," he said.

Over one and a half million Canadians have been diagnosed with diabetes. About 150,000 of them have juvenile diabetes, which means they're insulin dependent. Complications from diabetes can lead to heart or kidney disease, and blindness.

There is common misconception that insulin is a cure, but it just maintains the disease "in a holding pattern," Bloom said in a brief speech at the kickoff.

"I want to be there on that day in five or 10 years, when I can say to people, 'Hand in your insulin it's no longer required, hand in your needle it's no longer required,' " he concluded.

Bloom has been raising money for JDF for the last 12 years. He became actively involved with the organization when Ryan Belitz, the son of one of Shoppers' senior executives, was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. Last year he was a co-chair of the JDF gala.

The walk organizers want to get corporations to send out teams of employees. "It's not a costly event," said Bloom. "You're asking for their people not their money."

Since the kickoff, Bloom has sent letters to all of Shoppers major suppliers, such as Procter & Gamble, Lever Brothers and Coca Cola, challenging them to a fundraising competition at the walk.

"Will you meet us and can you beat us?" he wrote.

For more information about Shoppers Walk for the Cure call (416) 510-1350.

Baycrest leader honored

TORONTO — Tobie Bekhor, president of the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary and outstanding community volunteer, has received a Canada's Birthday Achievement Award.

Established by the Metropolitan Toronto and District Canada Day Committee 13 years ago as part of Canada Day celebrations, these awards serve to recognize the achievements of volunteers from many different fields, including geriatric, health care, humanitarian work and sports.

Each year, the number of recipients matches the age of the country so that in 1994, 127 people from an area bounded by Oshawa on the east and Niagara Falls on the west received awards. Recipients, representative of all ages and cultural groups, are chosen according to their records of achievement and their number of years of voluntary service.

Tobie Bekhor currently heads the Board of the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, which has a community membership of 3,000 women.

The Auxiliary's activities focus on fundraising through annual events and the management of a gift shop and cafe; public relations and education through a speakers bureau and public health forum; and the provision of hands-on services such as welcome receptions, afternoon teas and sherry luncheons for Baycrest clients.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A.Y.J.A. (Ages 22-35) presents "UJA Community Sunday, Super Party!" Sunday September 18 at Vinefera Bar and Grill 150 Eglinton Ave. E. at 8p.m. Cover $10. Proceeds go to United Jewish Appeal. 416-760-4149

End of Summer Bash! Metro Toronto Singles presents our 5th annual Labour Day Weekend Party at **Berlin** 2335 Yonge St. (North of Eglinton). Sunday September 4th from 8 p.m. Door prize copy of the movie **Schindler's List. No work the next day.** Cover $12. For info 222-7111. Shana Tova to all our customers.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please note these holiday deadlines for What's New and About People —

Thursday, Sept. 8, is deadline for Sept. 22 issue.

Monday, Sept. 12, is deadline for Sept. 29 issue.

Thursday, Sept. 22, is deadline for Oct. 6 issue (back to regular schedule).

I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

WESTERN U ROSH HASHANAH FEAST

Chabad Western is happy to invite any Western students who will be in London, Ont., for the High Holidays to a special Rosh Hashanah celebration. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. at Chabad House, 216 Bernard St. (3 blocks north of Richmond Gates). Services and shofar blowing provided. For information, (519) 673-0153 or (905) 731-6349.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

MEDITATIVE & HEALING SERVICE

Kavannah offers a meditative and healing service with **Rabbi Jerry Steinberg** for the second day Rosh Hashanah, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with kiddush. Tickets $30 available at the Bloor JCC. The community is invited to join in the pre-service silent meditation and chanting (no tickets required), 8:30-9:30 a.m., 288 Bloor St. W. For information, 485-5975.

And What Else Is New...

CHILDREN'S YIDDISH CLASSES

Register now for children's Yiddish classes, kindergarten and elementary grades, to be held Sunday mornings at Associated Hebrew Day School, 250 Finch Ave. W., beginning Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m. These free classes cover the basics of the Yiddish language — reading, writing and conversation, literature, Yiddish holidays, culture, customs and history, plus art and music. Program is sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and the North York Board of Education. For registration and information, phone **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 144, or on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Associated at 9:30 a.m.

FAMILY AFFAIR

The 17th annual commencement of the Block Education Plan of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work was a family affair. On the left, sisters Linda and Susan Brotman are all smiles upon receiving their MSW degrees. On the right, MSW recipient, Ruby W. Kreindler, receives kudos from her daughter Lisa, a third-year student at Wurzweiler.

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YOM KIPPUR WORKSHOP

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning hosts a pre-Yom Kippur workshop on the Book of Jonah with **Rabbi Ben Hollander** of Jerusalem, Sunday, Sept. 11, 7-10 p.m., Barbara Frum Library. Rabbi Hollander is professor of Rabbinics at Hebrew Union College Rabbinic Seminary and teaching assistant at the Hebrew University with Torah scholar **Nehama Leibowitz.** The evening will focus on the spiritual elements of the story of **Jonah** as they relate to Yom Kippur and the theme of repentence and sin. No pre-registration necessary. Cost is $5 at the door. For information, call Kolel, (905) 709-1900.

ATTENTION VENDORS!

The Leah Posluns Theatre is seeking vendors to sell their crafts, clothing, toys, housewares, jewelry, and other unique and/or practical items at its annual Street Sale and Harvest Fair being held Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To book your table, call 636-2720. This event is being held in conjunction with the JCC North Y branch's Fall Festival.

CHICKENS, CHALLAH & HONEY

Chickens, challah and honey are available to those in need at yontef at Pride of Israel Synagogue. Call 226-0111, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

YOGA

Would you like to look better and feel better? Why not join the yoga group at Holy Blossom Temple and increase the energy and vitality in your body by learning some stretching, breathing and relaxation techniques. The next 12-week series begins Thursday, Sept. 22. Registration at 8:45 a.m. Classes are held at Holy Blossom Temple, Room 310, 9-10:30 a.m. and are suitable for women and men of all ages and yoga skill level.

SING WITH THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York, a volunteer choir singing for seniors and the disabled, is looking for singers as it enters its 32nd year of service to the community. While voices in all ranges are always welcomed, especially needed are basses and tenors. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings, 8:15-10:30, at Earl Bales Park Community Centre (Bathurst, south of Sheppard), Room 2, starting Sept. 13. There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not required, only an enjoyment of singing and a sense of humor! Repertoire includes pop, Broadway and folksongs.

Membership fees are $45 per person, $70 per couple with full tax receipt. These fees are necessary for the operation of the Choir as there is no admission charge for concerts. The Choir sings at homes for the aged and seniors' buildings every 4-5 weeks. For more information, **Fay Cohen**, 633-7233 or **Mussey Eisner**, 635-5566 or **Harry Terrance**, 633-0433.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

BETH ISRAEL HEBREW ACADEMY

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy offers a Sunday and/or two evening program in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Energetic teachers and assistants encourage students to learn Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history and Bible through self-expression and creativity. Theatre, music, dance and poetry are integrated with the child's studies. Registration for 1994/95 accepted now. Call **Lillian Benlolo**, (905) 770-1082.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for the City of North York's 1995 Arts, Recreation and General Grants are now available. Not-for-profit North York community-based organizations or not-for-profit organizations providing direct services to the North York community may be eligible. The Grant Program exists to improve the quality of life for residents of North York. The grants help insure that needed programs and services are available and will continue to be provided. Deadline for submitting completed application is 4 p.m., Oct. 31. For information,call Grants Coordinator, 395-6192.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

It's fun for the whole family as United Way (UW) kicks off its annual fundraising campaign with the 12th annual Toronto Walks the United Way Walkathon. Help celebrate the International Year of the Family by bringing friends, family and loved ones to Nathan Phillips Square Sunday, Sept. 11, at 11:30 a.m. You'll have a "yabba dabba doo" good time as you join Fred, Wilma and the rest of the Flintstone gang from Bedrock, along with TV Ontario's Polkaroo on the Square for non-stop entertainment, refreshments and festivities. Pick up your pledge forms at Metro CIBC locations and participating Canada Post Outlets and support the United Way by collecting pledges for your 4-km walk. For information, call UW at 777-2001.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

In 1995 Norwood Child Care will be 200 years old, the oldest Jewish charity in the United Kingdom. Part of the celebrations will be a reunion of ex-residents of the orphanage and homes as well as an exhibition including memorabilia from the early Norwood days. The committee would like to know where you are so that an invitation to the celebrations can be sent to you. Also, any artifacts, photographs or other items of interest would be appreciated. Contact **Sara Kyte**, campaign director, Norwood Child Care, Norwood House, Harmony Way, London NW4 2BZ. Telephone 081 203 3030.

LIVING IN NORTH YORK

Distribution of the 1994/95 *Living in North York* publication to every household in North York was done August 23 and 24. This comprehensive guide outlines city-wide services, events, attractions, schools and public libraries. Residents who have not received *Living in North York* should contact the City of North York Information and Protocol Office, 395-7300.

PART TIME FATHER'S GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering a Part Time Father's Group to help fathers who are not living with their children redefine their role as father while exploring the area of solo parenting. Group begins Oct. 13. For information, **Elinor Gartner**, (905) 882-2331.

KESHET SHALOM SERVICES

Congregation Keshet Shalom, a progressive congregation dedicated to meeting the needs of the Greater Toronto lesbian and gay Jewish community, announces that High Holy Day services will be held in conjunction with the Downtown Reform Minyan. Services, to be held in the Bloor/Avenue Rd. area, will be led by **Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb**, executive director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, and **Jessie Caryll**. For details and ticket information, call the Rainbow Line, 925-1408.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Oct. 3-Jan. 9, from 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Oct. 4-Jan. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons are offered for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

CAN YOU HELP?

Bike-For-Baycrest, a one-day event takes place Sunday, Sept. 11 at Seneca campus in King City. There are lots of ways to help. Up to 80 people are needed for serving food, security, clean-up or registration. There will be an orientation session prior to the event. Call the Volunteer Centre-North York, 631-6117.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., announces that registration for the 1994/95 fall, winter, spring sessions of the Baby, Toddler and Preschool programs will take the form of a draw. Registration cards can be picked up from from Sept. 1-30. For information, 393-7706.

JVS VOLUNTEERS

Jewish Vocational Service is seeking volunteers interested in working with people who are socially, psychiatrically or physically challenged:

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JF&CS GROUPS

Upcoming Jewish Family & Child Service groups include:

Adult Children Losing a Parent — Understand the grief process and move towards acceptance and growth, begins Oct. 19.

Positive Parenting — Preschoolers, school age, teens, begins in October.

Taking Care of Aging Parents — Discuss aging, changing and realistic expectations, begins Oct. 31.

For information concerning fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. NOTES

Maritimers take note — the declaration of in-

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What's New

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dependence of the State of Israel 1948 presented to Beth Torah by Larry and Barbara Gross (picture appeared in August 18 issue), belonged to her late parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.I. Everett of Saint John, N.B.

at the JCC

Come in and pick up a 1994/95 Program Guide at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Registration for fall programs is now underway. Ask about the exciting new Family and Children's Athletic Memberships which include free programs for your child and reduced program fees for adult. Call 924-6211 for more information.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami. A trip to Washington D.C., including the Holocaust Memorial and tour with professional guide takes place Oct. 30-Nov. 3. Package deal $484 Canadian, double occupancy, includes bus and four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel. For information, **Libby**, 782-2059. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Ladies Folkdancing, Tuesdays 1 p.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is accepting reservations for the three-week Israel trip Oct. 31-Nov. 21. Tickets are still available for *Twelfth Night* at Stratford Sept. 29. A fall color cruise is planned for early October to Bobcageon with a visit to Weitung Indian Gallery, kosher lunch included. For information on trips and actiivities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Sept. 1 there's a lecture in Hebrew on the topic Peace with the Arabs — A Dream or Reality. On Sept. 8 an Israeli movie with **Dodo Topaz** will be screened. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — Wednesday, Oct. 12, Stage West to see *Pyjama Tops*, transportation, all-you-can-eat buffet lunch and show (bus departs 10:30 a.m. from Community Centre); Monday, Oct. 17, Atlantic City casino trip, four days, three nights, first class transportation and hotel, Canadian funds (call for more information); Wednesday, Oct. 19, *Show Boat* at North York Performing Arts Centre including transportation (limited seats available). All activities are on as usual. **Esple** will give you all the information, 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour with professional guide Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal, $484 Canadian funds, double occupancy. Will be going to kosher restaurants for three meals daily. Includes bus, four nights at Holiday Inn. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

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Nissim Benjamin

SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

Summer jobs are an investment in Canada's future according to Federal Treasury Board President Art Eggleton (third from left) who met recently with students working at B'ani Brith Canada. The York Centre M.P. received a first-hand assessment from students hired under the Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) program. Shown from left are: Junipero Lagtapon Jr., Philip Kurtz, Art Eggleton, Tami Moscoe, Rifka Davids, Joel Roff and Ilan Meister. [Resa Lax photo]

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STROKE RECOVERY GROUP

Kicking up their heels at the Stroke Recovery Group's dinner/dance held at Adath Sholom Synagogue recently are Irene Lastman, dinner organizer and a longtime member of the group, and Vince Giamblanco. The Stroke Recovery Group meets at the Jewish Community Centre three times a week.

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Bell Ewart cottagers mark 50 years in area

Interior of the Hebrew Centre of Bell Ewart dedicated in July of 1944.

LEFROY, Ont. — In the summer of 1944, a one-room wooden synagogue was commissioned by a small group of summer cottagers in the Bell Ewart area, a tiny community situated on the shores of Lake Simcoe some 80 kilometres north of Toronto.

Recently over 450 men, women and children attended a 50th anniversary celebration for the Hebrew Centre of Bell Ewart.

According to centre president Harry P. Botnick, the list of people who have spent a summer, or even part of a summer, in and around Bell Ewart reads like a who's who of the Toronto Jewish Community. "And," says Botnick, "practically every Jewish cottager in the area has been inside the Shul at least once."

Close to Toronto, Bell Ewart has always been a popular destination for summer cottagers. The viability of the synagogue and the presence of an eruv — a boundary which makes it permissible to carry on Shabbat — have contributed to the recent popularity of Bell Ewart among religious families.

From the end of June straight through until Labor Day, seating at the Bell Ewart synagogue is at a premium. Volunteer-run and -supported, the synagogue is also famous for its weekly kiddish inside the sanctuary immediately following services. Shloima Yunger, veteran chair of kiddish arrangements, laments that there simply are not enough weeks to accommodate the number of people who offer to host a Kiddish. "Believe me, it hurts to have to turn people down," she says.

The Hebrew Centre of Bell Ewart has a separate seating area for women and operates according to Orthodox tradition, yet the membership is diverse.

Rabbi Moishe Alon, a regular for the past 35 summers, says that for the most part, everybody gets along well. "But," he adds, "we are a great deal luckier than most other shuls because every year we have 44 weeks to forget all our disagreements. So no matter what happens in the course of a summer, we are happy to see one another come the next year!"

Event chair Howard Kleinberg points to a handful of people at the anniversary celebration who were present at the dedication 50 years ago. One is Rose Applebaum, who, together with her late husband Joe, were regulars until six years ago, shortly before Joe passed away. "My late husband and I attended synagogue every week in the city," she says, "yet somehow my fondest memories are tied up with this beautiful shul, and I really do have wonderful memories."

Kleinberg, who spoke briefly at a special synagogue seudah shlishit (third meal of Sabbath) the day before, made mention of the fact that he and wife Nancy were not present at the original dedication in July 1944. They were in Auschwitz at the time.

"It was a time in our lives when it was not possible to even dream of a place as tranquil and serene as Bell Ewart, much less imagine ourselves being there. What a privilege it is to be here," he said.

With the successful commemoration behind them, members of the Hebrew Centre of Bell Ewart are considering several improvement projects for the 50-year-old facility, which, sources say, is virtually unchanged from the day it opened.

One proposal is a plan to build an outdoor playground for the dozens of children who summer in the area. The playground would be dedicated in memory of the one million children who perished in the Holocaust.

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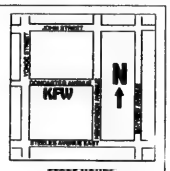

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Pride of Israel gets new spiritual leader

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Synagogues can serve as an oasis of peace in a sea of human turmoil says Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, newly installed spiritual leader of Pride of Israel Synagogue.

"People are often dragged down by problems, and synagogues can be a source of stability in their otherwise hectic lives," he says.

Rabbi Flanzraich, born and raised in New York, attended the Yeshiva of Far Rockaway, New York and was granted ordination by Yeshiva Shaar Ephraim in Jerusalem and by the Israeli chief Rabbinate. Prior to his appointment at Pride of Israel, he was involved in his family's commercial printing business in New York and served as assistant rabbi at Sayville Jewish Centre.

Rabbi Flanzraich says that synagogues have a tremendous responsibility, particularly during a recession when the funding to community organizations is drastically reduced.

"It has fallen upon the synagogue to act as an umbrella for a variety of services," he said. "Those synagogues that survive, are the ones that fulfil that mission.

"Pride of Israel, located near Bathurst and Steeles in Willowdale, is in an area where there is a need for a traditional Conservative synagogue that can cater to families.

"To that end, we have begun a Shabbat story hour for children aged 3-8, have started a B'nai Brith Youth Organization chapter, have planned lectures and adult education programs; and we have a kosher food bank for those in need."

Rabbi Flanzraich, himself recently married, says that a number of young families belong to the synagogue but he is trying to attract more.

"Children need a proper set of goals and values so they can make choices in their life. What will they have with regards to morals and ethics if they have not been given a proper set of ideals and values?" he asks.

It saddens him that so many young people drift through life with no goals, filled with a deep void. "If the synagogue and the rabbi cannot fill that void, then who can?

"I think that part of the way rabbis can fill the void, is to be compassionate, friendly and approachable. The reality of our job is to be dedicated to helping the people in the community. I praise the Toronto Jewish community for having a number of exceptional rabbis. It seems that Toronto attracts the very best, and that is a wonderful reflection on the community."

Asked how one rabbi has the time to fulfil all his goals, Rabbi Flanzraich says that he knows things are going well when there is more to do than he can get done.

"Unless one always pushes themselves, they will never be challenged to be the very best they can be." he says.

"It is a wonderful challenge for me to try and get everything done that is important. I wake up in the morning energized to get to work. There is a tremendous amount of spiritual satisfaction in my job. It is very enlightening and it gives me the opportunity to become the best person I can possibly be."

North York guide available

NORTH YORK — The 24th annual guide to city services is now available to North York residents.

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Ten Jewish institutions are listed, including the Koffler art gallery and the multilingual Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, where seniors can eat a hot kosher lunch five days a week.

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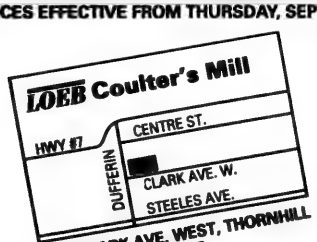

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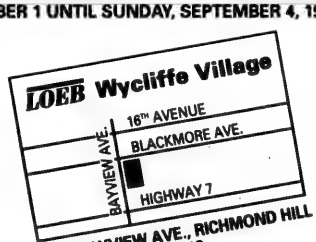

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Singles bash leads BBC to rethink rental policy

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada has said it will reconsider its policy on which groups can rent space in its building, following an advertised singles dance hosted by a controversial group.

The Association of Independent Rabbis (AIR), composed of spiritual leaders whose credentials are questioned by established rabbinic groups in Toronto, touted an August 21 singles bash at BBC's 15 Hove St. headquarters.

The dance marked the first anniversary of the founding of AIR, which is headed by Rabbi Paul Sheldon.

Sheldon, 51, a self-proclaimed "freelance rabbi," for years has been a thorn in the side of Toronto's rabbinic community, mainly for his conversion classes and well-publicized willingness to officiate at any marriage.

In addition to Sheldon, other AIR members include rabbis Aaron Zimmerman, Harold Lerner and Zoltan Zagon. Their credentials have never been recognized either by the Toronto Board of Rabbis or the Vaad Harabanim.

BBC executive director Frank Dimant told *The CJN* he did not know about the contract with AIR "until after the fact."

He said his organization will reconsider its rental policy "so there shouldn't be any confusion as to the usage of space." Dimant said such rentals wouldn't be "fair to some of the tenants we have in this building, including a synagogue."

Congregation Darchei Noam, Toronto's only Reconstructionist synagogue, is housed in the BBC building.

Paul Sheldon in cantorial garb in 1977.

Dimant said he had a few calls about the dance, "but even before I had a single call, when I was notified about the contract, I immediately put into place a meeting with representatives of AIR and tried to resolve the issue."

He said the dance was allowed to go ahead because it had been advertised, "but in the future we will reserve space for those organizations which aren't in conflict with tenants here or with our organization itself."

He said the contract with AIR was arranged "by someone here in the office."

The CJN was unable to reach Sheldon.

AIR executive director Brenda Dym explained he was out of town.

She said a "small group" attended the dance, but wouldn't give a rough estimate.

AIR was founded in the United States a year ago for the "70 per cent" of the Jewish community that is unaffiliated with a synagogue, she said.

Members provide "adoptions" [conversions] to Judaism, bar and bat mitzvah classes, hospital visits, marriages and gittin (Jewish divorce decrees), Dym said. She said AIR reaches out to those who cannot afford to join a synagogue.

AIR member Rabbi David Cooper said he knew nothing about the dance.

Zimmerman told *The CJN* he will resign from AIR "because of the way it's being operated," but declined further comment.

In a statement to *The CJN*, Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and a past president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis, said he was "very disturbed to note for the second time [that] B'nai Brith has been used by the group called the Association of Independent Rabbis.

"Unfortunately, this is the second time that B'nai Brith has assisted this group, the first being when their newspaper, the *Tribune*, [then the *Covenant*] published a long article [last November] about this questionable association. As a member of B'nai Brith, I do hope that B'nai Brith will reconsider its practice and stop being used as a party to give legitimacy to any Jewish group or activity that undermines the welfare of the entire Jewish community."

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Continuity, education seen as top concerns in Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Jewish continuity and Jewish education emerged as the top priorities when community leaders, representatives of various organizations, teachers and other interested individuals met at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) to discuss their hopes and concerns for the future of this community.

Called by the Jewish Federation of Hamilton-Wentworth and chaired by Ina Frank, this was, as Federation president, David Steinberg explained, "the first in a series of meetings to discuss and develop policies and priorities for this community."

Federation, Steinberg said, should not be perceived as just one organization amongst others but rather as "the catalyst to bring all organizations together to discuss community issues."

The two immediate problems facing the community are insufficient funding for Jewish education, and the future of the JCC.

Regarding the former, Steinberg announced that, in accordance with a recent resolution by Federation, monies raised by the forthcoming United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign "over and above last year's cash flow, will be divided equally between our educational beneficiaries . . . and Israel."

As for the JCC, "Jews are simply not utilizing the building," he said.

Steinberg indicated that two of the JCC's problems are a stalled application for zoning changes on the property, and their failure so far to have a bus route extended to the JCC.

However, "Federation is prepared to tolerate deficits on the property, if it is utilized in great numbers by the Jewish community. If it is not," said Steinberg, "we have to take steps to ensure that our community dollars are well spent."

That more funds will be allocated to Jewish education was welcome news for Dr. Judah Denburg, who pleaded eloquently for the establishment of "a non-denominational" Jewish high school.

Denburg is head of the immunology and allergy department of the McMaster University medical school and father of two sons; the elder is about to enter the public high school system after graduating from the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

"This community has the ability to build and maintain, conceptually and financially, a Jewish community, non-denominational high school," said Denburg.

While the 3-year-old Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak is "working very well, it is only for boys," he pointed out.

He would like to see the community raise the money and "take ownership" of a high school within the next two years, he said.

Earlier, Denburg announced that, beginning this fall, two classes in advanced Jewish studies will be added to the Hebrew language course already available at Westdale Collegiate under the Board of Education's continuing education program.

It was also good news for Beth Jacob School principal, Larry Katz, who maintained that there can be no Jewish continuity without continuing Jewish education.

There is a need for post-bar mitzvah education, for Jewish family education, for adult education and for Jewish youth activities, but the chief focus, he said, "should be on the practitioners: teachers, youth directors and youth advisors. Their status is very low, their salaries are low, they do not get the support they need and many of them have very little training."

To ensure that the educators have the necessary skills, knowledge and background, said Katz, "we have to spend a lot of money on Jewish education."

Speaking on behalf of Na'amat, president Simone Rotstein called for greater cooperation among organizations, especially in the planning of community-wide events such as the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration; more interaction between the different women's organizations; and most particularly, greater community support for the various youth groups.

"In any talks about strengthening the Jewish community," she said, "our youth need to take precedence."

In her introductory remarks, planning and priorities committee chair, Ina Frank, explained the importance of this and subsequent meetings, and also gave a detailed analysis of the composition of the Hamilton community which, according to 1991 Canada census figures, increased by 10.6 per cent to 5,145 since 1981.

A second meeting is expected to take place in October.

TU B'AV FESTIVAL PARTY

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Budd helps push hockey in Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The scene would be recognizable among young rink rats everywhere. Your shift as an attendant is over, the public has gone home, the doors to the arena are closed and you and your buddies have the ice to yourselves to play some shinny.

It's time to drop the puck and play until the ice turns to mush or the rink manager shuts the lights.

It's a winter scene in hockey-playing locales everywhere, even if the rink is in Metulla, only metres away from the Israeli border with Lebanon.

For Waterloo native Jeff Budd, a three-month stint in the Canada Centre recreational complex combined a little bit of arena life with the culture and lifestyle of Israel — a perfect blend for any red-blooded, hockey-loving Canadian with an attachment to the Jewish state.

Budd enjoyed his Metulla visit so much, he's going back for an extended stay. "I'm going back in a month," he said last week during his summer sojourn in Canada. "The hockey season starts in October and I'll spend the year in Metulla."

Budd is hoping to pick up where he left off in May when he ended a stint as a madrich (guide/counsellor) on the ice. As a volunteer at the Canada Centre, Budd did everything from fitting guests with skates to teaching Israeli kids the fundamentals of hockey.

He worked six days a week, spending much of that time on the ice. And he loved every minute. The Metulla opportunity was tailor-made for Budd, a young man of 24 who has spent summers as a camp counsellor. "I had a blast," he said. "I love to have fun with those kids."

Budd said that part of his duties included teaching young Israelis to skate and teaching teenagers the rudiments of hockey.

"The kids who play hockey love it," he said. "There aren't a lot of them, but they love it. They have good skills, shots, and good skating [ability], but they don't understand the mental part of the game," particularly the strategy.

In the hockey games the Israeli youngsters play, it's mostly "every man for himself" and positional play is unknown. That's where he comes in, trying to explain to them the structure of the game he learned by playing organized hockey in Waterloo until age 14 and watching years of Hockey Night in Canada.

It's hard for Israelis to understand the game when they don't see it on TV and when the rink is only about one-third of Olympic size, he said.

The Russian-born olim who live in Metulla and the surrounding area are Canada Centre regulars, both on the ice and behind the scenes, he said. The Centre staff includes several Russians, including some elite level coaches.

One, named Boris (Budd doesn't remember his last name), was a Soviet national short-track speed skating coach who made aliyah two years ago and who helps teach figure skating. Kostya Kaplan and another Russian also teach figure skating.

Misha Shmerkin, an oleh from Odessa, who was the first athlete to represent Israel at the winter Olympics, trains at Metulla, he pointed out.

Shmerkin has even traded in his figure skates for hockey boots and joined the shinny games. Budd's scouting report on Shmerkin? "He's a great skater, but his shot could use some work."

Budd's connection to Canada Centre began in a round-about manner. It started with his participation in the May 1993 Anguish to Hope Mission that took young people to Poland and then Israel.

"After going through that, I wanted to go back to Israel for a year," he said. "I'm not the kind who just writes a cheque. I like to do something physically."

After approaching United Israel Appeal (UIA) staffer Eli Rubenstein, he was directed to the skating/hockey program at Canada Centre.

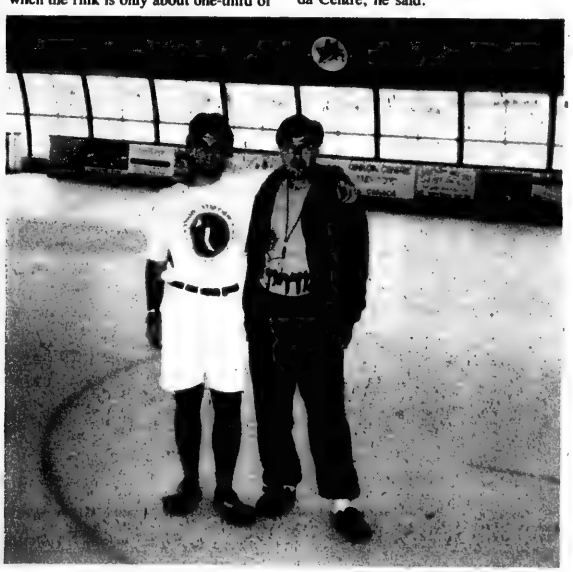
But first he had to spend five months learning Hebrew at an ulpan on Kibbutz Zova, about 10 kms west of Jerusalem. Then it was north to Metulla, where the town provided him with a furnished studio apartment and some spending money. When he returns, however, it will be as a salaried employee.

Budd is enthusiastic about the upcoming year because last year's experience was so positive.

"It provided me the opportunity to really get integrated into Israeli society. I spoke Hebrew every day. You get a much greater understanding of the peace process and of Israeli society because of the language factor and the people factor," he said.

More than that, Budd may be blazing a trail for others to follow. Rubenstein said the UIA is considering a program of sending Canadian volunters to Metulla on a yearly basis.

That would be greatly appreciated by the locals, Budd said. Not only do they enjoy the facility built through Canadian generosity, but they really appreciated the presence of a Canadian volunteer in Canada Centre, he said.



East meets west in the north. Waterloo's Jeff Budd (left) and Boris. . . (last name unknown), a former Soviet short track speed skating coach, were part of the team teaching youngsters to skate at the Canada Centre in Metulla.

Mike Katz

Hoops coach enjoys sport's ups, downs

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mike Katz is no stranger to the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat.

As head basketball coach at Humber College, he's lead his squad to three national championships in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association from 1990-93.

And as an assistant coach of Canada's national basketball team, he's experienced his share of disappointment. The highly-touted squad had its medal hopes dashed at the World Championship of Basketball, where it finished seventh.

Despite that ranking and the high expectations that preceded it, Katz looks back on the championship series with relish. "It was my most exciting experience in sports," he said.

The tournament was the culmination of 10 months of hard work. "I [had] a pretty general role," he said. "I worked a lot with the players in terms of their skill development," helping them tackle deficiencies in their game like outside shooting.

"The experience of being with the team, especially with the calibre of the national team players, was unique. That in itself was rewarding and exciting."

Being exposed to the coaching techniques and defensive concepts of Del Harris, an LA Lakers coach who served as consultant to the Canadian team, was particularly rewarding, he said.

It all culminated in the championship series that attracted international media attention and a buzz of excitement, due in large part to the participation of Dream Team II.

Going into the tournament, the Canadians had compiled a 7-1 exhibition record and were confident a medal was within their grasp, he said.

Then came the game against Greece. Trailing by only one point, Canada had the ball with 30 seconds left. At a critical juncture, Boston Celtic star Rick Fox slipped and Canada's hopes went down with him.

Despite the loss, Katz is quick to credit the Greeks with fielding a very good team, one that was on par with Canada's squad. Greece held Dream Team II t a 10-point margin at the half, he pointed out. "I don't think they were any better than us, but they were no worse.

"We tried to come back after [the loss], but we weren't the same. We didn't have the same desire," he said.

Looking at the deficiencies of the Canadian team, Katz said its biggest problem in international competition is the absence of seven-footers that other teams field. "Other than that, we're developing players in other areas."

He discounted allegations from disgruntled players that the selection process was biased against blacks.

"The Canadian team had the best we had to offer when you factor in all the elements that go into a team," he said. Selected players demonstrated a willingness to accept a limited role and limited playing time, as well as their ability to add to team chemistry, he said.

With the world tournament behind him, Katz is now preparing for his 11th season at Humber College.

"For me, the experience can only enhance and improve what we do there. I picked up a wealth of experience and knowledge," he said.

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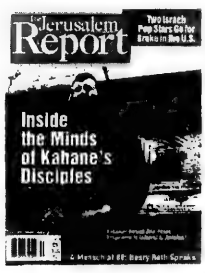

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Arts

Israel Opera House set to open

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TEL AVIV — When the 1994/95 opera season opens in Tel Aviv in October, subscribers and friends will be treated to an exciting operatic experience.

The season opens at the new Israel Opera House in the recently completed Tel Aviv Performing Arts Centre at the Golda Centre, a complex that will house many of Tel Aviv's cultural events.

The new 1500-seat opera house is an example of the latest achievements in architecture, interior design, lighting, acoustics and sculpture.

Designed by architect Jacob Rechter, the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Centre reflects the cultural lifestyle of Israel — festive yet not ostentatious, elegant yet not alienating. The opera house will be the first performance space to be completed in the Golda Centre.

To commemorate this historical cultural event, Sara Sela, the wife of the former president of the Weizmann Institute of Science has initiated a unique program. She is inviting people interested in both the arts and Israel to come to Israel for a Gala Week that combines the opening of the opera house with an unusual cultural experience.

Sela has long been associated with the arts in Israel, particularly the symphony. As the international coordinator of the opening of the opera house, she has created a five-day Gala Week that includes a visit to the opening of the opera house and combines touring by day with social events hosted by Israelis each night to give visitors an opportunity to be part of a cultural Israel not seen in most guided tours.

Music lovers invited to participate

Meri Saguy, wife of the former consul general of Israel to Toronto, Gideon Saguy, and Marvelle Koffler, a supporter of the arts in Canada, have volunteered to work with Sela in providing information to Canadians interested in the Gala Week.

Saguy says that people from around the world who are lovers of music and opera are being invited to join this once-in-a-lifetime tour. "Proportionally, more Israelis attend the symphony and opera than anywhere in the world. I am thrilled to be associated with this project."

The gala begins Oct. 21 with an opening festive dinner hosted by patrons of the New Israel Opera. Participants will then attend the official opening of the Performing Arts Centre, under the auspices of the president of the State of Israel and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for a special concert featuring soprano Eva Marton and bass-baritone Simon Estes, with a premier performance of the New Israel Opera. The concert will be followed by a dinner/dance.

Other activities during the week include lunch at the home of the prime minister hosted by his wife, Lea Rabin, a lunch hosted by the Selas and a variety of other cultural tours.

Koffler says, "I think the people of Tel Aviv are so fortunate to have an opera house and we here in Toronto are not able to build one — this saddens me greatly."

Commending Sela's dedication to the arts in Israel, Koffler told *The CJN* that "all Sara's efforts are phenomenal — all she has done in the field of culture has been the greatest success. She has made a great contribution to the State of Israel through this many-faceted cultural event."

Tours will include Caesarea and the archeological ruins of the ancient Herodian port city Acre, Beit Shean, Tiberias, Jerusalem's latest archeological finds and visits to other historical sites.

All tours will start from the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel, but participants may stay where they wish and participate in the touring and the social and cultural programs.

For more information on the Gala Week, contact Meri Saguy, (416) 967-1006.

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New Book by Helen Epstein: Back in 1968, a twentyish American citizen from New York was visiting her native city of Prague when the unpredictable happened: the Russians invaded, ending the promising Czech spring of reforms, and stranding the visitor behind a newly-installed Iron Curtain, fortified by Soviet tanks. Helen Epstein's first-person account of these events, and how she was spirited out of the country, was published in the *New York Times*, thus launching a durable journalistic career that has also seen the publication of several books on Jewish and arts-related subjects.

Epstein is perhaps best known for her 1979 book *Children of the Holocaust*, for which she was again in Prague this summer, conducting a publicity tour for the recently-released Czech-language edition. The book, which chronicles the psychological effects of the Holocaust upon children of survivors, relates episodes from the lives of numerous such children, including several from Toronto.

Her latest work is *Joe Papp: An American Life*, a biography of the renowned New York theatre impresario who brought *Chorus Line* and many other immensely popular productions to the stage; he died at the age of 70 in 1991. The book was scheduled to be published this week by Little, Brown & Company.

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Schindler's List on Videocassette: One of the most powerful Holocaust films ever made, *Schindler's List* deserves as wide an audience as possible. MCA-Universal's recent release of the film in a boxed, videocassette version should insure its availability to schools, libraries and private institutions. Although the film is devastating to watch, some individual viewers may also want to own a copy.

The Limited Edition Collector's set includes two video cassettes, Thomas Keneally's paperback novel, the soundtrack CD and a photo book containing stills from the film. Suggested retail price is $149.95. According to MCA-Universal, the acclaimed film has already been seen by more than 75 million people in some 50 countries.

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Photo Show in the Beaches: *Home & Homeland: Jewish Images from Toronto to Israel* presents a body of work by Toronto freelance photographer Tobi Asmoucha (formerly of Vancouver) at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kennilworth Ave. (south of Queen). Says a press release: "Her work in the Toronto community focuses strongly on the internal and the private — Judaism as seen in the synagogue and the school. Her images from Israel emphasize not only the celebration of life in a Jewish state, but the daily realities found there." Opening reception Sunday Sept. 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Until Sept. 28. (416) 465-0956.

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Poetry Corner: George Bernstein, surgeon-poet of Windsor, was a finalist in the Paris Writers' Workshop short story competition for his story, *The Day I Struck Out Joe Dimaggio*. Bernstein, who is corresponding editor of the literary journal *Mediphors*, recently read from his published works at the Windsor Jewish Community Centre.

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Berg is due in Toronto Sept. 10 as keynote speaker at Symposium '94: At Warp Speed. A business conference for the entertainment industry, the symposium takes place at the Sutton Place Hotel Sept. 9 to 11 in conjunction with the 19th annual Toronto International Film Festival. For registration information, phone (416) 967-7775 or fax (416) 968-9092.

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Judaic Elements in American Folk Art: The exhibition *Every Picture Tells A Story: Word and Image in American Folk Art* is on view at the Museum of American Folk Art, Two Lincoln Square, New York, for four months beginning Sept 17. The show includes three significant examples of Jewish American folk art.

They are *The Family Record*, by Isaac Wachman, an embellished manuscript illustrating a marriage; *The Ketubbah*, by Zemeh Davidson, portraying a wedded couple's prenuptual agreement; and an untitled painting by Harry Lieberman, which seems at first to be merely a colorful painting, but upon inspection reveals itself as a commemoration of the Six Million.

On Oct. 12, museum director Gerard Wertkin lectures on Jewish Folk Art in America, and museum curator Stacy Hollander speaks on Harry Lieberman: A Journey of Remembrance.

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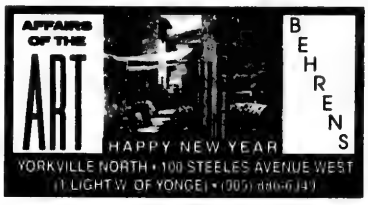

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Architect Gladstone unveils painting in Mount Sinai lobby

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Architect and artist Sander Gladstone recently unveiled his latest work in the Mount Sinai Hospital main lobby.

Love and Healing, commissioned to reflect the hospital's history and values, is an oil painting measuring 6½ by 5½ feet. It will hang permanently inside the University Avenue entrance.

In the painting, a grandfather sits in a wheelchair on a wooden dock where his grandchildren play with shovels and pails. Behind them is a flight of concrete steps leading to a grassy plateau, upon which sits the facade of the original Mount Sinai Hospital. A distant cottage, a small row boat and a somewhat concealed Star of David round out the work.

Gladstone told *The CJN* his painting is meant to show that intergenerational contact promotes healing, the importance of nature and the dedication of those who provide care in the hospital.

The facade of the original Mount Sinai Hospital implies the importance of community in maintaining collective wellbeing. The cottage symbolizes family.

"The general feeling of the painting is meant to be lighthearted, comfortable, and somehow understanding and empathetic of joys and setbacks of those visiting and staying at the hospital," Gladstone said.

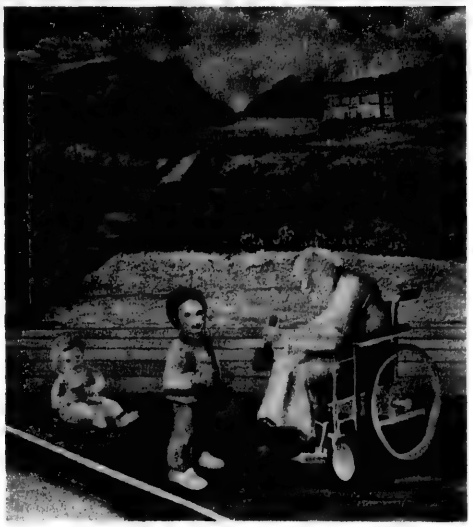
The soft, hazy colors suggest a fond memory or wishful thought.

More than 40 guests attended a wine and cheese party for the unveiling. Gladstone's grandfather Max and his two sons, Noah and Aaron, who appear prominently in the painting, were there, as were hospital representatives. While Max Gladstone may have been depicted as a convalescent in a wheelchair, "the truth, however, is that Max is proud to note that at age 94, he has never had to be in a wheelchair," said his grandson.

Gladstone received a bachelor of arts degree from York University and a master's degree in architecture from the University of Calgary in 1982. While studying in Calgary, he developed an interest in designing schools and synagogues. He has worked with Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Temple Sinai, Beth Tikvah Synagogue and others.

Recently, he established Sander Gladstone Architect specializing in residences, stores and offices. He is considering opening a Jerusalem branch office following a recent trip to Israel.

Gladstone's painting, *The Immigrant (Return to the Land of Milk and Honey)* hangs at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. His paintings can be found in private collections in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Los Angeles, Baltimore, New York, Jerusalem and Haifa.



Love and Healing by Sander Gladstone.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Putting Away Childish Things, by Uta Ranke-Heinemann (Harper-Collins, $16.95 (paper)).

The author of this bold and provocative book was the first woman professor of Catholic theology in a German university. When she taught that the doctrine of the virgin birth was a theological idea rather than a biological fact, she was removed from her position. She continues, however, to teach the history of religion at the University of Essen.

Where some of the major teachings of the Christian scriptures are concerned, she is an unabashed skeptic and iconoclast. The Catholic Church, she contends, is opposed to the use of reason and intellectual honesty. Instead, it encourages absolute belief in what she calls, a set of fairy tales. These include teachings about the birth and childhood of Jesus, the miracle stories, the account of the crucifixion and resurrection, the ascension of Jesus and other fundamentals of Christianity.

She writes about Jesus that, "We know neither when and where he was born, nor when he died; he is a man without a biography. We don't know how long his public activity as a preacher lasted or where exactly it took place. Strictly speaking, we don't know a whole lot more than that he was born, that there were people who followed him as his disciples, and that he was executed on the cross — the Roman version of the gallows — and thus came to a wretched end."

She makes clear that the curcifixion story sows seeds of hatred. Two thousand years after the fact it is still possible to quote from Christian scriptures and to have Jews themselves say that they deserve their persecution by Christians, and even their annihilation in the gas chambers.

"The calumny against the Jews in the New Testament became the Christian legal title to their persecution and destruction."

She quotes from a work by the American theologian, Rosemary Radford Ruether, who points out that these anti-Jewish trends were not an accidental excess of later Christian generations but were present in the Gospels from the very beginning.

In similar fashion, the story of the betrayal of Judas is without foundation and another example of anti-Jewish bias.

"By his very name Judas (which means 'Jew' in Hebrew) is labelled a representative of the Jews. Even if Judas the traitor never existed, there was always the Christian hatred directed not only at this man but at his whole people. And that real hatred is the bad side of this completely invented story."

False father

The attempt to relate Jesus to King David by Matthew and Luke through an involved and imperfect genealogy is rejected. "Both Evangelists present the birth of Jesus as a virgin birth, and yet at the end of their lists stands not the mother but a man who isn't even supposed to be the real father. And this is the person who guarantees the noble pedigree. A false father, a foster father, a putative father, a supposed father, an adoptive father, anything is better and more important than a real mother. Her descent plays not the slightest part in the story."

What is of supreme importance to the author is the unadorned life of Jesus and his attributes of mercy, love and peace rather than the theological mythology that obscures his real message.

Much of what Uta Ranke-Heinemann presents is not news for students and scholars of religion. But it will come as a surprise to many members of the laity who are unfamiliar with the findings of modern scholarship about the biblical world or how theological ideas develop and become frozen through the centuries.

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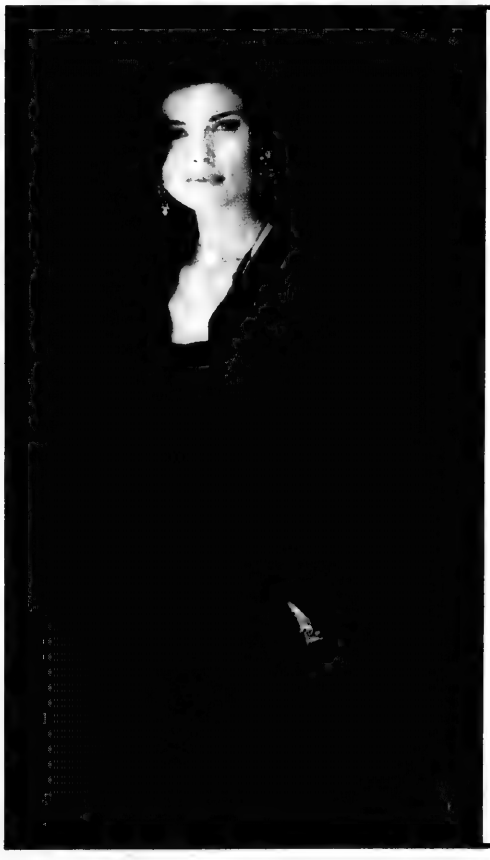

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ALBERTA — Last winter, it was my pleasure to travel through the Canadian Rockies in the company of a guide named Ian Hipkins, a transplanted Montrealer who has lived around the mountains of Alberta for nearly 20 years, and has climbed nearly every Canadian peak between Calgary and the Pacific.

One clear crisp morning, we set out early from the Banff Springs Hotel for the drive up the Icefield Parkway to Jasper, normally a three-and-a-half hour ride. There are many who say that no more exquisite stretch of mountain scenery can be found anywhere in the world.

Being an Easterner, I was entranced by the continually unfolding panorama of peaks, painted in the tranquil shades of morning; and by the slender lodgepole pines and firs along the snowy ribbon of road. The drive was going smoothly until, passing through the Columbia Icefields, we reached the section of highway known as the Big Bend.

There we encountered a Parks official who was erecting a barricade and a sign: "Road closed due to avalanche control."

Somewhere a bit further on, he said, a work crew was about to shoot down a dangerously snow-laden slope with a Howitzer 105 mm cannon, an operation that might last as long as an hour.

We got out of the van and walked back to a section of the mountain known as the Weeping Wall because of the waters that pour down its immense and nearly vertical height in summer. Warmed by sunlight, several tiny avalanches descended the rock-face. After a few minutes, a larger cascade caused a delicate veil of white powder to rise gently in the still air.

Walking further, I spotted some animal tracks in the snow, which Hipkins said most likely belonged to a fox. In his treks through the backwoods, he has encountered even the rarest species of indigenous wildlife.

Once, he said, he had to stop his car for a mother lynx and her five cubs as they straggled across a remote northern road.

I questioned him about some of his other animal encounters, and he was soon advising me not to panic if ever confronted with a charging grizzly bear in the wild.

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New York Holocaust Museum Gets Go-Ahead: After years of planning, Elie Wiesel, honorary co-chair of the New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission, signed a lease last week for construction to begin this fall on the Living Memorial to the Holocaust-Museum of Jewish Heritage. The location is Battery Park City, in lower Manhattan.

Construction should cost about $15 million and take over a year. The proposed hexagonal design of the building is meant to symbolize both the six million Jewish Holocaust victims as well as the six-sided Star of David. Committee members have been collecting artifacts and survivors' testimonies for years, in anticipation that this facility would eventually be built.

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Seeking Tomb of Genghis Khan: No, his name isn't Indiana Jones and he doesn't wear a fedora or carry a trademark whip. Nonetheless, 62-year-old amateur archeologist Maury Kravitz of Chicago has made arrangements with Chinese authorities to begin a massive search for the hidden tomb of the 13th-century Asian conqueror, Genghis Khan. (One of the earliest and most influential travelogues was written by Marco Polo, an Italian who ventured eastward into the Mongol leader's vast domain.)

Kravitz, who has been studying Genghis Khan for 34 years, is presently attempting to raise $5 million for a scientific expedition into Mongolia's north-eastern steppes. He anticipates that the trek into this remote, roadless wilderness, which boasts many rivers, will begin in the spring. "I believe there is lying in the ground the greatest unretrieved treasure trove in the history of the world," he says. As a condition of his permission to search, Kravitz has agreed to turn over whatever he finds to the Mongolian authorities. "This is not a treasure hunt," he emphasizes. "This is a histo-geographic expedition."

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Regent Launches Winter Season: One hundred pages in full color, the latest brochure from Regent Holidays (effective October '94 to April '95) is a sumptuous catalogue of touristic possibilities involving sun, sandy beaches, watersports and colourful drinks at poolside. The Mississauga-based mass market travel company offers vacations at 66 hotel and resort properties in 21 destinations in eight countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean and Mexico.

New destinations this year include Panama's Contadora Island, Morrocoy and Macuto in Venezuela, the Montelimar Resort in Nicaragua, and La Roman Resort in the Dominican Republic. (It's "business as usual" for that country's tourist industry, which is seemingly unaffected by the political strife in adjoining Haiti).

Introduced several months ago, Regent's packages to Israel start from as low as $1,339. "Israel is a fabulously unique winter destination for all of us," exuded Regent president Peter Linnett at a recent product-launch luncheon for travel agents. "The peace process has opened up new vistas of tourism."

In addition to its winter destinations and Israel, the company continues to offer packages to various trans-Atlantic destinations, including England, Egypt, Greece and Turkey, with Jordan soon to be added — all "at prices that used to be unheard of," said Linnett. "Our competitors try but can't touch us at the moment. We've consigned them to the never-ending dust. Perhaps we've lost them in the sands of the Sahara."

Regent recently introduced a new deferred payment plan which allows customers to pay for their holidays over a 12-month period following their departure. Operated in conjunction with Avco, Regent ReadyCredit would allow travellers to enjoy a $3,000 vacation, for example, for a dozen monthly payments of $280.35. "We believe there is the possibility of an enormous new market here," said Linnett of the system, which he said was a new innovation in the Canadian mass market travel business.

For a copy of Regent's winter brochure, see your local travel agent.

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Korean Language Survival Kit: A comprehensive booklet by this name has just been published by the Korea National Tourism Corporation. The booklet contains translations of important words needed for shopping, securing accommodations, transportation, dining, medical emergencies, and other situations. It's available at no charge from KNTC, (416) 348-9056.

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Shana Ha-Ba'ah B'Yerushalem: "There are two classes of travel: first class, and with children," American writer Robert Benchley once wryly observed. However you travel, and in whatever company, may you always reach your destination safely.

As the leaves of the calendar fall away, and the New Year begins, so do the leaves of the forest turn colors and fall away. A thought to meditate upon, as you journey through the yellow woods: many are the paths one treads in a lifetime, but more numerous still are the paths not taken.

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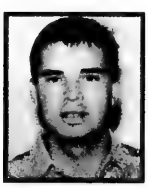

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Animals found in Rockies

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"You've got to remember the main reason a grizzly charges is because he's short-sighted and needs to get a closer look at you, that's all," he assured me. "He's just being curious about his territory. One time, I was with a group of five or six campers, and we had just climbed above the tree-line, and there was nothing around us but scree — bits of broken rock from the mountain; and all of a sudden I spotted a grizzly bear charging toward us from about 100 or 150 feet away. I just had time to say, 'Nobody make any sudden moves and whatever you do, don't run. There's a grizzly bear coming toward us. Just stand there in a tight circle and hold your ground.'

"And I, as the leader, stood slightly off to one side — someone the bear would instinctively recognize as the protector of the group. The bear came right up to us, stopped, sniffed at us, shook its great big head, and walked away. Its curiosity had been satisfied."

Another time, Hipkins and some companions spotted a pair of wolverines performing a rarely-seen mating ritual.

"They were standing on their hind legs, facing each other and jumping back and forth, pushing their forepaws into each other," he said. "We spotted them while still quite some distance away, and the wind was with us. We advanced quietly through a hollow to a ridge over which the wolverines were dancing, engaged in this mating ritual, quite oblivious of our presence.

"Unfortunately, in my stupefaction, I stood up, and the wolverines spotted me. At that instant the female began running in the opposite direction, away from us, and the male began running toward us. Are you aware of how vicious the wolverine is? It's considered one of the most deadly of animals. So, with this wolverine approaching, I said, 'Quick, everybody, get up — now!' and everyone rose from their position behind the ridge.

"Have you ever seen those cartoons on television where an animal is pedalling backwards in an attempt to stop suddenly? It was like that. The wolverine was willing to attack if there was just one person — but seven? That was too great a risk. Still, it didn't just turn tail and retreat. It made a few gestures towards us, and then loped off at its leisure," Hipkins concluded.

During our conversation, we had heard a brief, distant thunder (which we took to be the noise of the man-made avalanche), followed by the faint echoing sound of snow-plows at work.

Soon thereafter, the Parks official signalled that the road would be open again soon.

But instead of walking back to the van, Hipkins pointed to a clearing beyond a stand of pines, where about six or seven elk were quietly grazing. They didn't seem to mind as we approached; Hipkins explained that they like it best when a frontal approach is made, and even better if the animal doing the approaching is chewing its cud: he showed me how adept he is at this. We spent several minutes among the elk before returning to the van.

On the way up to Jasper, Hipkins told me that he once stayed with a herd of mountain goats for hours, lying on his belly with a camera, and chewing his cud so the animals presumed he was a harmless grazer, just like them.

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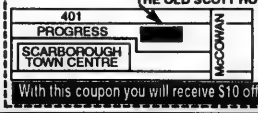

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Rath, 56, came to Holt Renfrew, with its 12 stores and de luxe image, from the specialty stores division of Sears U.S.A. Above his desk hangs a framed motto — "We are here to serve our customers in any way we can."

Holt Renfrew recently announced a $30-million expansion to add 65,000 square feet of space to the Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver stores. The expansion is the second stage of growth and repositioning since Weston purchased the company from American owners in 1986. Holt Renfrew does not release sales figures.

Rath spoke to CJN *reporter Amy Sattin in his Toronto office about the newest expansions and the business of selling high-end goods in Canada.*

CJN: *Who do you see as your customer? Do you target women more than men?*

Rath: Our target has to do with our basic operating mission — we are a business that is interested in bringing quality, fashion-sensitive merchandise edited to good taste and the lifestyle of our perceived customer.

CJN: *Who is your perceived customer? Is it mainly a woman?*

Rath: No. There are many more categories of women's apparel than there are men's, but we certainly want to perform with the same attention to detail, for men and women.

Our customer is an adult customer, who is sophisticated in their sense of quality, design — meaning really 'line' — and who recognizes value.

CJN: *Do you have a demographic in mind when you say adult?*

Rath: I believe we live in an ageless world, and that quite honestly my [grown] daughter, my wife and my mother-in-law really [have] the same needs.

The social experience and the body type begin to sort certain categories of clothes. Obviously, an 18-year-old, a 30-year-old and a 70-year-old have different bathing suit needs, and that is pure gravity. We're more interested in body type than we are in perception of age. We cater to an adult, active individual, a person who is doing things, who is participating in life. . . because participation in life is what causes fashion to exist. We study the lifestyle of that customer and try to match clothes [to it].

CJN: *When studying the lifestyle of your customers, have you reached any particular insights?*

Rath: Those of us in the fashion business have to focus more carefully on how people look and how they feel. We observe that worldwide. Whether you're in Florence or in Toronto, the young people gathering outside a disco in the evening look rather similar.

People have always wanted to look wonderful, and I believe will always continue to want to look wonderful.

CJN: *Given that, what has changed over the last few years to make you optimistic enough to invest $30 million in further expansions now?*

Rath: We believe we [should] create environments where our [staff] is interested in our customer's needs and understands the product.

We have a vision for each of our plants to present the merchandise in an atmosphere that showcases it to its best advantage and brings a comfort level for the customer to shop. If we do that, we believe that in each of our markets our business will continue to grow at a rate that will justify our investments.

CJN: *What makes you sure the investment will be rewarded?*

Rath: First of all, Holt Renfrew has been in business in Canada since 1837 [in Quebec City] and the relationship between the Canadians and Holt Renfrew over that long time has been consistent.

We have had throughout Canada positive business trends that indicated to us that it was time to expand and enhance our business because the customers were voting in favor of [it].

CJN: *The $30-million expansion is the second stage of a long-range business strategy. When was that strategy first conceived?*

Rath: Any business must clearly have a focus and a mission. Any business that tries to be everything to everybody is not going to succeed.

[After Galen Weston acquired the business], the Sherway Gardens store opened to serve that part of the community, our Winnipeg store moved into a new store, our Calgary store was moved and relocated into a marvellous new plant, this [Bloor Street West] store was dramatically remodelled, the Vancouver store was dramatically remodelled. That was a phase of refurbishment and remerchandising to create that continuing consistency of attention to detail.

This particular phase we have announced now is the next phase, and that phase includes the opening of a series of greystone buildings that were attached to our Montreal store, which will allow our store to be a four-level selling environment connected by escalators — being more customer-friendly, in all honesty.

CJN: *What's the next stage of the business plan then?*

Rath: Well, we have just announced this phase . . . and we will open our new men's installation [in the concourse of the Bloor Street West store] which is taking our men's store from 7,000 to 18,000 square feet.

CJN: *Are there new markets you're thinking of opening up, new customers you're thinking of targeting? Are you going to diversify, or amalgamate?*

Rath: The fashion business has to move, change, evolve. Sometimes you give a little space, sometimes you take a little space — not every year, but over a several year period. We saw a period where sportwear expanded as a portion of a man's wardrobe. Now we're moving into an era where men's matched clothing will be an increasingly important part of the wardrobe. It is being accepted by the younger part of our customer market as a wonderful way to look in their sportwear hours.

CJN: *Is targeting that younger part of the market going to be an increasing priority?*

Rath: No. [Our customer base] includes perfect figure types, which more often than not are young. Historically, the young had beautiful bodies and the older had terrible bodies, but that's no longer true.

We operate what we refer to as small urban or suburban units, which are in the 25,000 to 30,000 square foot range — our store in Quebec City is substantially smaller than that [but it may soon be brought] up to prototype size. The other concept is our major urban store, which would operate in the 60,000 plus square foot environment.

CJN: *It doesn't sound, then, like going past 12 stores is really part of the plan for the near future.*

Rath: We certainly are looking at Vancouver for an additional outlet, and are open to new ideas, but our primary focus is to make sure these existing units are in the presentation standards that we think best flatters our merchandise and the shopping experience. This stage should be completed in 1995.

CJN: *At that point, will you set new goals?*

Rath: We are a business which has an ongoing, strategic, going-forward plan. We don't develop a plan, lock it in and not change it or think about it until that five years is up. This is an ongoing planning process. We believe we know what our goals and operating strategies are, and each year we are revising our plans based on the trends in fashion, life and economics.

CJN: *Well, our readers would like to know what to expect in the future.*

Rath: We would hope that your readers will perceive that we are a business that has a residential attention to excellence and sensitivity to the goods we sell. . . We believe that more is not necessarily better, but more can be better if we are serving the customer with more convenience.

CJN: *You're not planning any major changes?*

Rath: We just announced a massive expansion of our business, and that expansion, along with looking at other opportunities for locations, is a need for our kind of business. We will make that judgement as that opportunity comes along.

CJN: *You spoke about Galen Weston bringing Holt Renfrew back to Canadian hands. Is there a growing role that Canadian-made garments or Canadian designers are going to play?*

Rath: We are very conscious of the recognition that there is extraordinary needlework available in Canada.

It is the charge of our merchants to seek the best they can find, best meaning quality-value relationship. In that regard, Canadian participation stands high. I believe it will expand. We have our own design studio where we employ many designers-sample hands — we don't release the numbers — who create sample goods, and most of that is then manufactured in Canada.

CJN: *There are rumors that a Bloomingdale's store might move into downtown Toronto. Is that going to give you pause for thought?*

Rath: We look at the the world market, at all of the great stores — everything from Galeries Lafayette in Paris to the little stores on Rome's Via Spiga to the independent specialty stores in Canada. We look at all of them, and decide there is something to be learned.

[Like] the gift-flower shop at Takashimaya on 5th Avenue in New York. It is a combination of antiques and gifts from around the world and a perfectly suberb French florist. They have melded the three of these into a little shop that is maybe 1,000 square feet, at most, and it is the most delightful retreat from that magnus of 5th Avenue. It has inspired me.

CJN: *How often do you travel?*

Rath: Out of 365 days of the year, I am not in this office half of the time, and I would have to say that's to my great credit. Our role is to support and know and what our stores are and what our customers want in those stores. This is not the headquarters, this is merely the central coordinating link. We learn only when we are with our stores and we get motivated from the creative forces that exist in the worldwide markets.

CJN: *You recently, on behalf of Holt Renfrew, presented a $60,000 research grant to Dr. Larry Guilbert to study HIV fetal transmission. Do you personally support other causes, like those in the Jewish community?*

Rath: I do not talk about my personal philanthropy. I am pleased to work for a business that believes it has a responsibility to the nation and the communities we operate in to be good citizens.

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Creative Ideas in Financial Planning

Dramatic changes on TASE examined in year-end review

By DOV HOCH
Special to The CJN

TEL AVIV — Last Rosh Hashanah is a good point of departure for reviewing the dramatic changes in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) over the past year, as that holiday week included an event which greatly influenced the stock market: the signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

With the signing of this agreement, investors' expectations rose and companies began gearing up to take advantage of the "peace dividends."

Many of Israel's large companies had already begun enjoying the benefits of Israel's formalized diplomatic relations with more than 45 countries. The promise of regional trade and increased foreign investment spurred an interest in many companies' stocks.

Bezek, Israel's telecommunications monopoly, for example, recently began exporting communications hardware and know-how to Hungary, Poland, and the former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.

The Maof index, which reflects the stocks of Israel's larger companies, had failed to breach the 200 mark in August. It rose 13 per cent last September and by the end of November it peaked at 255 points — a dramatic 30 per cent rise in three months.

A record 1.9 million tourists and business people entering Israel in 1993 — with an anticipated 5 million by decade's end — has resulted in a government decision to build a new terminal at Ben Gurion airport, at a cost of $500 million.

Projections for multi-destination regional travel and land-links to neighboring countries led Tourism Minister Uzi Baran to call for the doubling of Israel's 32,000-room hotel capacity.

As a result, when Africa Israel Hotels made a stock offering in October, investors were so optimistic about the benefits of peace that the stock offering was over-subscribed by 2,050 times!

However, the largest stock price increases were reported by the smaller companies. The Caram index, which reflects the stocks of smaller companies, concluded 1993 up an astounding 77 per cent (55 per cent after adjustment for inflation).

However, as winter of 1993 approached, a grayer reality shadowed the stock market. The loss of optimism began with the failure to implement even the modest terms of the PLO accord.

Caused investors to lose confidence

But other events also caused investors to lose confidence. The government, for example, was not able to sell off Bank Hapoalim shares, which it had acquired, together with the controlling interest in other major banks, during the 1983 share crisis. Inflation then also began to creep upwards, and in November and December 1993 the Bank of Israel raised interest rates by a total of 1.3 points.

The resulting reductions in the money supply held back economic growth and, with little news on the horizon, the market was poised for what analysts call a "correction," but which is more commonly known as a "nose-dive" — the most precipitous one since the 1983 crash when share prices fell 65 per cent.

Small investors, who had invested their savings in stocks after the market's initial boom, received a heavy blow as share prices dropped 30 per cent from their peak. By summer 1994, stocks were trading well below their pre-Rosh Hashanah prices.

But the hardest hit were those who took out loans during the bull market to make stock purchases. In fall 1993, before the interest rate hike, the major banks (who, not coincidentally, also function as stock brokers) were offering good terms on loans for stock purchases.

The end of the bull market, which dashed so many hopes, can be attributed to a number of factors.

In January, the chair of TASE broke the taboos against talking about the market, and stated that stock prices were overvalued. The Clinton-Asad summit the same month, brought home the reality of the situation between the two countries.

Then, in February, minor market players were arrested for manipulating share prices.

By March, full-blown scandals linked a manager of Israel Discount Bank's provident fund to unauthorized purchases and collaborations to run up share prices. Moreover, after the huge fall-off in stock prices, it came to light that many public companies had been looking for a "quick buck" and invest disproportionately in the stock market, instead of in their core business activities.

The final nail in the coffin, the closure of the territories after the Hebron massacre in March 1994, is still affecting the entire economy. Sixty thousand Arab construction and agricultural workers have been kept from working in Israel. As a result, housing prices have soared, and both the consumer price index (CPI) and inflation have shot up.

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Business & Finance

Market may be affected by Middle East relations

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The Central Bank's often stated target inflation rate of 8 per cent seems far off. Interest rates rose several times this spring and inflation already stood at 13 per cent for the year. The greatest optimists are now predicting no less than 10 per cent inflation this year at best.

However, there is room for hope that the Israeli stock market will make a comeback. Mark Meiras, managing director of the consulting firm Pacific Mediterranean Investments, says, "I've seen it from the Philippines to Brazil, first the local boom, then the local bust and finally the foreign boom, which leads to economic growth and thus qualifies a country as an 'emerging market.' We've already seen the first two phases in Israel."

Arnon Zahavi, a lecturer at the Capital Markets College in Tel Aviv, agrees with Meiras that the fundamental factors driving the Israeli economy are strong, despite the fall in stock prices.

"The Finance Ministry is pointing to two per cent growth in 1994 and seven per cent growth in 1995," says Zahavi, noting that the TASE usually indicates what the economy will look like in the near future, not over the long term.

"For example, during the Gulf War, share prices fell up until the start of the war, then despite the fact that Scuds were falling on Tel Aviv, they rose." To really gauge the strength of the economy, he says, "we'll have to wait and see the company results for the third quarter."

As the Jewish year 5744 ends, investors on the TASE are treading more cautiously than this time last year.

"No fast track to building an economy"

Like the shofar's blast, Israelis received quite a few "wake-up calls" during the year, reminding them that there is no fast track to building an economy. Relations with the PLO and Israel's neighbors will probably continue to be the main factor affecting the stock market in the new year.

Advances of 30 per cent in a matter of weeks are probably events of the past; but there is reason to believe that Israel's capital markets are on the way to more long-term, stable growth.

As Meiras says, "Take a look at what's going on in Dizengoff Centre [in Tel Aviv]. It's teaming with activity. That's what drives the economy."

Tips From Pros

By AARON COHEN
Special to The CJN

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With the High Holy Days around the corner, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of Israel Bonds will be purchased. As well, it is important to realize that any Israel Bonds you may already have, can be transferred into your self-directed RRSP, and therefore compound tax free for you immediately.

With various State of Israel Bonds to choose from, which all offer competitive interest rates and no transaction fees, you are offered long term investing and an opportunity to help support the people of Israel.

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Biz Briefs

American Express Set To Expand

JERUSALEM — American Express is planning to expand its activities in Israel and in the area, American Express International Business Development President James Lee told Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

At a meeting with Shohat, Lee showed a new travel guidebook to Israel and the Middle East which will be published next week and distributed by the company's offices throughout the world.

Shohat said the progress from the peace process is promoting greater interest from tourists who want to visit Israel and the region.

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Mortgage Program for Kibbutzim

JERUSALEM — Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat last week announced a 67 million shekel mortgage program for kibbutzim, whose dire financial situation has made it impossible for them to borrow money from commercial banks in order to build housing that would attract new members.

The Treasury approved the granting of 1,400 special mortgages at preferential rates. However, Treasury spokesman Elisheva Braun said the terms of mortgage repayments have yet to be set.

Braun said Shohat decided on the special mortgage program since kibbutzim's financial straits have created a vicious circle that is blocking their recovery.

"The kibbutzim cannot borrow money to build new housing, so that they can attract new members, in order to expand their productive capacity, and therefore be able to pay back their debts," said Braun.

The mortgages will not be extended to kibbutzim situated in areas of the country where there is high demand for land. Those kibbutzim will have to sell their land to finance new housing.

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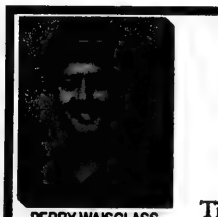

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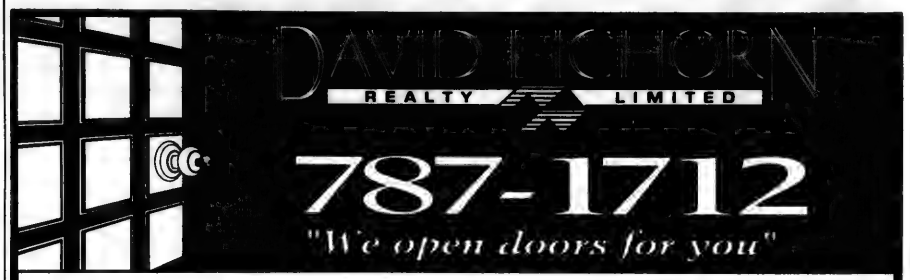

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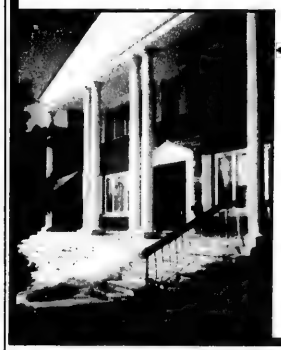

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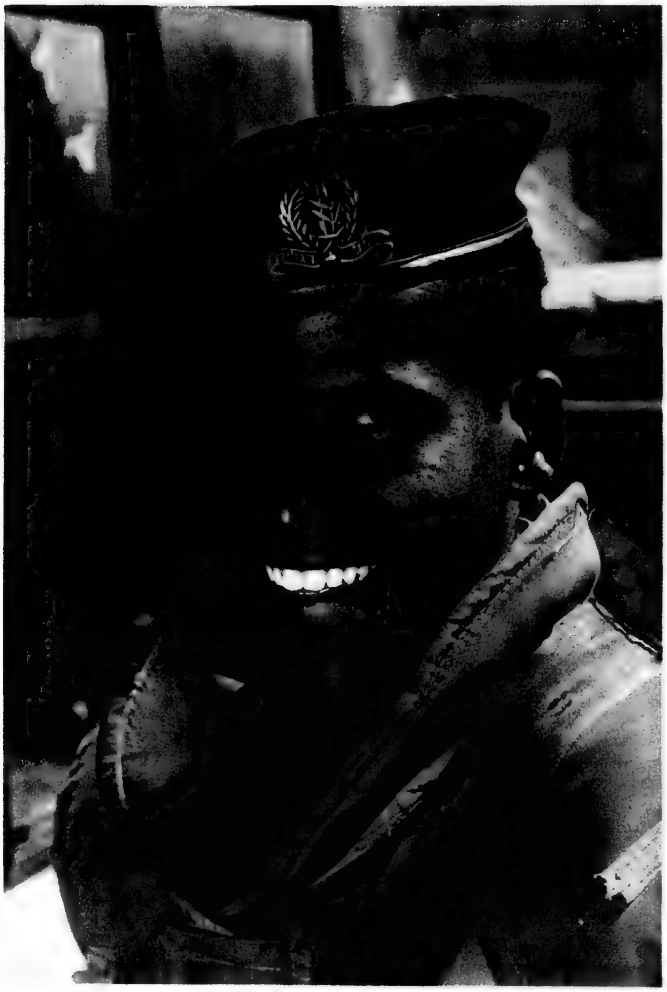

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Two Israeli soldiers — one a paratrooper of Ethiopian origin, standing guard in Hebron; the other a new recruit, picking grapefruit on a kibbutz in the Galilee. She came to Israel with her family 14 years ago when then prime minister Menachem Begin offered refuge to Vietnamese boat people. [IPPA, IDF photos]

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— Isaiah 2:3-4

In a year that began and ended with historic handshakes between the State of Israel and its one-time enemies, 5754 also contained much to rejoice, and to weep, over in between.

Israel's bookend agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with Jordan in many ways overshadowed other events, like the Canadian elections and the sentencing of French war criminal Paul Touvier, which affected us as Jews, Canadians and human beings.

We watched in hope as South Africa moved towards its first democratic elections in April, and in horror as corpses piled up in Rwanda and Zaire, victims of vicious tribal killing and the wasting illnesses of refugees.

We cheered European breakthroughs like the exchange of ambassadors between Israel and the Vatican, and the sound defeat of anti-Semitic Hungarian politican Istvan Csurka, who collected only 900 votes in that country's May elections.

We joined together to commemorate the 50th anniversaries of events like the wholescale rescue of Danish Jews in 1943 and the D-Day invasion of France, which turned the tide of war against Germany in 1944.

And we learned of the need to ensure Jewish continuity in our communities, and to continue to press for the prosecutions of Nazi war criminals and hate mongers.

But for many it was the electrifying changes in the Middle East that defined 5754. PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin crossed ideological and political gulfs in their commitment to Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza.

Rabin crossed a further barrier between Israel and Jordan as King Hussein's guest in Aqaba following the recent peace developments between the two countries. The links being forged between Israel and Jordan may someday result in a formal peace treaty. At the same time, the violence in Hebron and the terrorist attacks that killed Jews in Israel, Buenos Aires and Panama proved that peace in the Mideast is not on everyone's agenda.

The Year 5754 in Review

SEPTEMBER (Elul/Tishrei)

• The **Declaration of Principles** is signed by **Israel** and the **Palestinian Liberation Organization** on the White House lawn in Washington, D.C. Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** and PLO leader **Yasser Arafat** capture the world's attention with a handshake and their promise to continue working towards peace in the region. The Israeli **Knesset** later approves the accord in a 61-50 vote.

The agreement calls for Israeli troop withdrawals from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip within three months, Palestinian prisoner releases, self-policing and eventual elections.

Canada pledges $55 million over five years to develop the West Bank and Gaza, over and above the $7.8 million it channels into the region annually. The money will go towards homes for Palestinian refugees living in Egypt, a rainwater cachement system and the development of Palestinian institutions. Canada was part of an international drive to kick in $2 billion for the Palestinian self-governing authority.

• **Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau** is received in the Vatican, a first for an Israeli chief rabbi. Rabbi Lau, in Italy for a conference of Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders, discusses the need to end religious strife and anti-Semitism with **Pope John Paul II**.

• The Vancouver telephone network **Canadian Liberty Net** is ordered by the Canadian Human Rights Commission to stop broadcasting racist messages. In a 50-page report, the commission finds that complaints of "discriminatory practice" brought against the telephone line by **Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region**, and the **Committee for Racial Justice** are justified. The Net now operates from the United States.

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Year in Review compiled and written by Amy Sattin CJN staff reporter

לשנה טובה תכתבו

JNF's blue boxes have helped make Israel bloom

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

For many people, the familiar Jewish National Fund blue box was their first experience in supporting Israel.

What the JNF does with the blue box contents, and with the other funds it raises, is nothing less than, to use a poetic turn of phrase, making the land bloom.

Since its founding at the 5th Zionist Congress in Basel in 1901 (it came to Canada, as it did to the rest of the Jewish world, shortly after), it has planted some 200 million trees over 200,000 acres, and continues to plant over 5,000 acres a year.

The JNF cares for an additional 100,000 acres of natural woodlands, has reclaimed over 250,000 acares of land for agricultural use, has purchased 650,000 acres of land for settlement and has prepared the infrastructure for some 1,000 settlements, including those specifically for new immigrants.

This is in addition to blazing roads through mountains and deserts, caring for pasture land, and providing picnic, recreation and tourist facilities and parks.

An important responsibility of JNF, an especially vital one these days when the water supply is such an integral part of the peace negotiations, is to build reservoirs and dams to expand Israel's water supply for industry, agriculture and domestic consumption.

It also conducts and supports research into such subjects as afforestation, pest control, fire prevention and land use.

In Toronto, JNF is a beehive of activity.

New blue box chair Leonard Exton is full of enthusiasm. He hopes to increase the number and prominence of blue boxes, in residential, institutional and retail settings.

One proposal is to establish distribution centres around the city, where contributors can both pick up and hand in the boxes.

He also hopes to run an active public relations campaign.

The tree-selling program will also be expanded. Executive director Ben Prossin told *The CJN* that besides encouraging the purchase of trees for specific occasions, such as births, memorials and anniversaries, JNF "will stress the importance of trees to the environment and quality of life in Israel."

He said that people will also be encouraged to buy groves or woods.

A cruise on Lake Ontario scheduled for last month supported the purchase of a fire engine for Ben Shemen. Prossin explained that this is essential since Ben Shemen is what is called an "old grove" of trees, that is, one where the trees are older, and thus in greater danger of catching fire.

Plans are being finalized for the 46th annual Negev dinner, to be held November 27 at the Sheraton Centre. Honoree will be philanthropist Joey Tanenbaum, Toronto chair Patricia Alpert announced.

Arrangements are also being made for the annual MEGA tour to Israel, scheduled for February of next year, and for the CAARI program, in which seniors spend two months in Israel.

Conscious of the need to encourage more lay people to become involved with JNF, the New Leadership and University Students' divisions are expanding their programs as well.

And as always, the Tu Be'Shevat celebrations will be a major event in schools and the community as a whole.

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Rosh Hashanah is a time of introspection

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Supplement Editor

The new year for our secular neighbors is an unequivocally happy time. It is a time for celebration, get-togethers with family or friends, enthusiastic gatherings around city halls.

It is also the time when everyone makes resolutions for the coming months, most of which are quickly abandoned when the dark days and cold winds of January make good intentions just too depressing to think about.

For Jews, the beginning of the year, Rosh Hashanah, is very different. While it is indeed a happy time, filled with terrific food (often too much of it), family (often too much of that too) and the bone-chilling blasts of the shofar, there is another whole aspect to it.

Rosh Hashanah is Yom Hadin, the day of judgment. We believe that on Rosh Hashanah G-d begins the task of deciding the fate of each of us for the coming year.

It is difficult to be unrestrained in one's joy when one thinks of G-d sitting in Heaven and shaking His head, as it were, over our last twelve months.

Perhaps this is why Rosh Hashanah is such a time of introspection for Jews. Many of us find it a sad time, as we think of kindnesses we should have performed, duties we have slacked. And for many it is even sadder as we think about people for whom the heavenly judgment was not according to our, or their, prayers.

It is also a time when we examine our lives in a concrete and critical way. We determine, often, that we will make changes.

This is a good time, we think, to decide to study Torah more, and to work with our children, maintaining our patience and good humor as they learn and grow into, we hope, proud and contributing members of the Jewish people.

This also a time of introspection for families. Some have children making the giant leap from pre-school to grade school, some from elementary to high school, others from high school to university or yeshiva, often in Israel.

Young men and women are starting jobs, or moving away from home. We recognize that life for them — and us — will not be the same.

Our oldest daughter will begin university next month.

When one talks about rites of passage, this one has to rank with the biggies.

It is not only that she is exchanging the child-like atmosphere of high school for the rarified atmosphere of university. It's what that rarified atmosphere is going to mean to her.

She will meet and interact with not only Jews of all theological stripes, but also with people who aren't Jews at all. And she will be confronted with philosophies and ideas that are antithetical to everything she has spent her whole life learning.

We have made sure that our daughter got a first-class Jewish education, in a school where she was taught not only the basic premises of our faith, but the philosophical underpinnings of that faith.

Perhaps more to the point, we made sure that she felt comfortable questioning her teachers and us about anything that concerned her.

Let me point out now that this is a young woman who questioned everything, always. From the time she was two, and refused to wear gloves until she felt for herself that 20 below zero was actually cold, she has refused to accept "because that's the way it is," or "because I say so" as any sort of answer at all.

She believes that she can cope with any radical notions university can throw at her. Intellectually, I realize that she is probably right. She has a confidence in the rightness of Judaic belief that leaves me in awe.

Maybe the reason I am frightened is that she will be on her own — and not only without the support of a staff and student body that shares her values. She has also reached the stage where, quite rightly, she, as will all these young people, will be independent of us.

There is a link in the Torah between Rosh Hashanah and Pesach. Rosh Hashanah is considered the beginning of the year, the time the calendar year starts. But in the book of Exodus, in Parshat Bo, G-d tells Israel that the months are counted from Pesach, as that is the date of our freedom from slavery, the beginning of us an in independent nation.

So too for my daughter, and for so many other daughters and sons. Rosh Hashanah is the time when we reflect on what kind of parents we have been, and what kind of person our child has developed into.

And, as G-d did Israel on Pesach, we watch our children take their giant steps to independence. I think G-d will understand if we say an extra special prayer for them.

To all our children, and to all of the very loyal *CJN* readers, K'tivah v'chatima tovah, may G-d inscribe you in the Book of Life, for a good and sweet year.

Munich museum puts focus on Jewish exhibits

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Richard Grimm calls it "a statement of atonement."

Munich's Jewish Museum, tucked away in two small rooms at 36 Maximilianstrasse, was founded by Grimm five years ago.

It's his "gift" to a city where the Nazi movement gained much of its impetus before Hitler's accession to power in 1933.

As Grimm put it: "I was born in Munich, so I wanted to make a statement of atonement and reconciliation for my hometown."

A 48-year-old Bavarian Catholic, Grimm is an art dealer with close ties to Munich's Jewish community, the third largest in Germany after Berlin and Frankfurt.

As a student, he was a co-founder of a German-Israeli youth circle. Later, he served as Hans Lamm's executive assistant. Lamm, who died in 1985, was for many years president of Munich's Jewish community.

After Lamm's death, Grimm began thinking seriously of starting a Jewish museum. It was not an original idea. It had been discussed since the 1960s, but nothing had come of it.

By the spring of 1989, Grimm was ready to begin, having acquired through auctions and dealers sufficient material to launch his museum.

Not surprisingly, the first exhibition was on the theme of atonement and reconciliation as expressed through children's art.

Grimm and Rachel Salamander, the proprietor of Munich's only Jewish book store, sponsored a contest and the best pictures submitted by Bavarian pupils were placed in the exhibition.

Since then, the museum has mounted 15 different exhibitions on topics running the gamut from Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews, to the former Venice ghetto.

The current exhibition, which ends in October, deals with Shanghai as a safe haven for Jewish refugees of Nazi persecution.

It will be followed by an exhibition on *Aufbau*, the German-Jewish newspaper published in New York City. It starts in November and closes next February.

A month later, the museum will sponsor an exhibition on Jewish soldiers from Munich who fought in World War I. (Approximately 12,000 German Jewish troops fell in battle from 1914-18).

The museum's permanent collection, though modest, is quite striking.

It consists of, among other things, an 18th century map of Palestine by Bartholemus Seutter, the official cartographer of the Hapsburg royal court; a 15th century woodcut on Solomon's Temple by Hartmann Schedel; a 19th century wooden figure of an Orthodox Jew; and a 17th century copper engraving of a Frankfurt pogrom by Jan van Luyken.

Although the museum has had close to 60,000 visitors since 1989, it is not listed in all guidebooks. And *Germany For the Jewish Traveller*, a brochure published by the German National Tourist Office, ignores it altogether.

Admission to the museum is free. It's open three days a week — Tuesday and Wednesday (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and Thursday (2 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

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Shofar makes us consider creation, life

By RABBI BERNARD RASKAS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Rosh Hashanah, the commemoration of the creation of the universe, is a difficult concept to grasp.

That is because it has to do with the idea of time. Even the essential symbol of Rosh Hashanah, the sound of the shofar, exists only in time. It cannot be seen, touched, felt or tasted.

In the roller coaster of life, we need to understand time and the timeless. Awash in trivia, people need ceremonies to remind themselves that they are part of something important, if not mysterious. We Jews, for example, have a blessing for sighting a rainbow or the ocean, for our food, for beginnings and endings. As Kohelet put it, "there is a time for everything."

Life is precious and life is sacred. As we move about God's world, we must walk with reverence for creation. We are of the universe and are its caretakers. On Rosh Hashanah we reaffirm our responsibility to cherish the life of the universe.

A story about one of our great atomic physicists illustrates this concern for all living things. This man, one of the chief architects of the atomic bomb, was out wandering in the woods one day with a friend when he came upon a small tortoise.

Overcome with pleasurable excitement, he took up the tortoise and started home, thinking to surpise his children with it. After a few steps, he paused and surveyed the tortoise doubtfully.

"What's the matter?" his friend asked.

Without responding, the great scientist slowly retraced his steps as precisely as possible and gently set the turtle down upon the exact spot from which he had taken him up.

Then he solemnly faced his friend and said, "It just struck me that for one man, perhaps I have tampered enough with the universe."

He turned and left the turtle to wander on its way.

This is a recognition that we must have a sense of reverence for the life of the world.

Rosh Hashanah also comes to mark the end of the old year and there is a time for letting go. We need to let go of our children so they can grow up. We need to let go of our anger and our guilt. We need to let go of certain traumas and events of the past so we can experience the many opportunities of the present and the future.

We need to let go of material objects when we become overly dependent on them. Letting go does not necessarily mean to physically relinquish the object. We need to overcome our own dependency on the object and realize that the essence of our being is not the material object.

Creation is part of everyday living. The daily wonders of God can be seen in the birth of a baby, the budding of the trees, the varieties of the birds and the infinite glory of the growing flowers.

Creation may also be reflected in the endeavors of the artist who continually seeks to add beauty to life even as the reactive person desires to deepen the experience and meaning of life itself.

This thought was given fine expression by Rabbi Abraham Heschel in his book, *The Sabbath*.

"Creation, we are taught, is not an act that happened once upon a time, once and for ever. The act of bringing the world into existence is a continuous process. God called the world into being, and that call goes on," Heschel wrote.

This coming Rosh Hashanah, the sound of the shofar summons us to consider that life is all about time and its use.

IN THE BEGINNING

A detail, depicting Noah's Ark, from Israeli artist Dan Rubinstein's stained glass window on the theme of creation.

Rubinstein's window is one of five recently installed at Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach Hospital. Entitled "The Creation," the windows depict the early stories from the Book of Genesis.

Rubinstein's work, which took more than three years to complete, consists of some 7,000 pieces of colored antique glass, and covers an area of 30 square metres.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Noa steps into music's big leagues with new album

World Zionist Press Service

When she speaks Hebrew, she's an Israeli Yemenite. When she speaks English, she's distinctly New York. And when she sings, she's sublime.

This past year, Noa (Israeli songwriter and performer Ahinoam Nini's spiffy new stage name) has established herself even more internationally. Her newest album, entitled simply *Noa* and released March 1, promises to be a quantum leap into the big league. Produced by mega-stars Pat Metheny and Steve Rodby on the prestigious Geffen label, it was recorded at the famous Hit Factory and Power Station studios in New York City.

Sophisticated pop, jazz, folk and Yemenite — Noa's singing is as rich and textured as her background. Refusing to be packaged as American, world-beat, or ethnic, she has insisted on weaving the strands of her American-Israeli-Yemenite background together in her own unique way. The result is passionate, moving, and intensely honest.

Born in Israel to parents of Yemenite descent, Noa's family moved to the United States when she was only six months old. She grew up in New York City, attended both yeshivah and the renowned School for the Performing Arts. At 17, she returned to Israel on her own, where she completed high school and her compulsory military service.

In early 1990, Gil Dor, an accomplished guitarist and a graduate of the Berklee School of Music in Boston, invited Noa to perform with him at a jazz festival in Tel Aviv. They have continued to collaborate ever since.

Noa and Dor have appeared in concerts throughout the world, to unanimous acclaim. Intense and outspoken, Noa recently met with WZPS's Etta Prince-Gibson to talk about her art, her beliefs, her doubts, and her aspirations.

WZPS: *Your background is American-Yemenite-Israeli, but your music is not easily defined. What has influenced you the most?*

Noa: I am a combination of all these different backgrounds, and they have all impacted on my music. I guess the primary influence has been my American upbringing, which began with the singer-songwriters of the '60s, such as Joni Mitchell and Simon and Garfunkel, and on through Prince and Sting and the finer jazz performers. And I have always loved Broadway. But my Yemenite roots are very important to me, too. They were always there — in the food, the books, the culture and the music we enjoyed at home.

WZPS: *How do you put these different traditions together?*

Noa: Very arbitrarily, I guess. However I see fit, in whatever way serves the purpose — the idea that I am trying to convey, the image, the lyric, or the melody I hear in my mind. I use them like Lego, like pieces to build the final result that I want to create.

WZPS: *Is this what has made your music so special?*

Noa: This makes my music very spicy. But the songwriting itself is also very important. I think my songwriting is good and strong, and you don't find that much anymore. Music today seems to be based more on atmosphere or on the production.

But I am a songwriter. Gil and I are not producers of music; we want to be perceived as artists. My music is an ongoing, lifelong process of work and creation. Consciously, I try to take things in new directions all the time, so that I can grow and experience and expand.

WZPS: *You were six months old when your family left Israel, and you grew up in New York City. What made you choose to come back to Israel?*

Noa: I cannot disconnect myself from my American being, but I never felt fully American. I didn't belong there. My parents chose to go to America to study, and they wound up staying. They have done well for themselves. But the prospect of staying there and having Israeli-American hybrid children did not seem right to me. And I was 17 and I was in love. So I also followed my heart.

It was beyond logic. I think all important decisions are. Something inside you moves you, tells you to go, just go. You can list the pros and cons, but then you throw the list away and do

Ahinoam Nini (Noa) in concert
[WZPS photo]

what you feel is right. You see, it was the right decision. The most fabulous things in my life — marrying my husband and meeting Gil Dor and the collaboration between us — have happened here.

WZPS: *Does living here make your music more Israeli?*

Noa: The longer I live here, the more I am influenced by Israeli music, especially the older, more classical music. But I certainly don't fit any stereotypes about Israeli music! Because I create here, what I do is contemporary Israeli music, and I think it is interesting.

But sometimes, audiences expect me to fulfil their expectations of what Israeli music is supposed to be. I cannot do that, and I would like my audiences simply to appreciate and be proud of something that is original and beautiful and bold that comes from Israel. I am proud that as Israelis, we can open ourselves to other traditions, without losing our own identity.

Some people were offended because we recorded *Ave Maria* on our new album. But I didn't think of it as Christian. I thought that the music was beautiful, and that the words fit what I wanted to say. I love taking a piece and making it my own, whatever its origins, and infusing it with my own identity.

WZPS: *You are also different from other Israeli performers in that you have expressed your political views openly.*

Noa: Yes, I believe in the current peace process and I have been very outspoken about this. In the past, I could not justify what my own government was doing, and it was difficult for me to travel abroad; I would do acrobatics around policies I didn't believe in.

Expressing your political views can shift your audience, and in Israel, performers like us have a very small audience to begin with. So I am not critical of performers who do not do this. But I made a conscious decision that I cannot sit and do nothing while the fate of this country is being formed. If I do nothing, then I am being irresponsible. So I enrolled myself in a political party, the left-of-centre Meretz party, and I attend rallies and demonstrations.

This is where I live. I have to take a stand. And if my music has made me fortunate enough to have the attention of some people, then I will use that gift in the most positive way. This is just as important as singing about love, life and emotion.

WZPS: *You even recorded a song with a Palestinian group.*

Noa: Yes, last spring we recorded in Italy with a Palestinian group made up of performers from Nablus, Jerusalem and Kuwait.

It came about by chance, when we were double-billed at a concert in Italy. We became friends, and we talked a lot and argued, and we got to know each other and to understand each other. I had never met a Palestinian before; I though that they were 'the other,' different from me. It was wonderful to meet them, to see how much we have in common.

The bottom line is that history can't be erased, but we can have a mutual goal for the future — peace. So we recorded the Beatles' song, *Come Together*. They translated the words into Arabic, and we translated them into Hebrew, and it all came together for us, too.

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Israeli novelist's work pensive, controversial

World Zionist Press Service

At 7:30 a.m., when his wife, Michal and children leave for work and school, David Grossman, like some sort of medieval monk-scholar, retreats to his basement. Doorbells, phone calls are ignored.

Considered by many to be Israel's premier novelist, Grossman spends much of his time in the nether regions of his home pacing. For six, seven, eight hours a day Grossman walks back and forth, leaving imperceptable tracks on the hard stone floor. When he is ready to write, he has the tenacity to work up to 17 hours a day.

David Grossman recently turned 40. He began writing 12 years ago when he left Israel Radio (he had been working there since he was 10), following a dispute over his left-wing political views. He is one of the few — if not only — Israeli novelists who can live off his writing.

Grossman has four published novels, two major works of non-fiction, a collection of short stories, children's books and a play.

His third novel, *The Book of Intimate Grammar*, was an instant hit in Israel when it came out in Hebrew in 1991. On Sept. 1, the novel will appear for the first time in English in bookstores in the United States and Great Britain. It will appear in Germany and France at the same time. The Dutch and Italian editions are already out, and it will soon be published in the Scandinavian countries, Spain, Brazil, Japan and Czechoslovakia.

Grossman will be spending the first two weeks of October in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C. and St. Louis on a promotional tour arranged by his American publisher Farrar Straus & Giroux.

Grossman, a slight, bespeckled, young-looking man with thinning reddish hair, holds up the British jacket of *The Book of Intimate Grammar*. "What do you think?" he asks, admitting he isn't quite sure himself.

Grossman is no newcomer to the foreign market. Many of his books have been translated into at least a dozen languages.

The *New York Times* has compared him to Dostoyevsky, Gunter Grass and Gabriel Garcia Marquez and a cover story in the *Jerusalem Report* a few years ago, predicted he would become "the world's favorite Israeli writer."

David Grossman. [WZPS photo]

His books have been reviewed by just about every major publication in the English-speaking world and literary accolades have been awarded by Germany, Italy and Mexico.

Grossman's books are not what one would expect from runaway best-sellers. They are pensive — almost brooding — controversial and painfully thought-provoking.

His two books of non-fiction, *The Yellow Wind* (1987) and *Sleeping on a Wire* (1992), take the reader directly into the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, opening up a pandora's box of moral and ethical questions.

His first novel, *The Smile of the Lamb* (1983), is one of the first literary treatments of Israel's presence in the administered territories. His second novel (published in English before the first), *See Under: Love* (1987), penetrates the horrors of the Holocaust from a perspective few writers would have dared.

His fourth and much lighter novel, *The Zigzag Child*, written ostensibly for young adults, will be translated into English and other languages.

Success seems to have had little impact on Grossman. He is warm, down-to-earth and utterly familiar. Letters from readers (he answers them all) interest him far more than professional book reviews.

He owns a video camera and is as comfortable talking about his 10- and 12-year old sons' homework — "What do they get out of it anyway?" — as he is discussing Kafka, his literary godfather. Books and toys vie for space in his Mevasseret Zion home, a suburban community 10 minutes outside of Jerusalem.

It's almost deceiving. Grossman's home-self seems diametrically opposed to the tormented characters that populate his books.

Behind his cordiality, his thoughtful, sometimes distant gaze, one can almost sense demons lurking, each struggling to burst forth centre stage with a myriad of conflicting ideas.

When Aron, the hero-portagonist of *Grammar*, says he sees himself "at the centre of a battlefield, striving against suffering and death," it could easily be Grossman talking about his own writing.

The Book of Intimate Grammar (beautifully translated into English by Betsy Rosenberg) is about a young Jerusalemite who doesn't want to grow up. Grossman takes us on a magical — and agonising — journey into the inner world of Aron Kleinfeld as he becomes painfully aware of his friends' emerging masculinity, his father's overwhelming sexuality, of the world's carnality.

An adolescent Tiresias, Aron internalizes everything around him to such an extreme, that the outside world becomes nothing more than an animated and meaningless picture screen.

Grossman talks about Aron with the intimacy and hesitancy of a parent discussing a child. Presented through a series of internal monologues, Aron's perceptions are so piercing, so recognizable, the novel is at once an excruciating and exhilarating read.

According to the author, the book is about human confinement; it describes what it is like for the human spirit, "the ultimate expression of freedom," as Grossman puts it, to be entrapped in something "so limited, capricious and impersonal as one's body." It is, says this former philosophy major, "the ultimate dichotomy."

"More than anything," he says, "the novel is about the birth of an artist, about the development of something spiritual and creative in an environment that is mundane and materialistic."

His almost 2-year-old daughter Rutie comes in, climbs on her father's lap and he continues.

"*Grammar* was my most difficult book to write." He thinks for a second, then laughs. "Maybe that's why it's so readable," he says, almost to himself.

"For three years I stood exposed to the harsh brutality of those adolescent years," says Grossman. "My childhood was a much happier one than Aron's. I had a lot of friends, but at the same time I felt isolated. How is that possible?"

Compared with the large-scale subjects of his earlier books, Grossman admits that at first he couldn't imagine who would want to read about a place so small, minute.

Grammar takes place in Bet Hakerem, a small middle-class neighborhood in Jerusalem (where Grossman grew up), during the years leading up to the 1967 Six-Day War. The book recaptures the nuances, the mood of the time.

"It's about the mentality of a generation immigrants and all the energy they invested in their children," says Grossman. "They wanted to raise strong, independent Israelis freed from the claustrophobia that permeated the country at the time."

Aron is the antithesis of the dream. When he stops growing, his overbearing mother Hinda and rather loutish father, Moshe, look at Aron as a personal insult.

Grossman says the passage he had the most difficulty writing — as an Israeli — was Aron's asking when the war was going to happen to "them" already.

"As a child," Grossman recalls, "the Six-Day War was central to my existence. I was sure I was going to be killed."

Does Grossman consider himself an Israeli writer, a Jewish writer, or simply a writer who happens to live in Israel and happens to be Jewish?

"No, no, there are no 'happens to' in my case," says Grossman, who is adamant that his children grow up in Israel. He clearly thinks of himself as both very Israeli and very Jewish.

A committed secularist (his grandparents were religious, his parents are traditional), Grossman began studying the Talmud two years ago, calling it the first post-modernist text ever written.

He considers himself lucky to have been born at this juncture in Jewish history. "After 2,000 years we have the privilege of having our own nation," says Grossman, who is guardedly optimistic about the prospects for peace. "To be able to create our own reality, our own values, our own language, is a rare opportunity, indeed."

Grossman admits he has written little since his daughter was born but reveals that a new novel is in the planning — rather pacing — stages. He himself isn't sure what it will be about.

"A book, after all, is much more intelligent than the person writing it," he says.

He gets up, videotapes his children playing in the garden, discusses dinner, all the while contemplating his inevitable descent back to the basement.

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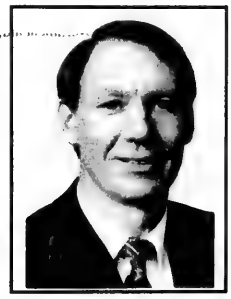

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Na'ama residents favor peace, good relations

World Zionist Press Service

Matat Rosenbloom, 36, has few illusions and little hope for the future of Na'ama, the small moshav (farming village) in the Jordan Valley where she has lived for nearly 14 years.

"I don't think we have much of a future here," she says sadly. "Politically, financially, and socially, I am afraid that things are very grim."

Na'ama, the only Jewish settlement located to the east of the Jordan Valley Road, has suddenly found itself right in the middle of Palestinian autonomy. The autonomous city of Jericho is only 900 metres to the south, and the autonomous village of Upa, linked to Jericho by a single road running along the perimeter of Na'ama, is only a kilometre to the north. To the west are mountains, while to the east, minefields and barbed wire mark the border with Jordan.

The bypass-Jericho road, hastily mapped-out as part of the autonomy agreement, is, in reality, only used by the army to patrol the border. It is bumpy, unpaved, dusty, and dangerous, and clearly unsuited for regular travel.

The moshav itself, home to 27 families, mostly in their mid-to-late thirties, was established by the World Zionist Organization in 1982 as part of a plan to settle the Jordan Valley and provide a security belt around Israel's vulnerable heartland.

But the second Likud government defined Judea and Samaria as priority areas for settlement, and money sorely needed for Na'ama's expansion and development, particularly for implementing high-tech, computer-monitored hothouses for its flowers and herbs, grapes, bananas, and dates, was not forthcoming.

Dusty and neglected, most of Na'ama's houses are small, with few amenities. There are few gardens or tended public spaces and the heat is oppressive and unrelenting.

While Na'ama has faced numerous difficulties since its establishment, including the failure to establish viable agriculture and the lack of commercial or public services — grocery stores and other shopping, schools, recreational facilities, and the like — the autonomy plan and the unresolved future of the area, coupled with ongoing economic difficulties, are responsible for the present atmosphere of dejection.

"People feel distress, hopelessness," says Eitan Rachimpoor, 37, Na'ama's secretary general. "The stress can be felt in personal relationships, in family life, in the social atmosphere here. Some people are close to emotional breakdowns."

To make things worse, the Gaza/Jericho plan, together with the after-effects of the massacre in Hebron, have radicalized Jericho, and the settlers of Na'ama are now regularly stoned and even shot at as they travel the Jordan Valley roads.

The drought of 1993 dealt what many perceive to be the final blow. Hopes of building new hothouses dried up together with the grapes and dates.

While settlements in the Jordan Valley exported more than 3,500 tons of grapes and marketed another 7,000 domestically last year, this year's harvest is less than half that.

Rachimpoor insists that security, economics, and politics are linked, and has demanded that the government declare Na'ama an agricultural disaster area so that it can receive emergency financial aid.

In May 1993, when Prime Minister Rabin visited the area, the entire adult population of Na'ama chained itself to the fence along the border with Jordan.

"I have been here for nine years," says Meller, "and I still have nothing. Without government aid, I can't even plant for next year. That's why we chained ourselves to the fence."

The widely publicized demonstration seems to have produced some results, and the government has promised to provide one million dollars in emergency aid to enable the residents of Na'ama to rehabilitate their hothouses and vineyards.

"We're not winning, and we don't need to be pitied," insists Rosenbloom. "I'm willing to continue living here, even for an interim period, because this is my home. But if the government wants me to stay, it must strengthen and support me. I'm not a beggar, but if we are providing a security belt for the whole State of Israel, we must at least have some financial security."

Rachimpoor is optimistic and believes that the promised financial aid will help get the moshav back on its feet to face this period of uncertainty. "If we are helped financially, we can face the other difficulties. As to the future, I don't believe we will have to evacuate. I believe that we will be able to stay here."

But others are less optimistic. "I was born in Riga, and I came to Israel in 1974," says Meller. "I came to Na'ama in 1985. My three children were born here. Now I am 36 years old. If we have to evcacuate the moshav, where will I go? How will I be able to start all over again at age 40?

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Anna Meller in Na'ama's flower hothouse. [WZPS photo]

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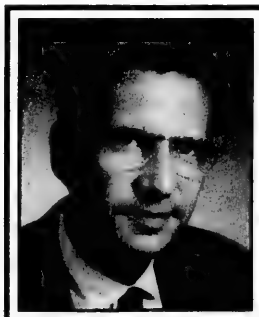

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Take time to devour a good book between chicken soup and kugel

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

The avalanche of books that has descended on my desk these past few months has run the gamut of literature — from books for young people, to history, to rabbinics, to Holocaust works.

While the early arrival of the holy days this year may make it seem ridiculous to even think of such frivolities as reading, rest assured that between the kugel, the davening and the relatives there will be a few minutes to sit down, relax, and, well, frivol with a good book.

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We may like to think that children are miniature versions of us, but in fact they have their own unique view of the world.

Prime examples can be found in-David Heller's *Just Build the Ark and the Animals Will Come* (Villard Books, 1994).

Heller has collected children's responses to biblical stories and problems — and the results are often hilarious, often surprisingly acute.

The lasting punishment G-d gave Canin, according to a 10-year-old, is that he had to act like a nerd for the rest of his life; an eight-year-old explains the difference between G-d and Satan as, "God is like my mother and the Devil is like my little brother," and the snake convinces Eve to eat the forbidden apple by, says an 11-year-old, assuring her that the apples are low calorie.

On the other hand, Dean, 10, notes sagely, "Abraham wasn't preachy. He probably just led by being an example. You should do that too."

Sacred Celebrations; a Jewish holiday handbook by Ronald Isaacs and Kerry Olitzky (Ktav, 1994) is an excellent guide to family holiday observances.

The authors discuss the significance, customs and blessings of both major and minor holidays, and give worthwhile and interesting ideas for family discussions and activities. Even games are included.

A similar type of book is *Torah; the growing gift* by Steven Steinbock (UAHC Press, 1994). It follows the outline of the Bible, from Creation to the death of Moses, giving synopses of the events, questions, puzzles and exercises.

I especially liked Steinbock's asking children to look around them for three details that they never noticed before, the intention being that they appreciate the many small miracles constantly happening in the world around them.

Looking for something to do with your kids during the long holiday (or Shabbat) afternoons? Savor *The Bird of Paradise and Other Sabbath Stories*, by Steven Rosman, illustrated by Joel Iskowitz (UAHC Press, 1994).

This is a delightful collection of short stories and parables adapted from Yiddish and chassidic tales, and the Talmud.

While they all teach or illustrate some sort of moral, they are by no means preachy or sickeningly sweet. They are perfect for adults and kids to curl with together, and find lots to talk about.

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Very little fiction, this time, but I did enjoy Gloria Goldreich's *That Year of Our War* (Little, Brown, 1994).

During the last year of World War II, 15-year-old Sharon Grossberg has to deal with her mother's death, her subsequent move to live with her hot-blooded aunts and uncles, her fears for her father who is serving overseas, and her own tremulous steps towards adulthood.

Interspersed are the conflicts of a family coping with different philosophies of life, the harsh realization by American Jews that Franklin Roosevelt was not the saviour they had thought him, the terrifying information leaking out of Europe about those Jews who had remained.

This is an excellent, moving and gripping read.

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It is only now that the teachings of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik are appearing in print with any degree of frequency, thanks to the efforts of his students and followers.

Just reprinted and enlarged is *Shiurei Harav; a conspectus of the*

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History, continuity make for fascinating reading

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public lectures of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik (Ktav, 1994).

This is a work to be studied, not glossed over. It includes his noted *On the Nature of Man*, discussions of the Haggadah, the nature of repentance and holiness, and the relationship between man and G-d.

It is particularly appropriate to be read during the High Holy Day period.

Well-known scholar and writer Jacob Neusner has produced a fascinating *Introduction to Rabbinic Literature* (Doubleday, 1994).

There is a fine and detailed discussion of the nature and significance of the different types of rabbinic writing, as well as explanations of various individual works such as the Mishnah, and commentaries on Song of Songs, Ruth and Esther, and the effect of rabbinic writings on the development of Judaic thought.

While the book may seem daunting at first glance, you will find yourself caught up in Neusner's discussions.

Not quite as esoteric, but fascinating all the same, is Reuven Hammer's *Entering Jewish Prayer* (Random House, 1994).

Hammer discusses and explains the different prayers in the Siddur, their history, importance and relationship to Judaism.

He also deals with the differences between the Temple services and synagogue rite.

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Jewish continuity is the buzzword of the decade, and Hertzel Fishman's *The Challenge to Jewish Survival* (Behrman House, 1993) deals with that very topic.

Fishman doesn't just accept the notion that Jews should remain Jews; he tries to show just why this should be, as a religion and as a nation.

There is an excellent history of the development of Zionism, and of Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Diaspora relations.

An interesting work of history is *Matthew's Christian-Jewish Community* by Anthony Saldarini (University of Chicago Press, 1994). This book discusses the book of Matthew in the Christian Bible, considered the most "Jewish" of the Gospels.

Saldarini discusses this book in relation to the early formation and development of the Christian church. He also describes the relations between the early Christians, both those formerly Jewish and those formerly gentile, and those who remained faithful to Judaism.

Relations between Jews and Gentiles discussed

Relations between Jews and non-Jew in the Hellenistic and Roman worlds is the basis of *Jew and Gentile in the Ancient World; attitudes and interactions from Alexander to Justinian* by Louis Feldman (Princeton University Press, 1993).

Judaism, Feldman shows, was not universally seen as either evil or undesirable. Indeed, he says, many scholars saw Jews and Jewish practice as attractive or, at least, virtuous.

This was reflected, he says, in the respect with which the Jewish faith was shown by many Greek and roman governments.

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Edmund Mandel tells his story in *The Right Path; the autobiography of a survivor* (Ktav, 1994). Mandel endured the horrors of Nazi labor camps and then the anti-Semitism of the brutal Communist regime in Hungary.

This is not a noble, saintly reaction to unspeakable suffering. Mandel is bitter about his experiences, bitter about the betrayal of those he considered his friends, bitter about the hypocrisy he saw everywhere.

Even the United States, where he found freedom, is not immune from the occasional wry comment.

Your name is Renee; Ruth's story as a hidden child by Stacy Cretzmeyer (Biddle Publishing Co., 1994) is the poignant and frightening story of a child who flees from house to house, is protected by a network of kind French people, and eventually finds refuge in a convent.

The sadness is increased by the realization that Ruth was only eight at the end of the war, and had had to play a role her whole life.

Another world view is told by Steven Jacobs in his *Rethinking Jewish Faith: the child of a survivor reponds* (SUNY Press, 1994). Jacobs tries to reconcile religious faith with the horrors of the Holocaust. He also demands that Christians examine their traditional faith, in view of the fact that those professing it frequently actively assisted the Nazis.

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And to end on a cheerful note, try a delightful new cookbook *Basically Blue; a collection of blueberry recipes* by Fern Walker (Creative Bound Inc., originally published 1986, seventh printing 1994). Muffins, biscuits, cookies, squares, sauces and teas tempt you to use those beautiful and delicious sapphire-colored fruits in captivating ways.

The recipes are simple yet imaginative.

Israeli settlement looks to the future

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"We are moderates here," she continues. "Most of the residents in Na'ama are in favor of the peace process. And it was natural that Arafat would come here to be with his people. We have always had good relationships with the Palestinians in Jericho and Uja, and we wish them well and hope they succeed."

Rosenbloom agrees. "We want people to know that most of the people here are ready for territorial compromise, even if it means giving back our homes. It is the uncertainty which is so difficult to bear."

Ilana Levi, 34, is dejected and bitter. "It's very hard to live here now. It's like living in a prison, and the walls are made up of autonomy, uncertainty, and the financial difficulties. There is no air here any more. When Rabin and Peres signed the peace agreement, they didn't think about its effect on people. I am very much in favor of the peace agreements, but now we are in never-never land: we aren't evacuating, and we can't develop; how can we live like this?"

David Ben Haim, 37, agrees. "We are the guinea pigs of the government. We are Rabin's bargaining chip with Arafat. We are only 27 families here, alone, with no future. I believe that Na'ama will not have to be evacuated, it will die little by little.

"I was an idealist when I came here, but now, I have no hope. It is very hard for me to say this about my home, but no one needs Na'ama anymore. We're just in the way."

Yet the residents of Na'ama are not packing their suitcases, at least not yet. And despite her fears, Rosenbloom is planning for next year.

"I came here because I had a dream, to build a new settlement, to contribute to the State of Israel, to become a successful farmer," she says.

"If we just sit and wait, we'll go crazy. The only way I can cope is by doing. I'll develop my hothouses and try to be a successful farmer, because that is what I am. The government itself doesn't know what will be in the future, and neither do we."

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Palestinian police cause concern for PLO, Israelis

Palestinian policemen in Gaza take time out to pray. [WZPS photo]

World Zionist Press Service

For many Israelis, the presence of 9,000 Palestinian policemen stationed in Gaza and Jericho is the most worrying outcome of the agreement signed with the PLO in Oslo in September 1993.

Opponents warned that the police force would be comprised of terrorists bent on Israel's destruction who at best would turn a blind eye to the murderous activities of Hamas, and at worst might turn their weapons on Jews.

Supporters argued that despite the risks there was no logical alternative. An effective fighting force had to fill the vacuum left by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) and Arafat had to be trusted to enforce law and order.

According to Oded Ben Ami, spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, intelligence sources have scrutinized the police force's composition.

"Under our agreement with the Palestinians," he explained, "we reserve the right to reject police candidates whom we feel are inappropriate. We have already exercised our veto."

Brothers Rajah and Amar Abu Sitah, for example, Fatah Hawk members wanted for the 1993 murder of Gaza settler Uri Magidish, were among those rejected by Israel.

But government assurances do not soothe opponents' fears. Many of them feel that even if the policemen have not been involved in terrorist attacks against Israelis, their orders come from the Fatah leadership, which has.

Two thousand policemen are being recruited locally, while 7,000 have been recruited from the Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) in countries such as Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and even hostile countries such as Iraq, Yemen, Libya and Algeria. Rabin said the latter recruits have the advantage of lack of personal involvement in the intifadah.

In fact in Gaza, a number of local Fatah Hawks resigned their commission after several days, unable to work together with the returnees.

Likud chair Binyamin Netanyahu raised other fears. "Each of the policemen is being allowed to bring his family with him. As we know, Arabs have large families. Maybe as many as 100,000 will return. This is the start of the return to the territories of millions of Palestinians."

Official government figures put the number of family members at 28,000 and officials in the prime minister's office have confirmed that Israel will not object to their coming.

As the Palestinian police began arriving in Israel in May, Israelis were struck by their literal lack of uniformity — some wore blue uniforms, others different shades of green or camouflage fatigues — and the fact that some were grossly overweight, old and even infirm.

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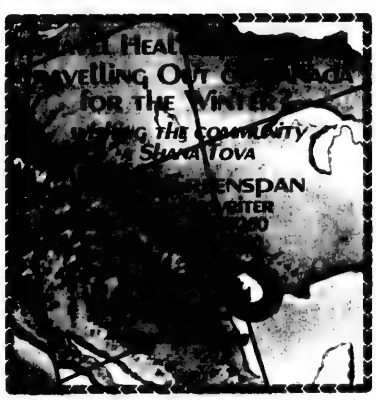

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Palestinian police hope for success

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Rabin said the Palestinian police "have functioned very well considering that they lack logistical and financial support." A senior IDF officer also told reporters that the police have thus far demonstrated eagerness to succeed, a high level of discipline and a sincere desire to cooperate with the IDF and uphold their part of the Cairo agreement.

"When one IDF brigade replaces another, it is much less organized than what we have so far seen from the Palestinians," he said.

But doubts still remain. "The autonomy deal," said Likud MK Binyamin Begin, "left foreign affairs and security matters in Israeli hands. The police force puts security into the Palestinian domain."

And with Arafat and other PLO leaders in Tunis pointedly not using the word "police," but rather "our forces" or "our army," many Israelis feel justified in their concern. Arafat's "forces" are being armed with Kalashnikov automatic rifles, and their officers with pistols. Israel has also agreed to their having 120 vehicles that carry medium machine guns, including 45 armored personnel carriers and 30 jeeps. A Tunisian report said the police would also have six helicopters, including two for Arafat's personal use.

A number of incidents have exacerbated fears. Shortly after the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, two IDF soldiers were shot dead near the Erez checkpoint. The murderers were not pursued and escaped into Gaza.

In another unfortunate incident, five Israelis carrying guns were arrested while shopping in Jericho (but immediately released), and an Israeli collecting Arab workers in Gaza had his tires shot out when he failed to stop at a Palestinian road block.

In May, the Palestinian police shot more than 250,000 bullets while celebrating. A 10-year-old Arab boy was fatally wounded during the festivities.

A senior IDF officer attributed such incidents to a lack of orientation on the part of the Palestinian policemen.

On the whole, the joint patrols comprising Israeli and Palestinian soldiers were functioning well. In Jericho, a Palestinian patrol car leads an Israeli patrol car on the main roads, while the Palestinians bear sole responsibility for other roads in the area. In Gaza, the joint patrols are led by Israeli police along the three main thoroughfares heavily travelled by Israelis, and are under Israeli authority.

A month after their arrival, the Palestinian police were beginning to take control on the ground. The turning point was the murder of two Palestinian "collaborators" by Hamas at the end of May. Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yussef, the Palestinian police commander, was said to be infuriated by the killings and swiftly issued a statement condemning the gunmen and vowing to pursue them and bring them to justice.

"Those who attack our people," he said, "attack our rights as a national authority. I am ready to martyr 100 policemen to catch them."

A month later the perpetrators of the killing had still not been caught but Hamas seemed to have got the message that killing collaborators was unacceptable. Terrorist actions against Israel, however, continued.

Yussef went further. He appointed a security aide, Lt.-Col. Hamdi Rifi, to the mayor of Jericho, whom it is generally acknowledged runs the city.

Palestinian police spokesman Mohammed Shakr, however, insisted that Rifi "is only helping the mayor enforce regulations."

Yussef also decreed that imams (mosque prayer leaders) could not make political statements during prayer meetings in mosques. But this sweeping edict had to be withdrawn as it seriously antagonized anti-agreement elements and resulted in widespread complaints about resricting freedom of expression.

The message, though, was clear. The Palestinian police were taking control. Riad Al-Malki, spokesman for the anti-agreement Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, speculated that Arafat was establishing a military administration in the image of the Israel administration.

Other Palestinians, even those associated with Arafat's Fatah, expressed fears — off the record — that a military-police administration might develop which would be far less liberal and far more draconian than the IDF ever was.

Ironically, the Palestinian fears might offer the best hope for Israel. A powerful police force controlling anti-government elements would probably be the best recipe for maintaining the peace agreement, with Arafat clearly accountable.

Experience biblical life at museum

Jerusalem Dateline

The Ein Yael Living Museum in Jerusalem offers a "hands on" biblical experience. Visitors can create their own mosaics, harvest crops as if they were farmers living 2,000 years ago, practice the ancient crafts of weaving, basketmaking and pottery, and participate in archaeological excavations.

Located in southern Jerusalem's Refaim Valley, Ein Yael is on the site of a beautifully preserved Roman villa replete with bathhouses, attractive mosaic floors, an olive press and aqueducts and reservoirs for irrigating the surrounding fields. The Jerusalem Foundation and the Israel Antiquities Authority restored the estate, capturing as much of the original splendor as possible.

The site now includes a biblical farm in which participants learn to cultivate, harvest and thresh crops using channel irrigation. A highlight of the agricultural year is olive picking and the production of golden olive oil from the site's press. Children especially enjoy milking the goats and helping make goats' cheese.

Ein Yael also features archaeological workshops held in conjunction with experts that immerse visitors into excavating, collecting, washing, classifying and photographing artifacts.

Since its inception several years ago Ein Yael has emerged as a centre for fun, learning and creativity. Time travel is still in the realm of science fiction but Ein Yael's workshops do provide an authentic taste of how it must have felt to live in the biblical era.

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So, where did the rabbi really go?

By I. L. PERETZ

Early every Friday morning, at the time of the Penitential Prayers, the Rabbi of Nemirov would vanish.

He was nowhere to be seen — neither in the synagogue, nor in the two Houses of Study, nor at a minyan. He was certainly not at home.

Where could the Rabbi be? Where should he be? In heaven, no doubt. A rabbi has plenty of business to take care of just before the Days of Awe. Jews, God bless them, need livelihood, peace, health. They want to be pious and good, but our sins are so great, and the Satan of the thousand eyes watches the whole earth from one end to the other. What he sees he reports, he denounces, informs. Who can help us if not the Rabbi!

That's what the people thought.

But once a Litvak came, and he laughed. You know the Litvaks. This Litvak points to a passage in the Gemarah, where it is written that even Moses, our Teacher, did not ascend to heaven during his lifetime but remained suspended two and a half feet below. Go argue with a Litvak!

So where can the Rabbi be?

"That's not my business," said the Litvak, shrugging. Yet all the while — what a Litvak can do! — he is scheming to find out.

That same night, right after the evening prayers the Litvak steals into the Rabbi's room, slides under the Rabbi's bed, and waits. He'll watch all night and discover where the Rabbi vanishes and what he does during the Penitential Prayers.

Someone else might have got drowsy and fallen asleep, but a Litvak is never at a loss; he recites a whole tractate of the Talmud by heart.

At dawn he hears the call to prayers.

The Rabbi has already been awake for a long time. The Litvak has heard him groaning for a whole hour.

Whoever has heard the Rabbi of Nemirov groan knows how much sorrow for all Israel, how much suffering, lies in each groan. A man's heart might break, hearing it. But a Litvak is made of iron; he listens and remains unmoved. The Rabbi lies on the bed, and the Litvak under the bed.

Then the Litvak hears the beds in the house begin to creak. He hears people jumping out of their beds, mumbling a few Jewish words, pouring water on their fingernails, banging doors. Everyone has left. It is again quiet and dark; a bit of moonlight shines through the shutters.

Finally the Rabbi, long life to him, arises. First he does what befits a Jew. Then he goes to the clothes closet and takes out a bundle of peasant clothes: linen trousers, high boots, a coat, a big felt hat, and a long wide leather belt studded with brass nails. The Rabbi gets dressed. From his coat pocket dangles the end of a heavy peasant rope.

The Rabbi leaves the room, and the Litvak follows him.

On the way, the Rabbi stops in the kitchen, bends down, takes an axe from under the bed, and leaves the house. The Litvak trembles but continues to follow.

The dead hush of the Days of Awe hangs over the dark streets. Every once in awhile a cry rises from some minyan reciting the Penitential Prayers, or from a sick bed. The Rabbi hugs the sides of the street, keeping in the shade of the houses. He glides from house to house, and the Litvak after him. The Litvak hears the sound of his heartbeats mingling with the sound of the Rabbi's heavy steps. But he keeps on going and follows the Rabbi to the outskirts of town.

A small wood stands behind the town. The Rabbi, long life to him, enters the wood. He takes 30 or 40 steps and stops by a small tree. The Litvak, overcome with amazement, watches the Rabbi take the axe out of his belt and strike the tree. He hears the tree creak and fall. The Rabbi chops the tree into logs and the logs into sticks. Then he makes a bundle of the wood and ties it with the rope in his pocket. He puts the bundle of wood on his back, shoves the axe back into his belt, and returns to the town.

He stops at a back street beside a small broken-down shack and knocks at the window.

"Who is there?" asks a frightened voice. The Litvak recognizes it as the voice of a sick Jewish woman.

"I," answers the Rabbi in the accent of a peasant.

"Who is I?"

Again the Rabbi answers in Russian: "Vassil."

"Who is Vassil, and what do you want?"

"I have wood to sell, very cheap." And, not waiting for the woman's reply, he goes into the house.

The Litvak steals in after him. In the gray light of early morning he sees a small room with broken, miserable furnishings. A sick woman, wrapped in rags, lies on the bed. She complains bitterly. "Buy? How can I buy? Where will a poor widow get money?"

"I'll lend it to you," answers the supposed Vassil. "It's only six pennies."

"And how will I ever pay you back?" says the poor woman, groaning.

"You foolish woman," answers the Rabbi. "See you are a poor sick Jewess, and I am prepared to trust you with a little wood. I'm sure you'll pay. After all, you have such a great and mighty God, and you don't trust Him for six pennies?"

"And who will kindle the fire?" says the widow. "Do I have the strength to get up? My son is at work."

"I'll kindle the fire," answers the Rabbi.

As the Rabbi put the wood into the oven he recited, in a groan, the first portion of the Penitential Prayers.

As he kindled the fire and the wood burned brightly, he continued reciting, a bit more joyously, the second portion of the Penitential Prayers. And when the fire was finally set, he recited the third portion, and then shut the stove.

The skeptical Litvak who saw all this, became a devoted disciple of the Rabbi.

And ever after, when another disciple tells how the Rabbi of Nemirov ascends to heaven at the time of the Penitential Prayers, the Litvak does not laugh. He only adds, quietly: "If Not Still Higher."

This story translated by Dr. Sol Liptzin is from the works of the great Yiddish writer I. L. Peretz. It appears elsewhere in The CJN *in Yiddish.*

The CJN *wishes to note that the comments about Litvakim are Peretz's and do not necessarily reflect our opinion of that inestimable group of Jews.*

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וואו קען זיין דער רבי?

וואו זאָל ער זיין? מן הסתם אין הימל! וויניק נעשעפטן האָט אַ רבי פאַר ימים נדאים צו מאַרשאַרנן? יידעלען, קיין עין הרע, דאַרפן פּרנסה, שלום, נעזונט, נוטע שידוכים, וויהלן נוט אָן מרום זיך. אָן די יוד ויינען דאָך נרויס אָן דער שטן מיט זיינע מיזנוס אויבן קוקט פון אייך עק וועלט ביז דער צוויי'טער; אָן ער זעט, אָן מאַרקלאָנט אָן מסורה. . . אָן — וועד זאָל העלפן, אַז נים דער רבי?

אָזוי האָט דער עולם נעטראַכט.

איינמאָל איז אָבער אָנגענקומען אַ ליטוואַק; לאַכט ער! איד קענט דאָך די ליטוואַקעס; פון מוסר ספרים האַלטן זיי וויניק, דערפאַר שטאַפּן זיי זיך אָן מיט ש"ס ופוסקים. וויייט דער ליטוואַק אַ בפירושע נמרא, — די אירגן שפעכט פֿר אויס! אפילו משה רבינו, וויייס ער, האָט בייס לעבן נים נעקאָנט אַרויף אויפן הימל, נאָר נעהאַלטן זיך צען טפחים אונטערן הימל! נו, ני שפּאָר זיך מיט אַ ליטוואַק!

וואו דען קומט אַזוינ דער רבי?

— מיין דאנז! — עונטפערט ער און ציט מיט די אַקסל; און תוך כדי דבור (וואָס אַ ליטוואַק קאָן!) איז ער זיך מישב צו דערנינ די זאַך.

נאָך דעמזעלבן מאַרשאַכט, באַלד נאָך מפּריב, נעב'יט זיך דער ליטוואַק צום רבין אין חדר אַריין, לייגט זיך אונטערן רבינס בעט, און לייגט. ער מוז אַפּ-והאַרטן די נאַכט און זען, וואו דער רבי קומט אהין, וואָס ער טוט סליחות צייט.

אַן אַנדערער וואָלט אפשר איינגעדרימלט און פאַר-שלאָפן די צייט; אַ ליטוואַק טוט זיך אַן עצה: לערנט ער זיך אויסנוויינ אַ נאַנצע מסכתא. איך נעדענק שוין נים וועלן צי נדרים.

פאַרטאָג הערט ער, וויי מען קלאָפּט צו סליחות.

דער רבי איז שוין נישט נעשלאָפן אַ צייט. ער הערט אים שוין אפשר אַ נאַנצע שעה קדעכטן.

וועד עס האָט נעהערט דעם נממיראָער קדעכטן, וויייסט וויפל צער פאַר כל ישראל, וויפל יסורים עס האָט נעשטעקט אין זיין יעדן קדעכט. . . די נשמה פלעגט אויסנין, הערמיך דאָס קדעכטן! אַ ליטוואַק האָט אַבער אַן איינן האַרץ, הערט ער צו און לייגט זיך וויייטער! דער רבי לייגט זיך אויך. דער רבי, זאָל לעבן, איינן בעט, דער ליטוואַק אנטערן בעט.

דערוואַך הערט דער ליטוואַק, וויי די בעטן אין הויז הוידן אַן סקרישן. . . וויי די בני בית כאָפן זיך אַרויס פון די בעטן; וויי מען מדמלט אַ יידיש וואָרט, מען נישט וואָטער אויף די נעל, עס קלאָפּן אויף און צו די סידן. . . דערנאָך איז דער עולם אַרויס פון שמוב, עס הערט וויידער שטיל און פינצטער. דזדכן לאַנג שייגט קוים אַריין אַ קליין ביסל לישט פון דער לבנה. . .

מדזה האָט ער נעזונן, דער ליטוואַק, אַז וועגן ער איז נעבליבן אייגער אַליין מיט רבין, איז אים באַמאַלן שרעק. די הויט איז שוין אים אויפנעלאָפן פאַר שרעק. די וואָרצלען פון די פאות האָבן אים נעשטאַכן אין די שליימי וויי די נאָלדן.

אַ קלייניקייט: מיטן רבין און סליחות צייט פאַרטאָג אַליין אין אַ שמוב! . . .

אַ ליטוואַק איז דאָך אַבער אייגנעשאַפֿן, ציטערט ער וויי אַ מיש אין האָסער און לייגט.

עמלעך, שטייט דער רבי, זאָל לעבן, אויף. . .

פרייער טוט ער, וואָס אַ ייד דארף טאָן. . . דער-נאָך נייט ער צו צו דעם קליידער-אַלמער און נעמט אַרויס אַ פּעקל. עס באַוויין זיך פּיפּערישע קליידער: ליימוטענע, פלדערן, נרויסע שטיוול, אַ סיפּורמיצע, אַ נרויס פוטערן היטל מיט אַ בריטן לאַנג לעדערנעם פאַס, אויסנעשלאָנן מיט מעשענע נעגעלעך.

דער רבי טוט עס אָן. . .

פון דער קעשענע, פון סיפּורמיצע, שטאַרט אַרויס אַן עק פון נראָבן שמורק. . . דער רבי נייט אַרויס; דער ליטוואַק — נאָר!

דזדכגייענדיק מרעט אַפּ דער רבי אין קץ, בויגט זיך איין, פון אנטפער אַ בעס נעמט ער אַרויס אַ האַק, פאַרליינט זי אנטערן פאַס און נייט אַרויס פון שמוב.

דער ליטוואַק ציטערט, נאָר ער מרעט נים אַפּ.

אַ שטילער, ימים נדאימדיקער פּוד וויגט זיך אויבער די מתקילע נאָטן. אפט וויייסט זיך אַרויס אַ בעשרי פון סליחות פון פרנעק אַ מנין, אַרער אַ קראַ-קער קרעכץ פון ערנעק אַ סענצטער. . . דער רבי האַלט זיך אַלץ אין די וויסן פון די נאָסן, אין שאָסן פון די חייזער. . . פון איין היז צום אַנדערן שוויסט ער אַרויס און דער ליטוואַק נאָך אים. . .

און דער ליטוואַק הערט וויי זיין אייגן האַרץ-קלאַפּן מישט זיך צוזאַמען מיטן קול פון רבינס שוערע מרים. אַבער נים נייט ער, און קומט צוזאַמען מיטן רבין אויס דער שטאָט אַרויס.

הינטער דער שטאָט שטייט אַ וועלדל.

דער רבי, זאָל לעבן, נעמט זיך אין וועלדל אַרייַן. ער מאַכט אַ דרייסיק פערציק מרים און שטעלט זיך אַפּ ביי אַ ביימל; און דער ליטוואַק הערט נבהל השתוממ, ועמדק, וי דער רבי נעמט אַרויס פון פּאַס די האַק און שלאָגט אין ביימל אַרייַן.

ער זעט, וי דער רבי האַקט און האַקט. ער הערט וי דאָס ביימל קרעכצט און קנאַקט. און דאָס ביימל פאַלט, און דער רבי שפּאַלט עס אויף לישפּס. . . די לישפּס אויף דינע שייטלען; און ער מאַכט זיך אַ ביינדל האַלץ, נעמט עס אַרום מיטן שטריק פון קעשענע, ער וואַרפט דאָס ביינדל האַלץ אויבער די פלייצעס, שטעקט צוריק אַריין די האַק אינעם פּאַס, לאָזט זיך אַרויס פון וועלדל, און נייט צוריק אין שטאָט אַרייַן.

אין אַ היטערגעסל שטעלט ער זיך אַפּ ביי אַן אָרעם, אַלט אייגנבראָכן היימל און קלאַפּט אין אין סענצטערל.

— וועד איז? — פרעגט מען דערשראָרקן פון שמוב אַרויס. דער ליטוואַק דערקענט, אַז עס איז אַ קול פון אַ יידענע, פון אַ קראַנקער יידענע.

—אַז! — ענטפערט דער רבי אויף פּויערישע לשון.

— קטא אַז? — פרעגט מען וויייטער פון שמוב.

און דער רבי ענטפערט וויייטער אויף מאַלאָרוסיש לשון: האַסל.

— וואָס פאַר אַ וואַסל און וואָס וויילסמ, וואַסל?

— האַלץ, זאָגט דער פּאַרשטעלטער וואַסל, האָב איך צו פאַרקויפן! זייער בילק. . . בחצי חנם האַלץ! און נים וואַרטמיק אויף אַ חשובה, נעמט עס זיך אין שמוב אַרייַן.

דער ליטוואַק נעב'יט זיך אויך אַרייַן און בייט גרויסן ליכט פון פרימאָרגן זעט עס אַן אַרעמע שמוב, צעבראָכן, אָרעם כלי-בית. . . אין בעט לייגט אַ קראַנקע יידענע, מאַרווייקלט מיט שמאַטעס, און זי זאָגט מיט אַ ביטער קול:

— קוינן? מיט וואָס זאָל איך קוינן? וואו האָב איך, אַרעמע אלמנה, נעלט?

— איך וועל דיר באַרגן! ענטפערט דער פאַר-שטעלטער וואַסיל. אין נאָנען וועקס נראָשן.

— פון וואַנען וועל איך דיר באַצאָלן? קרעכצט די אַרעמע יידענע.

— נאָרישע מענטש — מוטרס זי דער רבי, — זע, דו ביסט אַן אַרעמע קראַנקע יידענע און איך נעמדי דיר דאָס ביסל האַלץ, איך בין בטוח, אַז די וועסט באַצאָלן; און די, דו האָסט אוא שטאַרקן, נרויסן באָם, און נעמדיסט אים נים. . . און האָסט אויף אים, אויף נאַרישע וועקס נראָשן פאַרן ביסל האַלץ, קיין במחון נישט!

— און וועס מיר איינזיצן? קרעכצט די אלמנה — איך האָב דען כוח אויפצושטיין? מין זון איז אויף דער אַרבעט נעבליבן!

— איך וועל דיר איינהייצן אויך, זאָגט דער רבי.

און אַריינלייצנדיק דאָס האַלץ אין אויפן, האָט דער רבי קרעכצנדיק נעזאָגט פון סליחות דעם ערשטן פּזמון. . .

אַן, אַז עד האָט עס אונטערנעצונדן, און דאָס האַלץ האָט פּרייַלעך נעברענט, האָט עד נעזאָגט, שוין אַ ביסל לוסטיקער, פון די סליחות דעם צוויי'טן פּזמון. . .

דעם דרייטן פּזמון האָט עד נעזאָגט, וועו עס האָט זיך אויפנעברענט.

דער ליטוואַק, האָט האָט דאָס אַלץ נעזונן, איז שוין נעבליבן אַ נממיראָער חסיד.

און שפּעטער, אויב אַ חסיד האָט אַמאָל דערציילט, אַז דער נממיראָער האָבט זיך אויף סליחות-צייט יעדן פּרימאָרגן, און מליט אַרויף אין הימל אַריין, פלעגט שוין דער ליטוואַק נים לאָכן, נאָר צוגעבן שטילער-היים:

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In a symbolic gesture of hope and commitment, the Children of Chernobyl celebrate the arrival of the 1001st child to Israel with the release of 1001 balloons over Jerusalem's Independence Park. June 1994. [WZPS photo]

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Three elfin Russian girls, aged six to seven, cluster at the doors of Beit Rivka, a state religious school in Kfar Habad, a town populated by Lubavitch Chassidim and situated 15 minutes south of Tel Aviv.

Shepherded by their teacher, a woman in a pert wig, the troika moves inseparably, practically tumbling over each other, toward the door to catch the bus "home."

In Israel only three months, they know enough Hebrew to shriek "chocolate ice cream" when asked what their favorite dessert is.

Their childish merriness camouflages a lot.

No matter how determinedly upbeat their smiling teacher may be and how worldly the little girls themselves are, their aloneness, their utter dependence on the kindness of strangers, is palpable.

Like children who get in the way of other peoples' bullets and wars, the girls' respective childhoods have been subject to the vagaries of nuclear fallout. In their case, it was 90 tons of radioactive material containing 20-40 million curies of radiation which came raining down on the citizens of Chernobyl in 1986.

Today, "home" for the three little Russians is a continent away from their mothers and fathers who remain in the contaminated hometown of Gomel in Belarus.

The girls are among the over 1,000 Jewish children of Chernobyl (aged six to 16) whom the Chabad organization has airlifted to Israel in a unique humanitarian medical relief program started in 1990.

"The program started," says the program's director Yossie Raichik, "at the behest of parents living in the contaminated areas who realized that their children were becoming ill. They were getting increasingly desperate because they knew they were fighting a time bomb; that the prevention of disease and malignancy was possible but not available. They could not cope with the financial or emotional burden of treatment and appealed for help to a myriad of Jewish organizations — including Chabad — all of which declined to help."

The parents them approached Rabbi Yitzchok Kogan of Leningrad, a longtime Chabad rabbi who took the request directly to the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

"The Rebbe saw the need," said Rabbi Kogan, "perceived the situation and responded immediately in the affirmative. These people had to be helped. There was a suggestion to bring the children to the U.S. but the Rebbe said, 'Kfar Habad and on a permament basis, with their parents to follow.' The directive was given and the program was launched."

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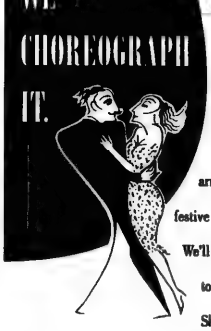

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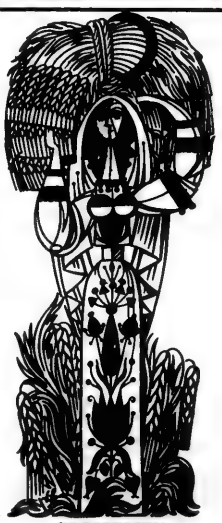

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Good nutrition, medical care offered at Kfar Habad

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rangements, freshly painted classrooms staffed with Russian speaking teachers and a staff of psychologists.

After a battery of tests were administered, 15 per cent of the children in the initial six groups of arrivals were found to be suffering from growth retardation; 28 per cent of the boys and 42 per cent of the girls had enlarged thyroids; and 50 per cent of the children had enlarged cervical lymph nodes.

One boy, who later died, arrived with chronic myeloid leukemia and received a bone marrow transplant at Hadassah Hospital. Nearly half the children suffered from xerophthalmia, dry eye syndrome.

If the Chernobyl accident caused the world to hold its collective breath, it was with good reason. At Hiroshima, 95 per cent of the nuclear material contained radioactive isotopes (species of atoms with nearly identical chemical behavior) with extremely short half-lives (the time required for half of the atoms of a radioactive substance to disintegrate). The city was repopulated three years after the A-bomb was dropped.

By contrast, most of the isotopes in the Chernobyl fallout would have extremely long half-lives. For example strontium — 29-90 years and caesium — 30-137 years.

A 1994 study by the World Health Organization published a report which confirmed experts' fears about the long-term effects of exposure to radioactivity. The report indicated an alarming rise of a deadly form of thyroid cancer amongst the children who lived in the region immediately north of the reactor — the first place hit by the radioactive clouds. The culprit, radioactive iodine which settled in the grass, was then consumed by cows who concentrated it in their milk.

In Israel the children have received what Raichik calls "pro-active intervention," including a regimen of beta carotene vitamins, to arrest the effects of radiation.

"There is no need for a tragedy," notes Jay Litvin who coordinates Kfar Habad's activities with the Chabad Brooklyn office.

"Research indicates that there is no radiation-related sickness that cannot be mitigated or at least severely retarded by early treatment. These diseases include leukemia, cancer, blindness, hormonal imbalance, diseases of the reproductive systems, skin carcinoma, abnormal bone formation, diseases of the blood marrow, to name a few. Being high risk, these children need constant observation and evaluation on a minimal four month basis for early detection of these disease syndromes."

The Kfar Habad program has borne a cornucopia of fruit.

Some 600 children have been reunited with their parents in Israel. (Every parent who sends a child to Israel under the program makes a written commitment to come on aliyah within two years.)

And, most important, the children are doing well. A fist-sized tumor was removed from the brain of 12-year-old David Byteman; David Zilchenko, 9, who suffered from an obscure pancreatic disease, has been cured; Yula Nyesenko, 12, and her brother Alex, 11, who arrived with swollen thyroids and severe anemia have, according to Kfar Habad resident physician Dr. Masha Shvartmann, "improved remarkably after only a few months of eating well and taking vitamins."

The cost of $17,000 per child per year, has not deterred the Habadniks who see in their endeavor the divine principle of saving of life. Eleven airlifts, subsidized in large part by the late Jerome Schottenstein, an Ohio-based philanthropist, have brought the children to Israel. The film producer Steven Spielberg has also been a benefactor of the program.

Parental financial participation in the venture is nil. "Many of these children come from socio-economically deprived homes," notes Raichik, "and many of them arrive malnourished. Parents are afraid to purchase fruits and vegetables fearing contamination and most do not have the means to purchase expensive imported food. It's a vicious cycle of poverty. So while the kids are homesick it's limited to their parents, not to their former physical surroundings or conditions."

Today in Minsk alone, over 200 kilometres from the epicentre, more than 7,000 children are reported to have leukemia. The towns of Mozyr and Gomel, where most of the Chernobyl children originate from, are less than 100 kilometres from the epicentre.

"We have lists with the names of 3,000 children," says Raichik. "We are pushing hard to act now and bring the others out. But the financial burden is enormous. Everybody is off in their own corner for their own little reason. Our agenda is and has always been the kids."

"The degree of responsibility we have taken upon ourselves," adds Judy Kirschenbaum of the Chabad movement in Israel, "is enormous. You think it's a responsibility to invite a child to your home for the weekend.

"Chabad has 'invited' over 1,000 children for an indefinite period of time. Their food, clothing, education, special medical care and supervision, plus the millions of other details like their dental bills, manners, teenageitis and happiness — it's all in our lap. We encourage though do not push religious observance. That's not the goal. Saving the actual lives of the children was a top priority of the late Rebbe. Period."

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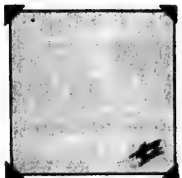
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Education for women has a long history

By LEO DAVIDS
Special to The CJN

In her book, *And All Your Children Shall Be Learned*, Dr. Shoshana Zolty has produced a very substantial work, containing nine chapters spread over some three hundred pages, plus a long bibliography, detailed index, preface and afterword.

The book covers the full span of Jewish history and discusses (as the subtitle tells us) Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History.

Zolty deals with theoretical and philosophical writings about women's Torah study, whether certain sectors of traditional Jewish learning are open or closed to women and related matters. Most of the chapters in the book are historical reviews of data indicating the extent and nature of Torah study by Jewish women.

The later parts of the book speculate on where female access to Torah study, particularly of Talmudic and halachic texts, may be going in the future.

If one were to attempt a brief overview of the overall thesis of the book, it is that: a) Correct fulfilment of mitzvot (Torah Commandments) requires substantial knowledge to guide practice, so that it is obviously impossible to bar any group of Jews from Torah study yet expect them to carry out the mitzvot properly.

b) Furthermore, Jewish women have recently expanded their participation in Torah study even in theoretical areas (sometimes referred to as Torah Lishmah, or Torah studied for its own sake), rather than to answer practical questions.

c) Finally, the book points out that some of the greatest Torah authorities of the past 30 years have clearly accepted full access to the Talmudic and halachic literature by women, and therefore that women who seek a deeper knowledge of the traditional texts should have every support and assistance to proceed in such studies.

Although the main focus of the book is on women studying classic texts of the Oral Law, it also deals with practically all aspects of women in Judaism, including obligations that women do and do not have in regard to various mitzvot; women serving as prayer leaders; women in the rabbinic courts; problems of get and agunah; and other matters far beyond questions of studying texts.

Although it is impossible to do a thorough job on all of these issues in one book, it is true that one has to touch on these matters in some serious way, in order to understand discussions around access for women to the Torah Sheb'al Peh (the Oral Law).

Yeshiva University encourages advanced education for young women. [Yeshiva University photo]

Chapter 9, which is the last historical chapter in the book, deals with the beginnings and development of the Beth Jacob movement, which essentially seals the public acceptance of education for Jewish girls and young women within the Orthodox Jewish mainstream.

The history of increasing Torah study by women is essentially capped by the tale of how Sarah Schenirer convinced the leadership of Agudas Israel that formal Jewish schooling for girls had to be instituted and should be fully supported by the Torah-true authorities of the day.

By promptly receiving support from the great Polish Jewish leader, the Rebbe of Ger, Sarah Schenirer was able to quickly plant the Beth Jacob idea throughout Europe and eventually on this continent as well.

Zolty demonstrates that several of the leading authorities in American Jewry during the 1970s and '80s accepted the propriety of full Talmudic and halachic study by women, and made specific arrangements to facilitate such a study. She refers to support of this position by the late Rebbe of Lubavitch as well as by the spiritual authority of Yeshiva University, and therefore of centrist American Orthodoxy, the late Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik.

The question that she and we may well ask, therefore, is what brought these great thinkers to the conclusion that study by women should be accepted as appropriate and in full consonance with tradition, when earlier generations had predominantly believed that Torah study by women had to be limited to the non-halachic literature?

Further, given the famous statement against women's Torah study by the Talmudic sage Rabbi Eliezer, which the book quotes and on which opposition to women's Torah Sheb'al Peh study was based, how can we respectfully remember that dictum today and yet apparently disregard its application?

The key to a changing attitude about full-scale Torah study by women, which no doubt underlies the much more encouraging or lenient perspective of recent generations, is the massive historical reality of emancipation and enlightenment.

As becomes very clear on analyzing the challenges that European Orthodoxy began to face when modernity reached Poland, Hungary, Romania, and other countries (a considerable time after it had swept through Western and Central Europe), there was a tremendous change in access to worldly or secular knowledge by women, as modernity means universal literacy through public or equivalent schooling. That is, modern governments educate both boys and girls for functioning in modern society.

The result of this educational revolution was a massive discrepancy between the general or secular knowledge available to Jewish women, and their knowledge of traditional Torah texts. Thus, the larger society made all of its literature available to everyone, while Jewish culture said that its sacred literature was fully available to men but not to women.

If a discrepancy of this kind continues for very long, one need not be a genius to guess which of those two cultures and literatures will attract and involve Jewish women.

It is this change in external circumstances that made it necessary to accommodate reality by opening up all of the traditional Jewish texts to study by women, thus encouraging the women not to turn their backs on Torah study but to engage in it.

Overall, Zolty has provided a very convincing account of Torah Lishmah by women in the past; has given some indication about Torah study today by women in Jerusalem, New York and other centres; and has described the general acceptance of serious textual study by women in most circles now.

Of course, this acceptance of Talmudic and halachic study by women has not reached ultra-Orthodox communities as yet, but Zolty speculates that the attitude there may also change when modernity begins to impact even on the chassidic communities.

Anyone interested in fundamental questions regarding Jewish education would be well served by reading this important book on issues that will remain central in the Orthodox community for years to come.

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Na'aleh 16 outreach helps to bring youth to Israel

World Zionist Press Service

Since 1992, both the Jewish Agency and the Israel Ministry of Education have been developing extensive outreach programs — Aliya 16 and Na'aleh — which together have brought over 2,000 teenagers from the former Soviet Union to Israel.

In February 1994, the coordinating committee of the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government decided to unite the two programs and increase the scope of its activities. Thus Na'aleh 16 was born.

"We see the program as an historic opportunity to bring . . . youngsters to Israel, educate them and expose them to Jewish and Zionist values and to Israeli cultural and social life," said Eli Amir, director general of the Youth Aliya Department. Youth Aliya, he continued, sees Na'aleh 16 as a natural continuation of its own work in bringing Jewish youth to Israel over the past 60 years.

The students coming on Na'aleh 16 are 15 to 17 and study in a one-, two- or three-year track, depending on their age, until they matriculate. They can choose the residential institution best suited to their needs, whether it be a Youth Aliya village, a kibbutz or a religious educational institution. Academic, technological, maritime, musical and sporting tracks are open to the students and they are also encouraged to develop their own spheres of excellence in these areas.

Leaders in the government and the Jewish Agency both believe that these young people are the natural catalysts for their families' future aliyah. By providing a positive experience and helping the students decide on a course of study, the program's founders hope to encourage the parents to overcome their own doubts and fears and consider starting a new life in Israel.

One of the big draws of Na'aleh 16 is the fact that the youth come to Israel as tourists, not as new immigrants. Therefore, they are not obligated to commit themselves to Israel at the outset. This helps assuage parents' fears and gives the young people more time to decide whether or not they want to make aliyah.

So far, according to Menachem Yavor, director of aliyah for the Ministry of Education, only six of the 1,000 youngsters who have come on Na'aleh 16 have returned home.

"We knew that many of these kids had a negative image of Israel," he said. "We thought that when they went home for the summer vacation, many would think twice about returning. Fortunately we were wrong."

A massive infrastructure is needed to reach and screen the thousands of young adults and their families throughout the C.I.S. But with the Jewish Agency's large network of emissaries, the Ministry of Education's teachers' network and the assistance of the Israel Embassy, youth in widely scattered Jewish communities are reached with relative ease.

The program is publicized through state-run media — unheard of only a few years ago — as well as through newspaper advertising, flyers, video films of current participants and radio.

In order to qualify for Na'aleh 16, students must have a higher than average achievement level; they must show enough maturity to cope with separation from their parents; they must be free of behavioral problems, have a basic Jewish identity and be eligible under the Law of Return. For this reason, all candidates are screened in the former Soviet Union by a Russian-speaking professional team headed by a senior Israeli psychologist.

The selection process includes tests in mathematics, English and reading comprehension; four IQ tests; four personality tests; a personal interview; and an interview with the applicants' parents.

Once chosen for the program, students participate in a summer camp in the C.I.S., where they engage in intensive Hebrew study. In Israel, they continue with their Hebrew studies while attending regular classes with Israeli youth.

Those with minimal Jewish and Zionist education attend special conventional and extra-curricular Jewish educational programs, including Jewish history, traditions and culture. In addition, their Jewish identity is reinforced by having them experience Jewish holidays and Sabbath with volunteer host families and visit significant Jewish historical sites.

At the Isaac and Naomi Kaplan Academy for Sciences in Herzliya, Katia Vashenko, like many of her Russian friends studying at the Academy, is an only child. Though Katia's mother, who is divorced, dearly misses her, she supported Katia's decision to participate in Na'aleh.

"I came to study," says Katia, a soft-spoken, intelligent girl. "The education in Israel is good and with the political unrest in the Ukraine, no one knows what the future will hold."

Similarly, Slavek Hafez, who came on Aliya 16 from Kazakhstan, left his mother, father (the only Jewish doctor in the region), and younger sister to come to Israel. Living in a city with a population of 300,000 and only 50 Jewish families, Slavek had never seen a synagogue, knew no practising Jews and did not celebrate the Jewish holidays.

"I read many books about Israel in English," said Slavek. "I knew, even before I met the people from Aliya 16, that I wanted to graduate high school in Israel and study at the prestigious Technion in Haifa."

"It was very difficult at first," said Laurena Todes from Lithuania, "but we got a lot of support from our teachers and the staff at our school. Many of them speak Russian and understand what we're going through.

"In a way it's a paradox," she continued. "We want to be here to learn and study, but we also want to be back home with our families. It's like being pulled in two different directions and it can sometimes be very confusing."

To help students overcome family separation, the program ensures that they keep in touch with their parents through visits home, as well as arranged parental visits to Israel. In addition, contact is maintained by letters, telephone calls and assessment cards prepared by the educational institution.

Na'aleh 16 plans to bring 5,000 students to Israel for the 1994-95 academic year. The total cost will be $32 million, according to the Jewish Agency.

Two Na'aleh 16 students from the former Soviet Union, studying in their first electronics course at the Isaac and Naomi Kaplan Academy for Sciences in Herzliya. [WZPS photo]

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Eli Weichselbaum in a classroom at the Zwi Perez Chajes School. [Sheldon Kirshner]

Re-opening of school in Vienna is a symbol of reborn Jewish community

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Rabbi Zwi Perez Chajes would be proud.

More than 50 years after it was closed and converted into a collecting point for Viennese Jews being deported to Auschwitz, the school that is named in his honor is once again a vital institution.

One of several Jewish schools in Vienna, the Zwi Peres Chajes School is a living, breathing symbol of the Jewish community's determination to press ahead, notwithstanding the depravations and tragedies it endured after Austria was annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938.

Located in the Second District, where large numbers of Jews resided before World War II, the school was reopened in 1979, but has been in its present building since 1984.

For Vienna — which has a registered Jewish population of slightly more than 7,000 — it is unique.

First, it's the only school with a distinct Zionist orientation.

Second, it boasts of a mixed Orthodox *and* secular enrolment, a rather rare phenomenon.

About two-thirds of its 350 students, aged 2-18, are of Soviet origin. Most of the Soviet children are in the lower grades, reflecting the fact that the majority of Soviet immigrants in Vienna are of child-bearing age.

The children from the Bukharan region in Central Asia, who comprise something like half of the Soviet students, have a fairly good Jewish background. The rest do not, says the principal, Eli Weichselbaum. As he puts it, "They start from the beginning."

Academically, the Soviet students excel. But they have problems integrating into a Western milieu.

Not surprisingly, all 10 teachers in the Jewish studies program are Israelis. They usually don't stay too long, though one couple has been there for a decade.

Weichselbaum, also an Israeli, looks exactly like a stereotypical kibbutznik. In actuality, he's from Tel Aviv, where he was an educator. German is his mother tongue, his parents having been Berliners before they emigrated to what was then Palestine.

Although he was raised in an observant household, he is not religious himself. Nevertheless, he wears a yarmulke, keeps kosher and observes the Sabbath.

Weichselbaum doesn't appear to be someone who enjoys rocking the boat. But as a committed Zionist, he never tires of telling the students that they have no future in the Diaspora. Parents are not happy with his espousal of aliyah, which is negligible in any case. But he stands his ground. "This is the price they pay for my presence here."

Zwi Perez Chajes, a framed portrait of whom hangs in Weichselbaum's airy office, was a dedicated Zionist. A rabbi and a scholar, he was born in Brody, Galicia, in 1876. A child prodigy, he graduated from the University of Vienna, taught Hebrew at the University of Florence, then led a congregation in Trieste.

In 1918, nine years before his untimely death, he returned to Vienna as deputy to Chief Rabbi Moritz Guedemann, whom he eventually succeeded. Rabbi Chajes commanded respect, but his unreconstructed Zionist views were generally unpopular, not only with acculturized Jews but with Orthodox Jews.

He was not deterred by the antagonism, and, given his interest in education, went on to establish or revive two elementary schools as well as the school which bears his name today.

After the Anschluss in 1938, the Jewish community was subjected to unbearable pressures by Austria's new German masters. And not long afterward, the Zwi Perez Chajes Schule, as it is officially called, was shut by the authorities. In the early 1940s, when Austria's Jewish community was liquidated by the Nazis, it was put to use as a deportation centre.

Today, 15 years after its phoenix-like resurrection and wholesale renovation, the school is growing. A new section was added two years ago, and further expansion plans are in the offing.

Rabbi Chajes would doubtless be pleased.

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Cards a holiday tradition

World Zionist Press Service

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is the traditional time for sending greeting cards wishing a "good year" (shanah tovah) to family and friends.

While it is possible to draw parallels between this custom and that of sending Christmas/New Year cards, Rosh Hashanah greetings have distinctive Jewish roots dating back more than 500 years.

"The sending of Rosh Hashanah greetings is an Ashkenazi custom of long standing," says Jerusalem Rabbi Shlomo Pappenheim, a noted collector and authority on Judaica. He cites the 14th century Rabbi Shalom of Neustadt as being the first to admonish his followers to include a blessing for the New Year in their regular correspondence.

But it was Rabbi Shalom's student, the Maharil, Rabbi Yaakov Molin (1355-1427) of the Rhineland, who firmly established the custom.

"He was truly the mentor of the modern-day Rosh Hashanah greeting," says Rabbi Daniel Sperber, head of the Judith and Gershon Leiber Centre for Jewish Art at Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv. "He wrote that from Elul (the month before Rosh Hashanah) through Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), when writing a letter, wishes for a good year should be included."

The exact greeting was "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

This phrase is from the Festival Prayerbook and refers to the belief that during this period one's fate for the coming year is inscribed and sealed in one of three books. The wish is that inscription will be in the Book of Life.

"But there are always those who want to improve on things and soon people started writing letters for the express purpose of sending Rosh Hashanah greetings."

The custom spread throughout the Ashkenazi Jewish communities, especially those in Central Europe, reaching Eastern Europe somewhat later. Sephardi Jews did not begin sending Rosh Hashanah greetings until the early 20th century.

Modern printed Rosh Hashanah cards first appeared in Germany around 1837. These early cards were printed in gold on double sheets of white paper, with plenty of room for handwritten messages.

Coincidentally, this was about the same time that non-Jewish New Year cards began appearing in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

In Victorian England, Raphael Tuck, an Orthodox Jew, became famous for his high-quality, artistic Christmas cards. By the turn of the century, he had also ventured into the Rosh Hashanah card business.

Most Judaica scholars frankly admit that the subject has not been researched enough to determine whether Jewish Rosh Hashanah cards were the impetus for non-Jewish New Year cards or vice versa.

Tel Aviv graphic artist David Tartakover, who has an extensive collection of printed Rosh Hashanah cards, believes that the Jewish custom grew out of the Christian one. "It is not a Jewish custom to send greeting cards. Many of the early cards have graphic elements, such as three-dimensional fold-outs, which were definitely influenced by non-Jewish cards," he says.

Rabbi Pappenheim, on the other hand, firmly believes that "Jews started this custom. For Jews, the period before the New Year is a time of repentance leading up to the Day of Judgment. For non-Jews, it is not. In my studies, I have found that in the relationship between Jewish and non-Jewish customs, the Jews initiate the spiritual side of a custom, while the non-Jews develop its artistic side. Here, too, we find this, with Jews being influenced by non-Jewish artistic developments with respect to New Year cards."

The big breakthrough in printed, commercial greeting cards came at the end of the 19th century, according to Dr. Shalom Sabar of the Hebrew University's Department of Art and Centre for Jewish Art.

"The custom became very popular," he said, "especially in Eastern Europe, with Russian Jewish immigrants bringing it to America. These early greeting cards would be saved and later hung in the sukkah for decoration during Sukkot."

Rosh Hashanah cards have always reflected the aspirations, hopes and lifestyles of the Jews sending them. Late 19th century German cards tended to be elaborate, with gilt-edged layers — giving concrete expression to the material values of German Jewry. Those produced during the same period for Eastern European or American Jewry often focused on immigration.

"We have cards from the early 20th century showing Miss Liberty receiving Eastern European Jews to America with a shanah tovah," Sabar notes. "In the Jewish Museum in New York, there is a card sent in 1912 by a Jewish couple from Alaska which has its shanah tovah greeting carved on a walrus tusk, obviously done by an Eskimo artist for the pair."

A World War II card, printed by the United States Army and sent via V-mail, shows an American-Jewish soldier blowing the shofar. Early Zionists used scenes from Eretz Yisrael. Yeshivot would send cards depicting the holy places as a means of fundraising.

With the establishment of the State of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, kibbutzniks and agriculture became popular images.

Sabar even found cards from the early 1960s with Elvis Presley. Following the Six Day War, Yitzhak Rabin, Moshe Dayan, the Western Wall and the Israel Defence Forces came into vogue. Other Israeli leaders, including Golda Meir and Menachem Begin, also have graced Rosh Hashanah cards.

Over the past few years, there has been a return to more traditional symbols — the shofar, the Torah, biblical illustrations.

"The cards have become more commercial, less folk art, and for me, less interesting," says Sabar.

But they are certainly more in keeping with what Rabbi Yaacov Molin might have expected a Rosh Hashanah greeting card to look like.

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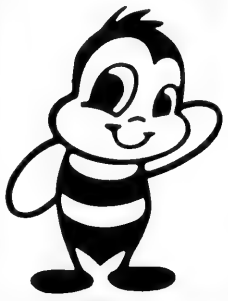

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German school symbol of Jewish continuity

Reporting from eastern Berlin, Sheldon Kirshner visits the first Jewish secondary school in Germany since the Nazi era.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Judische Gymnasium on Great Hamburger Street is back again.

Times do change.

After 1942, the school was used as a transit point from which Jews were shipped to concentration camps like Auschwitz and Theresienstadt.

Today, almost 50 years after the collapse of Nazi Germany, it is a vibrant symbol of Jewish continuity in Germany.

"The school," said its principal, Uwe Mull, "is a sign that the Jewish community is here to stay."

The Judische Gymnasium, which opened a year ago, also sends a message to Germans. "We want the school to encourage the principles of tolerance and integration," explained Mull, a Protestant.

In line with the credo set out by its original and principal founder, the Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn (1729-1786), the school is designed for Jewish *and* non-Jewish children.

Approximately one-third of its 30 pupils, aged 13 to 15, are Christians, including Mull's daughter, and they all take Jewish religious classes.

The formula suits Jerzy Kanal, chair of Berlin's Jewish community, just fine. As he put it: "Prejudice can only disappear by getting to know one another."

Kanal's philosophy is particularly timely now, when right-wing radicalism — with its attendant anti-Semitism — is flaring in Germany.

Since its establishment in 1778, the Judische Gymnasium has gone through several phases.

Initially, it was a private Jewish boys' academy, reflecting Mendelssohn's theory of enlightenment, the purpose of which was to encourage the integration of Jews into German society.

Less than 50 years later, it was opened to non-Jews. During the Weimar republic, the school was one of many supported by Berlin's 180,000 Jews. Closed in 1942, following Hitler's momentous decision to annihilate European Jewry on a systematic basis, it was converted into a vocational school by the then East German government.

In 1989, when communist East Germany was well into its death throes, the authorities let it be known that the building housing the vocational school would be returned to the tiny Jewish community in what was then East Berlin.

The building — which is opposite a wine pub and adjacent to a Protestant church — was officially given back to the Jewish community following the unification of East and West Germany in 1990.

With the assistance of the federal government, renovation of the school was undertaken in March 1992. In a well-publicized ceremony, the gymnasium was officially opened last August.

The neighborhood in which it's located, Oranienburg, was once known as the Scheunenviertel. Before the Nazi era, it was home to poor Polish and Russian Jews.

Today, yet again, Russian Jews are moving into the vicinity. According to Mull, 13 of his students were born in the former Soviet Union.

Uwe Mull stands in front of Berlin's Jewish secondary school, next to a plaque dedicated to its original founder, the philosopher Moses Mendelssohn. [Frank Schroder]

All students receive five hours of instruction per week in Jewish history, Judaism and Hebrew, taught by three teachers imported from Israel. Eight non-Jewish teachers instruct the pupils in general subjects like geography and German literature. Next year, a Jewish specialist in mathematics and physics from the old Soviet Union will be hired.

Upwards of one-quarter of the eligible Jewish students in Berlin attend the Judische Gymnasium, and the majority of those are graduates of the Jewish elementary school, which has been in existence for eight years.

Parents are asked to pay DM 400 a month in tuition, but the Jewish community assists students who cannot afford it.

The school, which already has a kosher kitchen, is currently being expanded. Ten new classrooms, plus computer rooms and science labs, are planned.

When construction is finished later this year to coincide with the new academic year, the student body will increase to about 250 by admitting students up to the age of 19.

Mull, a graduate of the Technical University in Braunschweig, is a high school teacher by profession. Forty-three years old, he was born in Salzgitter, a town founded by the Nazi regime as an industrial centre. His father, who he says was apolitical, served in the Wehrmacht on the Eastern front.

As might be expected in a town without Jews, Mull grew up practically ignorant of Jewish religion and tradition. But since he valued Judeo-Christian ethics, and believed in tolerance and in the idea of a multicultural society, he decided to send his daughter to the Jewish elementary school in Berlin.

It was there, as president of the parents' organization, that he was asked to draw up plans for the Judische Gymnasium. Since then, he has been intimately involved with its development.

Mull's contract comes up for renewal in 1996, but he hopes the board will let him carry on well into the next century.

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Israeli music program abandons formality as it nurtures soloists

Jerusalem Dateline

Once a year, half a dozen well-known concert violinists and outstanding music professors from different countries gather together with 30 to 40 gifted young string students from around the world for a two-week master class held in an Israeli kibbutz in the Galilee, Kibbutz Eilon.

While there are thousands of master classes for promising young musicians, none are quite like the Keshet Eilon Mastercourse, now entering its fifth year.

At most international master classes, teachers and students live apart, meeting only for lessons and rehearsals. In the Kesher Eilon program, all participants take their meals in the kibbutz's communal dining hall and jointly enjoy such amenities as the swimming pool and club house.

Furthermore, the Kesher Eilon curriculum includes archery lessons, where teachers and students often participate together — as students.

In such an atmosphere it is not surprising that the young people in their teens and early twenties don't call their teachers maestro as is customary in most places, but simply call them by their first names.

The lack of formality is a genuine reflection of the Keshet Eilon curriculum, which offers an individualized, relatively unstructured program. It allows plenty of time to practise between lesssons, as well as time for relaxation and socializing, a rarity in many master class programs.

The main focus at Keshet Eilon is on nurturing future soloists. The teachers work not only on technique, but also on stage presence — development of an individual style and freedom of expression, body language, and establishment of rapport with the audience — all essential elements for a solo string artist.

Every student is given an opportunity to study face to face with an outstanding violinist, but also to gain "solo hours" on stage, appearing before an audience in small halls and in open-air concerts in the kibbutz and surrounding localities.

More than a dozen concerts are held during the 16-day course. Gaining experience on stage is not only a matter of dealing with stage fright and developing stage presence; it is also learning to cope with distractions in the audience or unexpected mishaps on stage without going to pieces.

Faculty members at Keshet Eilon also conduct an open panel discussion each year where the masters candidly share their experiences with their students, sharing small tricks of the trade, personal observations and anecdotes that may help young soloists get over hurdles and survive setbacks in their careers.

In addition to a series of master classes with the maestros themselves, Keshet Eilon also holds a rather unorthodox class with a master violin-maker and a master bow-maker.

Gifted musicians who play violins do not always understand why their instrument responds as it does. At a makeshift workshop, the two artisans not only make minor repairs, but also explain to students how to protect their instruments from damage.

One of the most innovative aspects of the Keshet Eilon program involves archery lessons with an Olympic-calibre archery coach. These stem from a theory supported by such outstanding artists as Israeli violinist Shlomo Mintz and Italian virtuoso Andrea Cappelletti that there is a unique interaction between playing the violin and shooting arrows, one that aids in the development of good violinists.

The faculty hope to test this theory systematically by eventually incorporating archery into the string curriculum at one of Israel's academies.

Violinist Professor Artur Zisserman, a member of the Israel Chamber Orchestra, a founding member of the 20th Century Quartet and a faculty member of the Stringed Instrument.Department at the Samuel Rubin Israel Academy of Music in Tel Aviv, in a lesson with strings student Genia Epstein at Kibbutz Eilon. [Amnon Weinstein photo]

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An Italian menu ...

By LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN
Special to The CJN

Every year, I spend a lot of time planning my menu for Rosh Hashanah.

This year my task was easier than usual because my husband and I went to Italy recently. There we experienced foods and dishes wonderful enough to select for our Rosh Hashanah menu.

In addition, we learned about the Jewish community in Italy, which for the most part, comprised neither Ashkenazim (Jews from Eastern Europe) nor Sephardim (Jews who were exiled from Spain in 1492). They are Italim, Jews who have lived in Italy continuously since the fall of the Second Temple in the year 70.

In addition, I opted for an Italian menu for health considerations. Doctors and nutritionists for a long time have noticed that people in Mediterranean climates live longer and have lower incidence of heart problems and cancer.

The Mediterranean diet depends far more on olive oil than on fat from animal sources. Olive oil is much lower in saturated fat than other kinds of fat (except canola oil) and there seems to be a correlation between high intake of saturated fat and high cholesterol, and between high cholesterol and increased heart problems.

A second reason health experts offer in favor of a Mediterranean diet is that people there drink more red wine. They think certain components of red wine may contribute to lower blood cholesterol levels. Of course, relaxing over a glass of wine at a meal goes a long way to reducing stress, and this in turn helps to prevent heart problems.

A third explanation is that the Mediterranean diet relies heavily on foods at the bottom of the food pyramid: vegetables, grains, and fruit. Nutritionists, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the American Cancer Association now recommend a diet higher in these foods and lower in foods closer to the top of the pyramid, such as those from animal sources and all kinds of fats.

My Italian Rosh Hashanah menu achieves these goals: carbohydrates make up about 60 per cent of total calories, protein accounts for 25 per cent, and only 14 per cent of the entire menu comes from fat.

Serve an Italian feast for Rosh Hashanah. Your friends and family will love the experience of the new and unusual dishes. The menu may stimulate conversation about Jewish life and history. And you will be setting a healthy example, one that you and your family can follow for the rest of the year, one that emphasizes your hope to be inscribed in the book of life. *L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.*"

LOW FAT, NO CHOLESTEROL ITALIAN CHALLAH CROWN

2 packets dry yeast
2 tbsp. sugar
¼ cup honey
1 tbsp. salt
1½ cups very warm water (about 110 degrees)
Up to 7 cups unbleached white flour
¼ cup olive oil
¾ cup no-fat egg substitute (equivalent to 3 eggs)
1 tbsp. fresh rosemary, chopped
½ cup golden seedless raisins, optional
1 egg white

In a large ceramic mixing bowl, combine the yeast, sugar, honey, and salt with 1½ cups of water. Stir well. Add 2 cups of flour and mix thoroughly. Cover with a clean, damp towel. Set aside in a draft free place until the batter starts to bubble, usually in about 1 hour.

Add the oil, egg substitute, rosemary, raisins (if used), and enough of the remaining flour to make the dough workable. Rub some of the remaining flour into your pastry cloth. Place the dough on the floured cloth. To aid kneading, cover the dough with part of the cloth. Knead through the cloth. This way, you will use less flour and your bread will be light and have a wonderful texture. Knead until the dough is smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes.

Wash out the bowl in which you mixed the dough. Dry it carefully and spray the inside with vegetable oil spray. Or wipe out the inside with a paper towel moistened with olive oil. Place the kneaded dough into the greased bowl. Cover with a clean, damp towel and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, until the dough doubles in size, at least 1½ hours.

Spray 2 8-inch cake pans with vegetable oil spray. Line them with waxed paper, cut to fit the pans, and spray again.

When the dough has risen, punch it down and turn out onto the pastry cloth. Knead it gently, to remove air pockets. Then divide into two equal parts. Put one half back into the bowl and cover while you are working with the other half.

Shape one piece into a rope about 18-inches long. Spiral the rope into the prepared pan, starting near the outside edge and working toward the centre. (The dough will not fill the entire pan.) The dough should be higher in the centre, so the finished bread looks like a crown. Cover the shaped dough with the damp towel. Then shape the other half of the dough. Let both breads rise until doubled, about 1 hour.

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

When the breads are ready to bake, beat the egg white with a little water. Brush this mixture onto the bread, taking care not to get it near the edge of the pan (or the bread will stick to the pan). Bake 30 minutes, until golden brown and the bread makes a hollow sound when you tap the bottom with your finger. Cool for 10 minutes. Then take the breads out of the pans and remove the waxed paper. Continue cooling on wire racks.

Makes 2 large loaves, 24 slices each.

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8 lbs. beef, chicken, and/or turkey bones
Salt, pepper, garlic powder, paprika
4 carrots, peeled and cut into chunks
2 large onions, peeled and quartered
Half of a celery, coarsely chopped
½ bell pepper, seeded, cored, and chopped
1 16-oz. can ripe tomatoes, including liquid
2 medium zucchini, cut into chunks
A generous handful of (Italian) parsley, washed
2 bay leaves
Salt
1 tbsp. whole white peppercorns
Water
10 oz. uncooked angel hair noodles

Heat your oven to 400 degrees.

Place the bones in a large roasting pan. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and paprika. Roast, uncovered, until browned, about 1½ hours.

Remove bones from the roasting pan and place in a stock pot large enough to hold all the ingredients. If you don't have a pot that big, divide the bones into two pots. Add the remaining ingredients except the noodles. Cover with cold water and slowly bring to a boil. Lower the heat, skim off any foam that forms on the top, then simmer partially covered for 3 hours.

Strain the stock and refrigerate. Reserve some of the cooked vegetables for garnishing the soup.

About 30 minutes before serving, bring a large pot filled with salted water to the boil. Add the noodles, and cook briefly, according to package directions. Blanch with cold water to keep the noodles from continuing to cook.

While you are waiting for the water to boil, take the stock out of the refrigerator. Remove any fat that has hardened on the surface. Place the stock and reserved vegetables in a large pot and heat.

To serve, place some of the noodles in the bottom of each soup bowl. Ladle in some of the hot broth. Garnish with the vegetables.

Makes at least 4 quarts of stock.

TURKEY BREAST WITH PORCINI MUSHROOM STUFFING

1 turkey breast half, boned and obvious fat removed
Salt, pepper, garlic powder, and paprika to taste
Porcini mushroom stuffing
Up to 4 cups non fat chicken stock
Up to 2 cups dry white wine

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

Prepare the turkey breast. Make a pocket in the meat. Then open it up and lay it flat, cut side up. Cover with waxed paper and pound to as even a thickness as possible. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Cover and refrigerate until ready to

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fill with the stuffing.

Prepare the stuffing.

Remove turkey from refrigerator. Place it on a new piece of waxed paper. Spread on the stuffing. (Refrigerate any extra and use to stuff cherry tomatoes on another occasion.) Roll the turkey, using the waxed paper to help you shape it. Season the outside with additional salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Sprinkle with paprika for color. Wrap the roast in cheesecloth. Secure the ends with a twist tie, leaving a handle at both ends.

Place in a small (7x11), shallow baking dish. Add chicken stock and white wine to a 1-inch depth. Place in the oven. Bake 20 minutes and turn, using the handles to help you. Repeat this process two more times, cooking 1½ hours total. Add more chicken stock and white wine as necessary. Remove from the oven. Let the cooked turkey rest at least ½ hour before slicing. May be refrigerated before slicing.

To serve, slice the roast into pieces ½-inch thick. Arrange on the green rice. Serve at once.

Makes 10 servings.

PORCINI MUSHROOM STUFFING

½ oz. dried porcini mushrooms
1 cup warm water
1 lb. fresh white mushrooms
2 tbsp. olive oil
½ cup no fat chicken stock
1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
1 tbsp. fresh (Italian) parsley, finely chopped
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
¼ tsp. ground white pepper
½ cup unseasoned bread crumbs or matzoh meal

Place dried porcini mushrooms in a medium bowl. Cover with warm water. Set aside for 10 minutes.

Place fresh mushrooms in a large colander and rinse by running water over them. Drain thoroughly. Place in food processor and chop. Set aside.

Heat the oil and chicken stock in a medium saucepan. Add the garlic and parsley. Cook briefly. Add the chopped fresh mushrooms.

Lift the porcini mushrooms out of the soaking water with a slotted spoon. Strain the liquid through cheesecloth or a coffee filter to remove the sand. Set aside. Chop the porcinis in the food processor and add to the rest of the ingredients in the pan. Raise the heat. Cook, uncovered, about 5 minutes.

Add ½ cup of the reserved soaking liquid, salt and pepper to the pan. Cook another 5 minutes. Add the bread crumbs and more liquid only if the stuffing seems too dry. Continue cooking only if the stuffing is too moist. When the stuffing is a good consistency for spreading on the turkey, remove from heat and use as directed.

Makes around 2½ cups. You need about 2 cups to stuff the turkey breast.

ITALIAN GREEN RICE

1 lb. fresh spinach
2 tbsp. olive oil
¼ cup no fat chicken stock
¼ cup onion, finely chopped
¼ cup celery, finely chopped
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
1/8 tsp. ground white pepper
2 cups non fat chicken stock or water
1½ cups rice

Wash the sand from the spinach by immersing in lukewarm water. Drain immediately, rinse the sand from the bottom of the bowl, and repeat the process. Then place the spinach in cold water to recrisp. Discard the stems and place leaves in food processor. Chop in batches and set aside. Save any liquid that forms.

Heat the oil and ¼ cup chicken stock in a medium saucepan. Add the onion, celery, salt, and pepper. Cook briefly, stirring. Raise the heat and add the spinach. Cook until the spinach begins to release its own liquid. Stir as necessary.

With the heat still on high, add the stock or water. When the ingredients in the pan come to a boil, add the rice. Reduce the heat and cover. Continue cooking 20 minutes. Check to see if the rice is done or if it needs a little more liquid. Cook 5 more minutes, if necessary.

To serve, place on an attractive serving platter. Arrange slices of turkey on top.

Makes 5 cups or 10 generous ½-cup servings.

ITALIAN CARROTS

2 bunches (about 20) small carrots, peeled
2 whole garlic cloves
Salt
1 tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Place whole carrots, garlic, and 1 teaspoon salt in a medium saucepan. Cover with water. Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer until the carrots are crisp, yet tender, about 5 minutes, depending on how small the carrots are. Drain and discard the garlic.

Arrange on an attractive platter. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve at once.

Serves 10.

RIPE PEACHES WITH HONEY RED WINE SAUCE

2 cups dry kosher red wine (Italian if possible)
⅔ cup honey
1 cinnamon stick
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
5 large, firm peaches
Boiling water
Ice water
¼ cup sliced almonds, toasted, opt.

Place the wine, honey, and cinnamon stick in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and continue cooking until the liquid thickens. Remove from the heat. Take out the cinnamon stick and stir in the vanilla. Cool completely.

Place the peaches in a large bowl. Pour boiling water over them. After 3-5 minutes (less time if the peaches are very ripe), pour off the hot water. Plunge the peaches into ice water to stop them from cooking. Peel, pit, and halve. Place in a shallow glass dish. Pour the cooled sauce over the peaches. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

To serve, place peaches in glass bowls. Spoon some of the sauce over each one. Sprinkle with toasted almonds, if desired.

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Rosh Chodesh has special significance for women

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

More and more Jewish women all over the world are observing Rosh Chodesh, "a women's festival," in a variety of innovative ways, according to Sue Berrin.

Berrin, the wife of Rabbi Victor Reinstein of Congregation Emanu-El, has been researching the subject for the past few years.

She has compiled and edited a source book comprising a number of essays, poems, songs, prayers and meditations on Rosh Chodesh and expects it will be published in 1995 by Jason Aranson of New York, whose company owns the Jewish Book of the Month Club.

While Rosh Chodesh is observed every month in the synagogue, with special prayers to welcome the new moon, it is regarded as a festival of special significance to women.

Berrin states in the foreword of her book that she hopes the material, contributed by a number of women (with one essay by her husband), is "educational, inspirational, scholarly, pragmatic, entertaining, insightful, and teaches and inspires many types of observances and relationships to Judaism."

One of the essays is by Norma Joseph, of Montreal; another is by Charlotte Atlung Sutker, of Victoria.

The first contemporary article about Rosh Chodesh observance as it relates to women, *This Month Is For You*, written 20 years ago by Arlene Agus and included in the book *The Jewish Woman*, is reprinted in Berrin's book.

Berrin told *The CJN* this article sparked a renaissance "which brought to light the Rosh Chodesh holiday which had faded from people's memories."

Another essay relates the experience of Nashot Hakotel — Women of the Wall in Jerusalem, who since 1988 have been fighting for the right to daven at the Western Wall.

The Israeli Supreme Court is deadlocked on the matter and Berrin says a committee of Kotel authorities is trying to solve the problem.

Berrin says the observance of Rosh Chodesh is especially important because it is one way to bring unaffiliated women back to some kind of Jewish observance — especially young women and those without much Hebrew school training who have strayed far from their Jewish roots.

The groups that observe the holiday usually hold informal gatherings that speak to the spiritual needs of women, who don't always find fulfilment in traditional institutions.

In Victoria, for example, Berrin says participants can learn davening skills and try them out in "a small, safe way" with some 20 women, rather than in the formal setting of the shul.

Sue Berrin

"Nobody will disapprove if they make mistakes," she points out.

Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of the monthly lunar cycle which governs the Hebrew calendar. The first commandment after the Exodus from Egypt was to observe it as a festival day and there is a special Rosh Chodesh Musaf, which in the synagogue is recited after the Torah reading and Haftorah.

Berrin says the Talmud rules that work is permitted on Rosh Chodesh but some women abstain on that day anyway. Later sources say the exemption was a reward to the righteous women who refused to surrender their jewels for the creation of the Golden Calf when asked to do so by Aaron.

Berrin notes the close relationship between the new moon and the woman's monthly cycle, both of which change at regular intervals, like a woman's body.

She quotes sources as saying that Rosh Chodesh is a time to mark change, transitions, special moments in our lives — for example the brit milah, menopause or aging. One ritual for menopause uses a red ribbon, placing it in a circle on the floor, cutting it and giving a piece to each woman present.

Women bring babies for naming to their Rosh Chodesh groups. They may mark the weaning of a baby, for which there is no traditional ceremony or prayer.

Generally, Berrin says, the Rosh Chodesh groups have developed their own rituals relating to women's experiences that are not marked in traditional liturgy. In a group of women it is easier to have a celebration of such special occasions, she says.

Since this is a women's holiday with no strictures for observance, the groups can be as experimental and as creative as they wish in the ceremonies they choose.

In one group in New York, the women make and wear masks and talk about something hidden in their lives. One group holds meetings in the shvitz.

The Victoria group meets in private homes on the Sunday closest to Rosh Chodesh, where they daven mainly traditional prayers, including Shacharit. Then there are songs and socializing and refreshments.

Berrin, a native of Los Angeles, was first attracted to Rosh Chodesh groups in Jerusalem, where she worked as a journalist for the Jewish Student Press.

She learned that there were active groups not only in Israel, but in Holland and England, and that the movement was spreading rapidly. She has been in contact with many different groups for her book. She says that as far back as the 17th century, special prayers for women, specifically for Rosh Chodesh, were written in Yiddish by European Ashkenazi women.

The essays in her book indicate that prayers used by the groups are frequently gender neutral; for example, G-d doesn't appear as a male, but is referred to as the Creator.

Berrin met her husband in Israel. They married in Los Angeles and have been in Victoria for over 10 years. They have three children. Her parents are former Torontonians who moved to Los Angeles a number of years ago.

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Israeli businessman 'refreshes mind' as JNF emissary

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

When you approach the age of 50 and you've been working hard all your life — including 12-hour days at business, and a three-year stretch in the Israeli army — it may be time for a change.

That's the decision Gideon Shavit and his wife Edna made about two years ago when he accepted the post as Jerusalem emissary to the Jewish National Fund (JNF), Pacific region, in Canada.

Edna Shavit also looked forward to the change, after working for years as assistant to the president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU).

Gideon therefore took a leave of absence from his job as president of Rotem Industries Ltd. in Beersheva and the family moved to Vancouver with two of their children. One son stayed to attend BGU.

It is a change of locale for the Shavits, but life is busier than ever. Shavit now often works longer hours than he did in Israel, as he meets and consults with committees, organizing Negev Dinners, advising business people from Israel who come to the West Coast, giving talks at Jewish schools and university groups, responding to mail and phone queries about Israel, writing an Israeli business column for the local weekly newspaper and generally being involved in hasbarah for Israel.

But Shavit is not complaining. He told *The CJN* he loves the JNF job and the challenge of fundraising. He organized two Negev Dinners this year, in Vancouver and in Kelowna, B.C., and is already planning next year's in Vancouver and Victoria.

And he has just completed plans for the annual Yom Kippur campaign in the shuls.

Actually, the JNF job is not very different from what he's been doing at Rotem. He sees serving as shaliach as a marketing and promotion task — you develop a concept that the market (the Jewish community) finds acceptable and you proceed to sell it.

Shavit trained for his work in business management, marketing and promotion at the Hebrew University where he got his BA in economics and an MA in business administration. He honed his skills further by working at BGU as chief accountant and guest lecturer, speaking to graduate and undergraduate business administration students on entrepreneurship.

He was one of the forces in establishing Rotem, a government-sponsored high-tech corporation with 400 employees, and he was the company's first president.

Rotem works with research institutes to identify and develop creative scientific products with high marketing potential, helps establish industries to make the products, and follows up with promotion to market them. Rotem developed the Negev's first viable high-tech industrial park.

Basically, Rotem covers four major areas: optronics, detection and identification, materials and processes, ecology and equipment for controlled environment. The primary aim is to provide training for students of the region to encourage them to stay, rather than leave for high-tech facilities in Tel Aviv or Haifa.

Gideon Shavit

Rotem has assisted Russian scientists who are well trained in scientific research and math but lack the know-how to transform ideas for practical use, because they have always worked under a government umbrella. With no experience in the market place, they are not prepared for the free enterprise system.

According to Shavit, what the Russians need is the experience to adjust to the techniques of the Western world.

"It's an exciting place to work," said Shavit of Rotem. But, he added, it's important to make a change every once in a while "to refresh your mind."

Fundraising in the Pacific region is bringing in more dollars every year, Shavit said, but many Israel-based organizations are now in British Columbia and he conceded that campaigning has become more competitive.

Nevertheless, JNF is well established "and we're doing the best possible to carry on our work."

Shavit said JNF has sent tutors from Israel to Canada to teach kids what the organization has accomplished and still plans to do. The tutors are used extensively in B.C.

"We have a big education budget," he said, "because we believe in its importance. Of the total $250 million JNF budget, the organization devotes 5.2 per cent to education and information, as stipulated in its 1961 covenant with the Israeli government."

Summer camps, audio-visual aids, posters, pamphlets and books, and lectures are some of the tools used to strengthen the bond between the Jewish people and Israel.

A recent video seen by *The CJN* shows Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin speaking at a world conference of JNF leaders, asking them to create conditions to provide the facilities for at least five million people in the Jewish state. After the speech he is shown dropping a coin into the familiar JNF blue box.

Shavit gets a daily summary of Israeli news by fax to keep up to date on what's going on in Israel. "People are always calling for the latest news and we can give it to them," he noted.

JNF, said Shavit, employs about 6,000 people, working on projects from Eilat in the south to Metulla in the north.

"We emphasize the vast scope of our activities, stressing that 71 per cent of our budget is invested directly in the land. Through our programs we have alleviated unemployment, providing more than 1,000 temporary jobs for new immigrants from Russia and Ethiopia, and for demobilized soldiers."

The B.C. Forest in the Galilee has been a popular project in the Pacific region and there are groves sponsored by Vancouver, Victoria and Kelowna.

Currently JNF is helping cope with the water situation in Israel, which is a crucial factor in the peace process and in the day-to-day life of the country.

As there are only about 50 days of rain a year, it is necessary to trap as much water as possible when it rains and a network of reservoirs is being established all over the country. This is a very expensive undertaking for the JNF, and Shavit said the Pacific region is considering sponsoring a "B.C. reservoir" as a new campaign project, slated to start next year.

In planning for peace, further development of the Jerusalem Peace Forest and other projects are underway. These will be carried out under the Jerusalem 3000 program to mark the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem in 1996.

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Italian sculptress Maria Assunta Carini won third prize at the Annual Stone Sculpture Symposium held in Israel's Galilee region. [Photo: Ava Carmel]

Marble marvels

Jerusalem Dateline

The rotary saw whined and sputtered as Italian sculptress Maria Assunta Carini goaded it into a towering marbel sculpture, creating a halo of dust around her. The sculpture, *The Light of Air*, won third prize in this year's third Annual Stone Sculpture Symposium, held in Israel's Galilee town of Ma'alot-Tarshiha.

Noam Rabinovich won this year's competition for his massive work entitled *A Society of Plants*, while Kim Moon Kyu of Korea won second prize for his work entitled *A Desire for Active Life*.

A total of 80 tons of Galilean marble from a nearby quarry were commissioned for the event. Of the 15 sculptors, seven were Israelis and the others were from Turkey, France, Mexico, South Korea, Uzbekistan, Italy, Romania, and the United States. They sawed, chiselled, chipped and sanded, some finishing their sculptures quickly and others working frantically in order to finish within the allotted 10 days.

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No more macho men — Israelis shed excess hair

By AVI SHAMIR

Israeli men have long had a reputation for being macho. But nowadays a new machismo is emerging on the fashion scene as men of different ages and social backgrounds visit beauty salons to remove unwanted hair from their chests.

They walk in, furtively at times, with excess body hair. They emerge as silken as Greek gods.

The phenomenon is not altogether new. One leading Tel Aviv cosmetician says her establishment has been frequented by men for more than 20 years. But now men in increasing numbers are stepping out of the closet and into the salon. The trend has received wide press coverage from the leading Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot* to the ultra-Orthodox publication *Diglenu*.

Not that men who undergo hair removal — epilation — are always forthcoming to the press. Most of the men I encountered at Tel Aviv beauty salons refused to grant interviews. One young Yemenite agreed to make an "anonymous contribution" using an assumed name. "I'm doing this for aesthetic reasons," said Tal.

"I started getting hair on my chest at age 18, and it never really grew in. At first I considered it a minor annoyance. I felt that it didn't add to my appearance or self-image, but I tried to disregard it," said the 24-year-old.

The Tel Aviv-based youth director says a newspaper article on epilation persuaded him to find a way out of his hairy situation. After more than a year of costly and at times painful treatment, Tal is delighted with the results. "The pain is not unbearable. If it was I wouldn't do it. The main thing is, now I can take my shirt off and walk out in the sun without feeling inhibited."

And how does his new look grab the ladies? "Look, if I want to win over a lady, I don't have to change my appearance. Girls I went out with never made an issue of my chest hair."

He concedes, however, that the romance factor did play a role in his decision to undergo treatment. "Young Israeli girls, especially of high school age, can make very damaging remarks about your appearance, like 'this one's too skinny,' 'this one's too fat,' or 'that one has all that disgusting hair on his chest.' "

Still, Tal would not have gone through epilation were it not for what he terms a "personal rapport" with cosmetician Hanna Ohayon, whose establishment, she claims, is the only one of its kind to cater exclusively to men. Moroccan-born Ohayon offers practical advice, and in some cases, emotional encouragement and support.

"Not all men are suited to this kind of treatment," she cautions. "Those with psoriasis and other skin conditions are advised against it, and those with taut skin and strong hair need more sessions than those with thin hair."

Epilation is done with a sophisticated, computerized instrument that produces radio waves at a frequency of up to 27 megahertz. A thin needle is injected under the skin to "root out" unwanted hair and the process is repeated up to 20 times to thin out the hair and ultimately stop growth.

In addition to the chest, epilation is commonly applied on the upper back, ears and between the eyebrows. Some ultra-Orthodox Jews, especially Sephardis permitted to trim their beards, undergo epilation to remove excess growth on their upper jaws.

Ohayon believes that the smooth chest image, as projected by such celebrities as Sylvester Stallone and Richard Gere, has influenced many Israeli men. "Many women find a smooth, shiny chest with bulging muscles aesthetically clean, fashionable and sexy," she says.

Drorit and Haim Ron, who run a multifaceted cosmetic centre in central Tel Aviv, say other factors contribute to the situation. "You have to understand that men come here because they have a personal problem or need," says Haim. "In many cases it's one they keep to themselves for years until they can afford to do something about it.

"Even then, they might come in with a hat or motorcycle helmet on, so that no one will recognize them."

Drorit says there is a stigma attached to epilation. "It's assumed that all men who undergo it are either gay or crazy. Actually, we have a very varied clientele. Some are teenagers, and others are married men. We even have pensioners."

Be that as it may, not all cosmeticians are standing in line to help men with their hairy problems. Bracha Ordentlicht, whose Or Adin (Gentle Skin) salon has been in business for 43 years, insists that "smooth skin is a womanly asset, not a man's. There's nothing wrong with a man who has hair on his chest."

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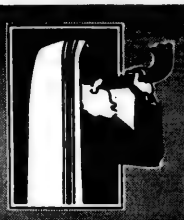
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Israeli, Diaspora leaders meet in Jerusalem

World Zionist Press Service

The year 5754 may well be remembered as the year when Israeli and Diaspora Jews finally acknowledged that a deepening gap exists between them.

To tackle the issues confronting world Jewry, President Ezer Weizman convened a two-day meeting in late June at his residence in Jerusalem. Entitled Dialogue with the President, the conference was attended by some 140 Diaspora Jewish leaders, intellectuals and students from the United States, France, Britain, Canada, Russia, Europe, Latin America, South Africa and Australia, and by a similar number of their Israeli counterparts. American Diaspora-Israel relations tended to dominate the proceedings.

The meeting was held under a huge, blue and white striped marquee on the lawn of the President's residence; an informal atmosphere was created by seating the panelists on sofas. President Weizman, who also lounged in a sofa, often interrupted the proceedings with an anecdote or point of his own, projecting the image of a TV talk show host rather than a head of state.

The relaxed atmosphere engendered frank discussion and the dialogue was marked by a succession of outspoken and provocative speakers. Some Israelis, in particular President Weizman, time and again refused to recognize the legitimacy of the Diaspora and called for increased aliyah.

Israel's UN Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi took a more conciliatory stance. "We must see a shift in the emphasis of Israel-Diaspora relations," he said, "away from charity and towards investment and joint ventures and, yes, aliyah too."

American Jewish leaders, like Alfred Moses, chair of the American Jewish Committee, insisted that Israel could not be strong without their lobbying in Washington. Maynard Wishner, chair of the Council of Jewish Federations, spoke of two Jewish centres, one in America and one in Israel, comparing them to the historical centres of Jerusalem and Babylon.

Yiddish phrases used

Yiddish phrases were bandied about by the older speakers, with President Weizman nodding his head and smiling in comprehension. This seemed to highlight the fact that, while some members of the older generation can communicate through Yiddish and a shared cultural heritage, younger Diaspora and Israeli Jews have no common language.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Professor of Religion at Dartmouth University in the United States, in an eloquent critique of the Diaspora's indifference to Jewish culture, placed the blame on its lack of Jewish literacy.

"To be the leader of a major American Jewish organization," he observed, "you don't have to speak Hebrew; rather you must have time, energy and money. American Jewish leaders are embarrassed by Jewish literacy."

Moses dismissed this characterization. "American Jewry and Israel need leaders that can lobby effectively for them on Capitol Hill," he said.

But President Weizman insisted that Israel is able to effectively lobby on its own behalf. "We've grown up now," he observed impatiently. "We've had our bar mitzvah. Give us the credit for having earned the respect and support of the U.S. administration for what we've achieved."

Rabbi David Hartman, Professor of Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University, injected more than a modicum of Judaism into what was essentially Zionist talk.

"The issue is not whether Israel is more or less central to Jewish life," he said, "but the future and survival of the Jewish people. The difference between the Diaspora and Israel is that if a Jew wants to move outside the Jewish community in America he can do so. If an Israeli wants to move outside the Jewish community he must move to Los Angeles.

"But aliyah does not entirely solve the problem," he added. "For if a Jew in Petah Tikvah moves to Dallas, he is an Israeli but not necessarily a Jew. I as a Jew cannot imagine Judaism without Torah."

Unfortunately, the deeper issues dividing Israel and the Diaspora were overshadowed by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin's surprise call for the dissolution of the Jewish Agency WZO, which evoked the animosity of virtually every participant.

Beilin, who earlier in the year had shocked a WIZO gathering by insisting that Israel no longer needed Diaspora Jewish funds, proposed to replace the Jewish Agency/WZO with Beit Yisrael — a mass democratic movement of world Jewry that would offer every 17-year-old Diaspora Jew the opportunity to participate in an Israel Experience program free of charge, as well as funding aliyah, Jewish and Zionist programs in the Diaspora, and an ongoing dialogue between Israel and the Diaspora.

"We are using yesterday's tools to deal with tomorrow," he stressed.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin responded with dissatisfaction. "With deep sorrow, I have to say . . . that a deputy minister has made remarks that are not keeping with government policy," he said. "The plan is nonsensical and my government has no intention of implementing such craziness."

Acting Jewish Agency and WZO chair Yehiel Leket was equally scathing in his condemnation of Beilin. "The plan has created confusion and embarrassment," he said. "It has done untold damage to Israel-Diaspora ties when we should be closing ranks in pursuit of peace."

Leket also pointed out that it was unthinkable to fund free trips to Israel for wealthy Diaspora Jewish teenagers when 600,000 Israelis were living below the poverty line.

Nevertheless, Beilin's call for escalating Israel Experience programs for Diaspora youth did touch a responsive chord. British student leader Ronnie Preston said, "This would be a step in the right direction," and British and Commonwealth Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said that Israel Experience programs for Jewish youth should be at the core of a new Israel-Diaspora relationship.

"Young Diaspora Jews who spend significant time living in Israel are more likely to become active leaders in their own communities," he said. "Diaspora Jews whose identity is weak are less likely to support Israel and more likely to marry out."

Predictably, many issues were raised but few concrete conclusions were reached. President Weizman, however, who doesn't care for idle talk, concluded the conference by resolving to set up a committee of experts to examine ways to improve Israel-Diaspora relations. He will also request that the Ministry of Education explore ways to teach Israeli school children more about Judaism and Diaspora Jewry.

Thanks to President Weizman's initiative, Israelis and Diaspora Jews are moving into the new year with a feeling that their increasingly distant relationship is finally being redefined. There is hope that new channels of communication will open up in the coming year, channels that can only enrich and deepen this vital relationship.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, museum director Martin Weyl, and Lola Beer at the opening of Lola Beer: 50 years of Fashion in Israel, at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem. [WZPS photo courtesy of the Israel Museum]

Israeli designer clothed country's top women

World Zionist Press Service

It seems an incongruous match: Israel and the exclusive world of haute couture. Yet, at the Israel Museum's recently opened exhibit, Lola Beer: 50 years of Fashion in Israel, this rather inconsonant association makes perfect sense.

A black and white photo of Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, departing for an official visit to the United States in 1951 is on display. By his side, his wife Paula is wearing a dress designed by Lola Beer.

Another shot, taken in 1968, shows U.S. president Lyndon B. Johnson shaking hands with Leah Rabin, wife of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (then Israel's ambassador to the United States), wearing a Jacqueline Kennedy-style gown, another Beer creation.

More than 25 years later, Leah Rabin appeared in another Beer garment at the signing of the Gaza/Jericho agreement in Cairo.

Lola Beer dressed them all: Vera Weizmann, Miriam Eshkol, Golda Meir, Zipporah Sharret, Aura Herzog and Shulamit Shamir. Wives of ministers, ambassadors, mayors and artists, Beer's client list is a veritable who's who among the country's social and political elite.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Lola Beer has played a prominent role in designing — quite literally — the nation's public image.

"She made us repectable and esthetically beautiful," said former first lady Aura Herzog, who in 1992 awarded Beer the Golden Needle award, an honor shared with Gottex founder Leah Gottlieb.

An elegantly-dressed, slender woman (she only wears her own designs) with aristocratic features, Lola Beer, who must be approaching 80 — she refuses to divulge her age — has not missed a day of work since she opened her fashion atelier in 1940.

Despite her long tenure in the country, Beer speaks only a smattering of Hebrew and claims she was the only person Ben-Gurion would speak to in English.

Some of Beer's staff have been with her for 45 years and her most recently hired employee joined the firm 28 years ago. She herself arrives punctually at her studio in Tel Aviv at 7 a.m. and works straight through until early evening.

"If you enjoy your work, you don't think about minor discomforts and exhaustion," she says.

Born in Moravia, Beer graduated from Prague's College of Fashion Design in 1939 and emigrated the following year to what was then British-governed Palestine; she was among the last Jews to leave Czechoslovakia.

Aside from an older brother, who was already living in Eretz Yisrael, the rest of her family stayed behind and Beer never saw them again.

When Beer informed her brother of her plans to open a fashion studio, her sister-in-law commented: "No one dresses up here. Seamstresses are starving."

But when a milliner borrowed some of Beer's dresses for a hat show, it was her garments that made a hit. Since then orders have not stopped coming in.

Many of Beer's earliest clients were wealthy ladies from Beirut, Cairo and Alexandria. It was, however, Vera Weizmann (the wife of Israel's first President and "the most elegant woman in Israel at the time," according to Beer) who introduced the designer to the upper crust of political and social milieu.

Beer recalls that when the state was established, female freedom fighters, many from kibbutzim, were forced, literally overnight, to become the fledgling state's emissaries. The transformation wasn't easy.

"Women here didn't understand fashion: they thought themselves above clothes," says Beer. "But they were wrong. First impressions are very important."

Beer single-handedly introduced Israel to the world of haute couture. She designed clothes to fit the figure and personality of her clients, the result being many long-lasting personal and professional relationships.

There were exceptions. Beer's relationship with Golda Meir lasted only a few dresses. "She didn't want to come for fittings, and sent her secretary instead," recalls Beer.

The Lola Beer exhibit at the Israel Museum is — appropriately — a fashion show. There's only one not-so-minor variation. It is the visitors who stroll along the catwalk, while the mannequins modeling the outfits are posed on either side of the aisle.

Interspersed are photographs recapturing both the history of Beer's career and that of the state. Behind many of the dummies are narrow mirrors so that viewers catch a partial glimpse of themselves alongside Beer's designs. Curator of the museum's design department, Izzaka Gaon, intended to created a total experience, "to evoke an awareness of our own physical appearance."

Walking through the exhibit visitors are struck by the fact that most of the dresses are quite unremarkable. There is nothing original or indigenously Israeli about them. Clearly always in sync with the fashions of the times, Beer took her cues from French designers (Yves St. Laurent, Christian Dior and Chanel, in particular) on her twice yearly trips to Paris, where she acquired reproduction rights.

Why then the exhibit? It is a tribute, says Gaon, to the industriousness of a woman whose business survived for so long, maintaining the same quality and reputation.

The show is also a cultural history tour, adding another dimension to the perennial and often vexing question of how Israelis are perceived by the world and how they see themselves.

Few can afford a Beer creation — price tags run in the thousands of dollars. However, it was not tongue-in-cheek when Israel Museum director Martin Weyl remarked at the exhibit's opening that "most women in Israel have worn an outfit designed by Beer."

Indeed most have. In 1966 Beer designed the winter and summer uniforms for the women serving in the Israel Defense Forces. With only slight modifications, her summer uniform is what women soldiers wear to this day. Beer also designed the outfits worn by El Al stewardesses from 1957 to 1972 (winning an award in Switzerland for the design), as well as the uniforms for the Israel Postal Authority.

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• American rabbi **C. Ariel Stone** becomes the first Reform rabbi to head a congregation in the former Soviet Union. Rabbi Stone, 31, will minister to some of Ukraine's 8,000 Reform Jews as spiritual leader of Kiev's Congregation HaTikvah.

• Pop superstar **Michael Jackson** beats a hasty retreat from Jerusalem's Western Wall after Orthodox worshippers bar his approach, finding the stir surrounding the Gloved One's visit unseemly. Jackson goes on to perform at two Tel Aviv concerts.

• Ethopian-born athlete **Joseph Kibur** wins gold in the men's 5,000-metre race and silver in the 10,000-metre event during the Canada Games in Kamloops, B.C. The 20-year-old Simon Fraser University student won three gold medals at last year's Maccabiah Games. He is later named the university's Athlete of the Year.

October (Tishrei/Cheshvan)

• Israel releases 750 **Palestinian prisoners** from its jails in the first stage of a five-year schedule under the Declaration of Principles. Those freed include the sick, those under 18 and over 50, but no convicted murderers.

• The ruling **Progressive Conservative** party goes down to election defeat, losing all of its seats but two. The winning Liberals form a majority government, with the Quebec-based Bloc Quebecois becoming the Official Opposition with 54 seats. The Reform Party wins 53 seats.

The Liberal government includes four Jewish MPs: **David Berger** of St. Henri-Westmount; **Barry Campbell** of St. Paul's riding in Toronto; Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women **Sheila Finestone**, who handily won her Mount Royal riding with 83 per cent of the vote; and Windsor West veteran **Herb Gray**, who accepted his cabinet posts of solicitor general and House leader wearing a bright blue kippah and clutching a silver-embossed Hebrew Bible.

Jewish MPs exiting the political scene include former Conservative cabinet minister **Gerry Weiner**, who finished third behind the Liberals and the BQ in his Montreal riding of Pierrefronds-Dollard; and Skeena, B.C. New Democratic Party representative **Dave Barrett**.

• In another election defeat, six-time Jerusalem mayor **Teddy Kollek** loses his re-election bid to Likud candidate **Ehud Olmert**. Olmert wins 59 per cent of the vote, Kollek 35 per cent. Kollek, 82, retires from politics.

• The University of Toronto launches an investigation into English professor **Robert O'Driscoll**, author of two books riddled with Jewish conspiracy theories. The university will look at O'Driscoll's competence and ability to teach in a discrimination-free environment. O'Driscoll has been a tenured professor for 27 years.

• A French electrician is jailed for one year for hurling anti-Semitic slurs at his neighbors over several years. **Georges Anne**, 47, must also pay his neighbors $20,000 (Cdn) in damages and $2,000 to a French anti-racism organization. It is the stiffest sentence ever handed down for such an offence.

• Seven survivors of the **Sobibor** extermination camp mark the 50th anniversary of a revolt that let 300 of 600 working Jews escape. Many of the escapees were killed by land mines surrounding the camp, and those remaining behind were executed in retaliation for the German SS officers and Ukrainian guards killed in the revolt. Only 36 escapees survived the war.

• Entertainer **Victor Borge** helps mark another 50th anniversary commemoration, this one the **rescue of Danish Jews** by their countrymen. Thanks to a warning passed on by a high-ranking German official, 7,200 Danish Jews, 700 non-Jewish spouses and children and 11,000 Danish resistance fighters were ferried to safety in Sweden by an improvised flotilla of fishing boats. Borge was one of those rescued.

November (Chesvan/Kislev)

• Lebanese immigrant **Michael Safadi**, 29, is sentenced to four years and three months in a Nova Scotia jail for promoting hatred against Jews and for shooting a Prince Edward Island man he thought was Jewish. In presenting his own defence, Safadi claimed he was framed by the Israeli secret service.

• Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** arrives in Canada to meet with newly-elected Canadian Prime Minister **Jean Chretien** and address the **Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly** in Montreal. In his 30-minute Montreal speech, Rabin urges the 3,000 North American GA delegates to support the peace process.

• A **Jewish Agency** airlift brings all but 50 members of **Armenia's Jewish community** to Israel. The 2,000-year-old community, which numbered 1,040 in 1970, shrank to 300 through intermarriage and mass aliyah during the 1989 war with neighboring Georgia.

• The historic **Newtown Synagogue** in **Sydney, Australia**, is almost gutted by an arson attack. The ark and six Torah scrolls inside are undamaged, although a nearby lamp is melted by the heat of the fire.

• A buckskin-clad former prime minister proves hard to resist as Canadians flock to buy **Pierre Trudeau**'s *Memoirs*. Among the tidbits included in the 380-page tome is the fact that Trudeau, 74, was once arrested as a Jewish spy while travelling throught the Mideast in 1948: Arab soldiers in Jerusalem thought the bearded student was working for the Haganah.

• **Spanish King Juan Carlos** and **Queen Sophia** travel to Israel for a three-day visit, the first ever by a reigning European monarch. The king signs a joint Israeli-Spanish economic agreement to ease trade between the two countries, now valued at $500 million (US) a year.

• Workmen unearth a 1937 time capsule from beneath the gate of Montreal's **Baron de Hirsch cemetery**. Newspaper headlines from that long-ago July show how little things have changed. "Deliberate Plot Revealed in Belfast Bomb Explosion" reads the *Gazette*, while the *Canadian Jewish Review* trumpets "Present Regime Cannot Continue in Palestine." The capsule contained no letter to finders.

• Three terrorists confess to murdering former Montrealer **Jason Friedberg** and three other Israelis, causing pandemonium in the Jerusalem courtroom. The three, members of the PLO's Fatah faction, say they were paid 3,500 dinars and $1,000 (US) for every Israeli Jew they killed. **Jawad, Mohammed** and **Ibraham Shamansa** are later sentenced to four consecutive life terms.

• The head of the Canadian branch of the **Simon Wiesenthal Centre** reveals further proof that British officials knew in 1942 about massive Jewish executions in Europe. Searching through British archives, **Sol Littman** found a summary of a speech given by Nazi propaganda minister **Joseph Goebbels** on Sept. 23, 1942, in which he told 60 German journalists that European Jews were already feeling "the inevitable harshness of physical extermination." British Foreign Office officials at the time were more interested in Goebbel's comments on German morale.

• A Georgian-born Israeli armwrestler wins hands-down at the World Armwrestling Championships in Edmonton. **Eli Sapiashvili**, 25, beats all comers in the right-handed division of the 110 kg category. The 14-strong Israeli contingent is one of 20 countries competing in the event.

• Montreal-born academic **Bernard Shapiro** is named the first Jewish principal of McGill University. Shapiro previously served as Ontario's deputy minister of education and as head of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). His identical twin brother **Harold Shapiro** is president of Princeton University in New Jersey.

December (Kislev/Tevet)

• Canada extends an invitation to PLO Chairman **Yasser Arafat** to come for a visit in the new year. The Ministry of External Affairs says Arafat is welcome, but there is no word on his response.

• American astronaut **Jeffrey Hoffman** plays the first game of dreidl in space while aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. Hoffman, who took a mezuzah with him on his first space trip in 1985, brings along a menorah as well but cannot light Chanukah candles for safety reasons.

• The Dec. 13 deadline for Israeli troop withdrawals from the West Bank and Gaza comes and goes amidst fears the peace process will collapse. Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** explains the delay by saying the two sides need "time to rethink." Growing violence kills five Israeli Jews and five Arabs in the first week of the month, bringing to 23 the number of people killed since the Declaration of Principles was signed Sept. 13.

• **The Vatican** establishes diplomatic ties with Israel, ending 2,000 years of troubled relations between the Catholic Church and world Jewry. The agreement to exchange ambassadors is signed by Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister **Yossi Beilin** and Vatican undersecretary **Msgr. Claudio Maria Delli** in Jerusalem. In March **Andrea Di Montezemolo** and **Shmuel Hadas** take up their posts.

In another diplomatic first, **South Korea** announces it will open an embassy in Israel. Up to now, the South Korean ambassador to Italy was responsible for his country's interests in Israel.

January (Tevet/Shevat)

• A 26-year-old **Jerusalem yeshivah student** wins the $3-million (US) jackpot in Israel's Lotto. The soon-to-be-married man tells reporters he wants "to maintain my normal routine, to help my family and to thank G-d deeply for answering my prayers."

• Seven Canadian Jews are among the 87 named to the Order of Canada. They include Canadian Jewish Congress president and historian **Irving Abella**, Vancouver Jewish Federation founder **Arthur Fouks**, Vancouver philanthropist **Joe Segal**, Haligonian psychiatrist **Dr. Judith Hamerling Gold**, Winnipeg NDP politician **Saul Cherniak**, McGill University Opera Studio co-founder **Edith Della Pergola** and Montreal volunteer **Arnold Steinberg**.

• The **Israel Defence Force** reveals that the number of soldiers killed in action jumped to 45 in 1993, up from 24 in 1992. Accidental deaths, traffic fatalities and training deaths among soldiers dropped, according to the IDF manpower branch.

• Suspected Hezbollah terrorist **Mohamed Hussein Al Husseini** is ordered deported from Canada. A Lebanese native, Al Husseini entered Canada with false documents in 1991 and was granted refugee status within two months.

February (Shevat/Adar)

• Israel's sole representative at the Lillehammer Olympics, Russian-born skater **Mikhail Shmerkin**, finishes 16th in his event. Shmerkin, 24, is the first Israeli to compete in the Winter Games. He was hoping to finish 10th.

• Six buses transport 300 residents of **Sarajevo** from their beseiged city to the Croatian coast. The 12-hour overnight convoy, organized by the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee** and Sarajevo's **La Benevolencija Jewish agency**, includes 176 Jews in addition to Croats,

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Tami Arad, wife of Israeli MiA Ron Arad, and their 7-year-old daughter Yuval celebrate his 36th birthday in Tel Aviv in May. Arad has been missing since his aircraft was downed over Lebanon more than 7½ years ago. [ISRANET photo]

Ontario Premier Bob Rae and his wife Arlene Perly Rae plant trees outside Jerusalem during an eight-day official visit in December. [ISRANET photo]

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Serbs and Muslims. Approximately 50 Jewish evacuees go on to Israel. Three hundred Jews remain in Sarajevo.

• Jews across Canada hold vigils in support of **agunot**, women whose husbands will not grant them a Jewish divorce. Two hundred people turn out in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. There are an estimated 10,000 agunot in Israel.

• **Parliament** unanimously abandons its 117-year-old opening prayer, with its three references to Jesus Christ, in favor of an interdenominational invocation for peace and wisdom.

• The **University of Western Ontario** apologizes to four Arab students who complained of anti-Arab discrimination in 1987. The complainants receive $2,000 each from the London, Ont., university and a published letter of apology in the local and campus newspapers after they charged the school with banning a controversial pro-Palestinian poster and failing to address repeated disruptions of Arab student events.

• Kiryat Arba settler **Dr. Baruch Goldstein** opens fire in a Hebron mosque on Purim, killing 29 Palestinians at prayer before being killed himself. The massacre, widely condemned in Israel and abroad, leads Syria, Jordan and Lebanon to break off bilateral talks with Israel. Compensation for the victims is later set at $6.7 million.

In retaliation, a Lebanese man shoots at a van carrying 15 Lubavitch yeshivah students on the Brooklyn Bridge, wounding four. One, 16-year-old **Aaron Halberstam**, dies later in hospital.

• **B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights** reveals that reported incidents of anti-Semitic harassment and vandalism are at their highest levels in 12 years. Numbers for 1993 show a 31 per cent increase in reported incidents, with 105 cases of anti-Semitic vandalism and 151 of harassment across the country. Vandalism grew faster than harassment.

• Italians get their daily dose of Yiddishkeit after Milanese Jewish actor **Moni Ovadia** begins hosting a weeday program on Italian state radio. The show explores different facets of Yiddish culture. About 40,000 Jews live in Italy.

MARCH (Adar/INissan)

• Israeli outlaws the **Kach** and **Kahane Chai** political parties, which follow the anti-Arab teachings of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, as terrorist organizations. It is now illegal in Israel to donate money to the two Jewish groups, display their symbols or show support in any way. Kahane Chai leader **Binyamin Kahane**, earlier convicted of a 1991 attack on Israeli police, and Kach leader **Baruch Marzel** are jailed.

• Canada steps in to prevent a pogrom against **Syria**'s 1,050 Jews, formally requesting their protection through Ambassador **John McNee**. The pogrom was threatened by the Syrian Muslim Party of Justice in retaliation for the Hebron mosque massacre.

• The **Supreme Court of Canada** rules 4 to 3 to uphold the acquittal of accused war criminal **Imre Finta**. In a controversial written decision, the court finds that Finta, the former Hungarian gendarmes captain alleged to have sent 8,600 Jews to Nazi death camps in 1944, was not at fault for following orders he believed were legal, given the climate of anti-Semitism in Hungary at the time.

• The neo-fascist **National Alliance** party wins 13 per cent of the vote in Italy's parliamentary elections, becoming the third most popular party in the country. The party, heir to wartime dictator Benito Mussolini, joins the right-wing alliance led by billionaire media tycoon **Sylvio Berlusconi**.

APRIL (Nissan/Iyar)

• A French court sentences **Paul Touvier** to life imprisonment for crimes against humanity, almost 50 years to the month after he selected seven Jews for execution during the Vichy regime. Touvier, 79, had been condemned to death in 1946 and 1947 for war crimes committed as a militia intelligence chief. He went into hiding and was later pardoned in 1972 by then French president Georges Pompidou. The crimes against humanity charges were laid in 1989, and Touvier became the first Frenchman to be convicted under them at his March trial in Versailles.

• Russian ultranationalist **Vladimir Zhirinovsky** throws shrubbery at 100 Jewish student protestors in Strasbourg, France, after addressing the Council of Europe. Zhirinovsky denies reports that his mother married a Jew, Volf Eidelshtein, and that Zhirinovsky used that surname until age 18.

• A **Hamas** suicide bomber kills eight Israelis and wounds 50 more in **Afula**. The dead include Ahuva Cohen Onalla, a recently converted Muslim woman whose Arab husband declined to attend her funeral. "I am afraid that because of what my people did to my wife, some of her people will not tolerate my presence at the [Jewish] graveside," he says. One week after the Afula bombing, another suicide bomber kills five Israelis on board a bus in **Hadera**. Twenty-nine are wounded.

• Holocaust drama ***Schindler's List*** wins in the best picture and best director categories for **Steven Spielberg** at the Academy Awards.

MAY (Iyar/Sivan)

• Israel agrees to allow the printing of postal stamps and travel documents bearing the seal of the **Palestinian Authority**. The concessions are part of an 180-page peace agreement signed in Cairo. The proceedings are marred when PLO leader **Yasser Arafat** refuses to sign maps outlining the proposed size of Jericho. After a brief halt, the papers are signed.

Some 330 Palestinian police, meanwhile, gather in the Egyptian border town of Rafiah awaiting Arafat's go-ahead to take over Israel Defence Force postings in Gaza. They wait one week to move into the 30 posts and begin policing the area.

Peace Now supporters wave flags in support of the Jordanian-Israeli accord as they wait for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to return from the July signing in Washington, D.C. [IPPA photo]

Riot police clash with religious protestors after Yasser Arafat arrives in Gaza in July. Demonstrators set up a tent city outside the Prime Minister's Office. [ISRANET photo]

• **Breakaway Labor politician Haim Ramon** becomes head of Israel's massive **Histadrut** labor federation. Ramon, the former health minister, left Labor when the party torpedoed his proposed national health reform bill. As Histadrut chief, he plans to go ahead with the reforms by cutting the link between the federation and its mammoth and troubled health fund.

• **Quebec** agrees to allow 100 Jewish families from the former Soviet Union to emigrate to Montreal. The agreement, which would see the first families arriving by October 1995, was the second such between the Quebec government and the local Jewish community. Over 80 families arrived after the April 1992 accord.

• PLO Chairman **Yasser Arafat** puts his foot in it by calling for a jihad (holy war) to regain Jerusalem. He later explains that the remark, made in a South African mosque, really meant only "a peaceful crusade." Jewish leaders don't buy it.

• Righteous Gentile **Jan Karski**, 80, is made an honorary citizen of Israel in Washington, D.C., a first for an American. As a Polish underground fighter, Karski was the first to give an eyewitness account of Jewish massacres in 1942, when he told Poland's government-in-exile and British Prime Minister **Winston Churchill** what he had seen in the Warsaw Ghetto and Izbica transit camp. "This is the proudest and most meaningful day of my life," he says.

• Former U.S. president **Richard Nixon** is revealed as a bigot and anti-Semite in the diaries of his one-time chief of staff. Nixon, who died April 22, told the late **H.R. Haldeman** of his belief in "total Jewish domination of the media." This theory, and others, were openly expressed before Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger**, a Jew.

• Klaus Barbie's right-hand man and at least four other Nazi collaborators are revealed to have been sponsored as "French political refugees" by Quebec nationalists after World War II. In 1946 **Jacques Duge**, also known as the **Comte de Bernonville**, arrived in Quebec through the sponsorship of Roman Catholic Church leaders and right-wing politicians. He eventually fled to Brazil to avoid extradition after being sentenced to death in absentia by a French court in 1947. He was found murdered there in 1972.

• Convicted spy **Jonathan Pollard** marries longtime fiancee and unflagging supporter **Elaine Zeitz** in a North Carolina prison. Pollard is serving a life sentence after pleading guilty in 1987 to passing American security secrets to Israel. In March, President **Bill Clinton** denied Pollard clemency, saying the former navy analyst caused "considerable damage" to his country.

• Diamond merchant **Maurice Tempelsman** is one of the chief mourners at the funeral of **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**, his companion of 15 years. Onassis, who died May 19 of cancer, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery beside her late husband, John F. Kennedy.

JUNE (Sivan/Tamuz)

• **Royal Canadian Legion** convention delegates vote three-to-one against a proposed by-law allowing religious headgear in Legion canteens, saying Sikh turbans and Jewish kippot must be removed to show respect for the dead. The vote comes days after Jewish veterans are honored by the Canadian Armed Forces. Roughly 16,000 Canadian Jews served in World War II.

• An international group of 100 **gay and lesbian activists** are attacked by protestors at a Yad Vashem prayer service for homosexuals killed in the Holocaust. The ceremony opened a month of gay events in Israel.

• Canada antes up for its first ever **binational research fund**, pledging $3 million over three years to develop hi-tech joint ventures with Israel. Up to 50 projects a year are expected to make use of the fund's research money.

• Israeli's former chief Ashkenazi rabbi issues a halachic ruling calling for the death of PLO Chairman **Yasser Arafat. Rabbi Shlomo Goren** finds that as a rodef (one who pursues or persecutes to death), "every Jew is commanded to kill [Arafat] because of the verse 'don't stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.' " The unique pronouncement is greeted as "crazy" by Environment Minister **Yossi Sarid**.

• **McDonald's** recently opened Israeli restaurant is dealt a Whopper of a blow when **Burger King** opens two outlets in the country, including a strictly kosher one in Jerusalem's Malha Mall. Burger King says it plans to open 48 restaurants in Israel over the next five years.

• An official commission finds **Dr. Baruch Goldstein** was solely responsible for February's Hebron mosque massacre. The inquiry rules that despite lax security the day of the killings, government officials and senior army officers were not negligent. The government quickly adopts a recommendation to bar off-duty soldiers and settlers carrying arms from the Tomb of the Patriarchs, sacred to Jews and Muslims. At least 29 Palestinian worshippers were killed by Goldstein.

• Neo-Nazi Heritage Front leader **Wolfgang Droege** is sentenced to two months in jail for ignoring an October court order to shut down a racist telephone hotline. Two other men get jail time, and the Heritage Front is fined the maximum $5,000 for contempt of court. Droege later appeals.

• Former prime minister **Brian Mulroney** is awarded an honorary PhD by **Tel Aviv University** in Montreal. Mulroney tells 450 guests "I shall never regret any of the statements I made or decisions I took" with regard to Israel and to the Canadian Jewish community.

• **The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto** releases its report on Jewish continuity, in which family life education, young adults and Jewish education are seen as priorities for the community to maintain viability. The report, prepared over two years by the **Task Force on Jewish Continuity**, recommends spending at least $1.2 million a year to meet its goals.

• American **Michael Fay**, 19, is given four strokes of the cane on his bare buttocks for vandalizing cars in Singapore. Fay, whose paternal grandparents are Holocaust survivors, thanks the people of Israel for helping to appeal his sentence. The case had generated much public interest in Israel.

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JULY (Tamuz/Av)

• Former Austrian president and suspected war criminal **Kurt Waldheim** accepts a papal knighthood in Vienna. The **Vatican** bestows the Order of Pius IX on Waldheim, 75, in recognition of his work as United Nations secretary-general from 1972 to 1982.

• PLO Chairman **Yasser Arafat** visits Gaza, drawing out more Israeli protestors than Palestinian supporters. Close to 100,000 mainly religious Jews swell a Jerusalem rally, while stands specially constructed for Arafat's visit in Gaza City are unfilled by 80,000 spectators.

• Toronto's **Jewish Community Centre** pleads for help, saying it is on the verge of bankruptcy. None of the 275 JCCs in North American have ever gone under. Thanks to a last-minute cash reprieve from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, its three branches will stay open.

• A bomb blast levels the main Jewish communal building in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, killing about 100 people. Iranian diplomats are suspected. In **Panama**, 12 Jews are among 21 killed when a bomb explodes the next day aboard a Panamanian jet.

More than 150,000 people turn out in support of the Argentine Jewish community at a Buenos Aires rally, the country's largest mass demonstration in 10 years.

The two bombings are believed linked, as are the two explosions in **London, England** that damage the Israeli Embassy and the building housing the Joint Israel Appeal eight days later.

• The White House lawn once more is the scene of an historic declaration when **Israel** and **Jordan** sign a non-belligerency pact, ending their 46-year state of war. The warm handshake between Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** and Jordan's **King Hussein** is just one of many firsts for the two countries: within two weeks King Hussein flies over Jerusalem, the first time a Jordanian jet is allowed into Israeli airspace; Israeli President **Ezer Weizman** inaugurates a telephone link between the two countries with a friendly call to the palace in Amman; and the border is opened between Eilat and Aqaba, allowing foreign tourists free travel.

• The **Berlin Document Centre**, home of the Nazi Party archives, is returned to German control after being in American hands since 1945. The archives contain more than 550,000 Nazi personal documents and 11 million party membership cards.

AUGUST (Av/Elul)

• Israel makes a rare admission in saying the jet bombing of a Lebanese house was a mistake. The bomb killed 10 civilians in **Deir Zahrani**, a Shia Muslim village. The government apologizes for the attack, saying the bomb missed its target.

• An Israeli mobile army surgical hospital is up and running in **Goma, Zaire** within 24 hours to help Rwandan refugees devastated by illness and civil war. The MASH unit, staffed by 80 army medical personnel and including X-ray facilities, is part of international relief efforts. The cost of running the unit is estimated at between $16 million and $20 million (US).

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein at an August press conference outside the royal palace at Aqaba. Rabin earlier opened the first border crossing between the two countries just north of Eilat. [IPPA photo]

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MILESTONES

Underground hero **Bruce Teicholz** dies in New York Sept. 7 at 79. A native of Lvov, Teicholz refused a 1942 Nazi appointment to head the city's Judenrat, and escaped to become a partisan fighter. Captured, he escaped once again and as head of Budapest's Jewish underground helped Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg save Jews.

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care founding president **Abe Posluns** dies Sept. 25 in Toronto at 84. Saying he always kept in mind what he would have wanted for his own mother, Posluns was behind the 1940 decision to move the Jewish Home for the Aged from Cecil Street to the then-growing Jewish area of Bathurst Street so children could be near their aged parents.

International fraternal organization **B'nai Brith** turns 150 Oct. 13. Canadian lodges were started in 1875 in Toronto and in Montreal in 1881. B'nai Brith Canada claims 10,000 members in 73 lodges.

Education benefactor **Sol Lederman** dies Nov. 12 in his Toronto home. He was 74. In 1976, Lederman and Rabbi David Hartman found the Jerusalem-based Shalom Hartman Institute, where high school students and teachers alike study Talmud and Halachah in the Orthodox tradition. Lederman also co-founded the Coinamatic Group of coin-operated washers and dryers in 1946.

Philanthropist **Monroe Abbey** dies in Montreal Nov. 29 at 89. Abbey, a former national president of Canadian Jewish Congress (1968-1972), was the father of Liberal MP Sheila Finestone.

Former Argentine Conservative **Rabbi Marshall Meyer** dies of liver cancer in New York Dec. 2. He was 63. Rabbi Meyer, whose fiery oratorical style invigorated Jewish life in Buenos Aires, was most recently spiritual leader of Manhattan's B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

Yiddish award-winning author **Szloma Renglich** dies in Montreal Dec. 26 at 81. The Polish-born writer chronicled his life in pre-war Lublin and Warsaw in *When Paupers Dance* and its sequel, *In the Heart of Warsaw*.

Israeli folksinger **Beni Amdurski** dies in Tel Aviv Jan. 23 of cancer. He was 63. Dudaim partner Yisrael Gurion and dozens of others pay their last respects in Tel Aviv's Cameri Theatre.

Microbiologist **Hannah Farkas-Himsely** dies of cancer in Jerusalem Jan. 24. She was 76. Farkas-Himsely isolated anti-cancer proteins in the body that are now being tested on psoriasis and skin cancer.

Righteous Gentile **Guelfo Zamboni** dies in Rome March 5 at age 97. Zamboni was the Italian consul in Salonika, Greece, in 1943 when the Nazis began deporting the city's 55,000 Jews. He saved 280 with false papers, for which he was recognized by Yad Vashem in 1992.

Canadian Jewish Congress turns 75 March 16. The "Parliament for Canadian Jewry" has worked for three-quarters of a century to bring Jews across Canada together, to support Israel and to champion human rights.

Journalist **Michael Solomon** dies in Montreal March 18 at 84. Solomon, a Romanian who worked for British intelligence during the war, spent 17 years in Soviet and Romanian prisons as an accused spy. He came to Canada after being freed in 1965 and resumed his pre-war newspaper career, later turning to writing books.

Renowned Torah scholar **Rabbi Abraham Price** dies March 31 in Toronto at 94. Rabbi Price became head of Toronto's Chevra Shas (now Yeshiva Torath Chaim) after his escape from Europe in 1939.

Montreal's bagel king **Mayer Lewkowicz** dies April 11 at 65. Loyal fans insist Lewkowicz's brick-fired St. Viateur bagels are the only ones worthy of the name.

Deli legend **Israel (Izzy) Shopsowitz** dies of a heart attack April 22 in Toronto. He was 71. Shopsowitz, son of Shopsy's founders Jenny and Harry Shopsowitz, sold the family business with brother Sam in 1972. He returned to the flagship restaurant on Front Street in 1991 as a consultant.

Romanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen dies in Bucharest May 6. He was 81. Chief rabbi since 1948, Rabbi Rosen organized a mass exodus of 400,000 Romanian Jews to Israel; 18,000 Jews now remain. Rabbi Rosen is buried in Jerusalem.

Former Israel Defence Force chief of staff **Haim Bar-Lev** dies in Tel Aviv May 8. The fortification line at the Suez Canal was built during his tenure as IDF chief from 1968 to 1971. During the 1973 Yom Kippur War the Bar-Lev Line was breached by Egyptian troops. Bar-Lev was most recently Israel's ambassador to Moscow.

Israeli navy creator **Paul Shulman** dies May 16 in Jerusalem at 72. Shulman was the former U.S. navy officer charged by David Ben-Gurion to set up and command Israel's navy in November 1948. He had helped smuggle Jewish refugess into Israel before going on to capture Ein Gedi during Israel's War of Independence.

The seventh **Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson** dies in Manhattan June 12. He was 92. The rebbe, who had suffered two strokes since 1992, did not appoint a successor to lead the 250,000 Chabad Chassidim worldwide, many of whom believed he was the messiah. He is buried in Crown Heights near his wife Chaya Moussia and beside his father-in-law Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, the sixth Lubavitcher rebbe.

Klausenberger rebbe and Laniado Hospital founder **Rabbi Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam** dies in Netanya June 19. He was 90. Rabbi Halberstam was head of the chassidic Sanz dynasty in New Jersey and Kiryat Sanz.

Lubavitcher Chassidim weep as the coffin carrying Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson is carried from World Lubavitch Headquarters in Crown Heights, N.Y. The rebbe died June 12. [RNS/Reuters photo]

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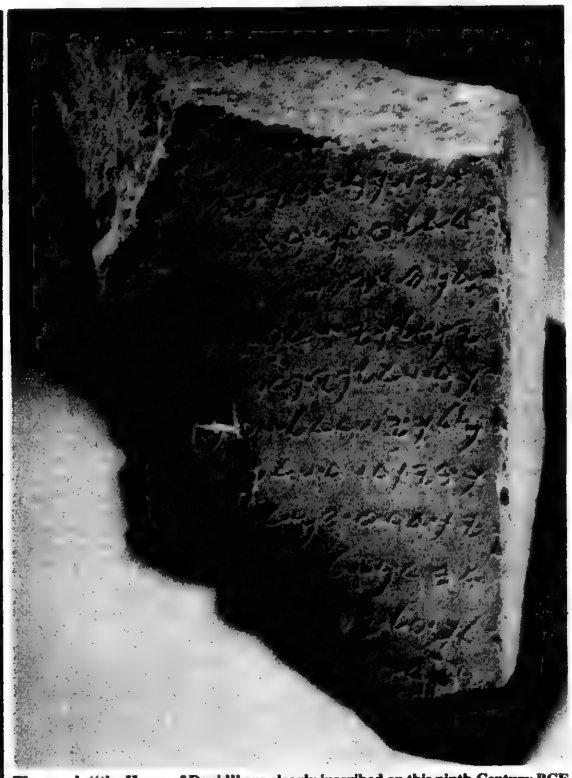

The words "the House of David" are clearly inscribed on this ninth Century BCE basalt victory stele discovered in Israel at the Tel Dan excavations in the Upper Galilee. [Photo: Nahum Slapak/Israel Museum]

Inscription helps unlock past secrets

Jerusalem Dateline

A unique inscription mentioning the "House of David" was discovered in Israel in the excavations of the ancient city of Dan. This is the first extra-biblical reference to King David ever to come to light.

The inscription is part of a victory stele apparently erected by one of the kings of Aram, relating his triumphs over his enemies. The reference to the Davidic dynasty suggests that a king of Judah was involved in the events described.

The fragmentary inscription may be interpreted on the basis of a biblical account of King Asa of Judah, who bribed King Ben-Hadad of Aram to attack the King of Israel:

"There was a war between Asa and King Baasha of Israel. . . So Asa took all the silver and gold. . .and sent them to King Ben-Hadad. . .of Aram. . . Ben-Hadad responded. . . He sent his army commanders against the towns of Israel and captured Ijon, Dan, Abel-beth-maacah. . ." (1 Kings 15:16-20)

The inscription is written in Aramaic. It was engraved in alphabetic script on a large stone which had been smoothed for writing. The words are separated by dots. Only thirteen lines of the original text have survived.

The stele was smashed in ancient times, and this fragment was found in secondary use near the outer gate of the city. It is the first monumental inscription from the First Temple period to be discovered in Israel, as apparently, it was not common for the kings of Judah and Israel to erect monuments in their own honor.

Treating glaucoma

Jerusalem Dateline

A novel methodology that may eventually be used for treating glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness, has been developed by scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute.

The treatment is expected to alleviate the condition through a simple procedure based on an enzyme that does the work of a surgical knife.

Glaucoma afflicts an estimated two per cent of the world's adult population and is prevalent among the elderly.

The condition occurs when the flow of eye fluid known as aqueous humor is obstructed, causing an increase in intra-ocular pressure. This excessive pressure may damage the intra-ocular portion of the optic nerve, leading to impaired vision and, if untreated, to blindness.

There is no known cure for glaucoma, but various treatments may alleviate the intra-ocular pressure by either reducing the inflow or increasing the outflow of aqueous humor in the eye. However, the standard procedures — which include drugs as the first choice, followed by laser treatment and finally conventional surgery — all have major shortcomings.

The new technique, developed by Prof. Arieh Yaron and eye surgeon Dr. Jacob Dan, is based on the application of a specific enzyme called collagenase to a small, well-defined area of the sclera by means of a specially designed delivery system. This enzyme selectively destroys collagen, a protein that forms the basis of this hard coat of the eye. But unlike conventional surgery, in which a piece of the sclera is actually cut out and removed, the enzyme only thins the layer, forming a filter through which the fluid can drain.

This minumally invasive procedure limits the development of scar tissue and should prevent the complications associated with conventional surgery. Moreover, the researchers anticipate virtually no risk of blindness, impaired vision or cataract formation, all of which can occur with conventional treatments.

It should be emphasized that even if initial clinical trials are authorized and prove successful, it will still be some years until the procedure becomes generally available.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Cuban Jew to become rabbi

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

In about five years, an orthodox Sephardi will be the first Cuban-born rabbi since the revolution of 1959.

David Said Levy, 23, is the first Jewish Cuban student ever to receive special authorization from the U.S. State Department, allowing him to begin rabbinic studies at Yeshiva University in New York last September.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Levy explained that "the small but vibrant" Jewish community of about 1,300 in Cuba, one of the last bastions of communism, is not like other Jewish communities living under an autocratic regime.

"In spite of the host of pessimistic and even apocalyptic conjectures which people continue to make about the future of my community, I can assure you that the community is not in the process of disintegration.

"On the contrary," he said, "since the late '80s, we have seen an impressive revival of Jewish community life. More and more young Cubans are practising their religion without restrictions and are very proudly assuming their Jewish cultural identity."

According to Levy, the Jews of Cuba have "never been victims of any form of official discrimination. Jews have always been completely integrated into Cuban society at all levels. . .

"The first Jew to set foot on the soil of Cuba was Luis de Torres, interpreter to Christopher Columbus," he said.

"The Jews who fled the Inquisition continued to populate the island, and at the end of the 18th century, they made a major contribution towards the establishment of what, a few decades later, would become the very prosperous Cuban sugar cane industry," Levy added.

Fifteen thousand Jews were living in Cuba before Fidel Castro's coup d'etat. By 1989, 93 per cent of Cuban Jews had emigrated, mainly to the United States.

The last rabbi officially practising on the island left for good in the '60s. The last bar mitzvah was celebrated in 1973; the last Jewish marriage in 1976. Circumcision was almost never practised because there was no longer a qualified mohel. The number of mixed marriages increased unhindered at an incredible rate.

"Since the '90s began, things have changed radically," said Levy, who worked as a technician in the National Cuban Telephone Company and taught Hebrew and Talmud to 50 adolescents in his community every Sunday morning.

The organized Jewish community of Cuba currently has two very active Ashkenazi synagogues — Adat Israel and another established in the Patronato, the Jewish Community Centre of Havana.

The only Sephardi synagogue in gation in the heart of the Old City, is much less busy.

"This old religious edifice. . .must be restored at all costs. The building is in a sorry state. Nevertheless, its doors always remain open," said Levy.

"Most of the Sephardim, or about 50 per cent of the community, usually attend religious services held in the two Ashkenazi synagogues. This does not present any problem. We are a very unified community."

The youth movement, which has been inactive for almost a decade because of a glaring lack of young leaders willing to take over, is making plans again.

"The movement currently has about 60 active members who meet every week to socialize with other Jewish young people and to learn Israeli songs and dances."

Jewish women in Cuba have also become organized. "In January 1993, these dedicated volunteers formed a women's association which now has more than 70 members," he said.

"They have implemented an effective service for home visits to help the aged, the chronically ill and the disabled of our community. They also organize collections of medications which have become an extremely rare commodity on the island. Their association operates under the aegis of the Patronato which is also the official authority representing our community with the government of Fidel Castro."

Several informed observers and analysts of the socio-political scene in Cuba state that two major events in 1991 greatly contributed to the revival of Jewish life: the easing of the militant atheism of the Castro regime and the increasingly conspicuous presence of a number of international Jewish organizations.

The program Levy is now taking at Yeshiva University gives him training as rabbi, mohel and shochet. The entire Jewish community of Cuba has high hopes for him.

"As soon as I have completed my rabbinic studies, I will return to Cuba in order to be with my family and to serve my people. I hope that this degree will also allow me to train future Cuban community leaders right in Havana," he said.

Levy received a visa to live in the United States as a result of the efforts of Rabbi Mitchell Serels (formerly of Toronto), director of the Jacob E. Safra Institute of Sephardi Studies of Yeshiva University, and Jerrold Nadler, Democratic congressman for New York State, who negotiated between the Clinton administration and Cuban government authorities.

This is an abridged version of an article which appeared earlier in the Montreal edition of CJN *in French. The interview with David Said Levy was conducted in Spanish. Translation by* CJN *staff.*

Narcotics seen harmful to sexual capacities of male children

Jerusalem Dateline

Women who take narcotics during pregnancy are likely to cause harm to the sexual capacities of their male children, research conducted at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem indicates.

The research was undertaken with pregnant rats who were fed narcotic drugs. The male offspring of these rats were found to have impaired sexual function and enhanced female traits upon reaching maturity.

These findings point to possible similar consequences for humans, who have some physiological similarities to rats. But the researchers stress that human sexual activity is much more complex than that of rats and therefore one must be cautious in drawing conclusions.

Research concluded in the 1970s in various parts of the world showed that one could influence sexual behavior in rats by exposing them to certain opiates (such as morphine and heroin) during their prenatal development.

The drugs mimic the effects of materials produced in the brain called endogenous opioid peptides, which have a variety of functions, including those connected with the development of males' sexual behavior.

The scientists believe that the use by pregnant mothers of those drugs which mimic these natural sexual behavior-inducing materials can cause substantial, irreversible damage to the sexual development of the embryo.

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Machon Meir caters to Israel's diversity

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Canadian students, along with thousands of others from around the world — many from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia and many without any exposure to traditional Judaism, have attended Machon Meir.

Recognizing the diversity in Israel and the many countries of the Diaspora, Machon has developed programs to meet a variety of needs.

More than 400 students attend Machon Meir, where each student is free to choose the program and classes most suited to his individual needs.

Machon Meir's sister school, Machon Ora, provides the same variety of programs for over 100 young women.

There are programs for Israelis as well as special programs for English, French and Russian speaking students. Some 80 per cent of Machon's overseas students remain in Israel after completing their studies.

Avigdor Chen (Victor Simon), a graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, studied at Machon Meir as part of his teaching degree. He served as a tankist in the war in Lebanon.

The son of the late Murray and Cookie Simon of Toronto, Chen now lives in Israel. Married with four children, he lives in Mitzpeh Navo, a neighborhood in Ma'ale Adumim, has left teaching and is now a partner in an aluminum business.

He says that Machon Meir succeeds in building a sense of Jewish identity through its ties to Israel.

"The only way Jews can remain strong in the non-Jewish environment of the Diaspora," says Chen, "is by being connected to a Torah centre in Israel like Machon Meir, dedicated to the survival of Jews all over the world."

Machon Meir is located on a tree-lined boulevard in Kiryat Moshe, in the heart of Jerusalem.

Its courses include multi-level Talmud classes in Tanach and biblical geography, Jewish law (Halachah) and Aggadah, Jewish philosophy and the logic of the commandments, tefillah, Jewish history, an introduction to chassidic writings, and the teachings of Rav Avraham Yitzchak Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of Israel.

A teacher's degree in Jewish education includes courses in child psychology, Jewish history, group dynamics and modern Hebrew.

The ulpan program, administered by the Ministry of Education, is designed for beginners or advanced students. College credits are available for some universities in the United States and Israel, including Yeshiva University and Bar-Ilan in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Dov Bigon

Israeli-born Rabbi Dov Bigon, who is the founder and rosh yeshivah of Machon, grew up in a non-religious environment and lived on Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon.

He fought in several of Israel's wars and his paratroop unit was among the liberators of Jerusalem during the Six Day War. As a young adult, he began to study traditional Judaism and was ordained as a rabbi. At the same time, he became very learned in the geography of the Bible.

Rabbi Bigon's pride in the State of Israel and his love for his fellow man permeate the yeshivah. Students are encouraged to integrate into society. Machon views serving in the Israel Defence Forces as an ethical obligation no less than a national one.

Machon offers a program for students from non-traditional backgrounds who are seeking to discover their Jewish heritage. New immigrants discover their Judaism and integrate into Israeli society.

Machon provided the first program in Israel to train the first generation of Ethiopian rabbis and community leaders.

Both Machon Meir and Machon Ora students work in volunteer and outreach programs at hospitals, community centres, senior citizen homes, and orphanages. Along with the chesed programs, extra-curricular activities include tours, sports programs and adopt-a-family.

The number of students has been growing each year and Machon now rents additional apartments in the neighborhood. Plans for a new building adjacent to the existing building will include a well-stocked library which will seat 100 students, a new beit midrash and synagogue which will seat more than 450 students, additional administrative offices and a recreation room where the students will be able to relax.

For more information on Machon Meir or Machon Ora, write to 12 Hameiri Ave., Jerusalem 91032, Israel.

Frozen fish sperm useful to breeders

Jerusalem Dateline

Ornamental fish are proving an attractive proposition in more ways than one for Israeli breeders. Using innovative preservation techniques, they have been freezing fish sperm to lucrative effect.

Scientists at the Ma'agan Michael Fish Breeding Centre, in collaboration with the Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Institute in Haifa, and with the commercial acumen of the Yozmot Granot Initiative Center in Emeq Hefer north of Tel Aviv, have set up a company called Spermnity — Fish Sperm Crytopreservation Services Limited.

Spermnity is the only frozen fish sperm bank in the world. It will eventually allow breeders to achieve the desired shape, size and combination of colors they want in their fish, as well as immunity against disease.

The Israeli researchers have focused their attention on the popular Japanese koi fish. A large koi can measure up to 80 centimetres (2.6 feet) and fetch thousands of dollars in pet shops worldwide. The koi is also highly sought after because of its longevity; there are unproven claims of kois living for more than 300 years.

"We want breeders," says project director Yonathan Klebanov, "to be able to select the size and color of the fish they want. Just as important, we want to ensure that the fish are disease-free so that when a customer invests a lot of money in a koi, it won't die on him as he takes it home."

The cultivated fish sperm project in Israel is based on computer-aided breeding programs. There is no danger of transmitting diseases when handling frozen sperm, it can be easily transported, and will keep indefinitely.

Klebanov and his fellow researchers have already increased fertilization rates for the koi to above 70 per cent, compared to 50 per cent under the best laboratory conditions elsewhere.

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A woman's head was recently discovered, depicted in a corner of a mosaic floor in the ancient city of Tiberias. [Photo: Joel Fishman]

Woman's kiss stands the test of time

Jerusalem Dateline

Her lips are puckered to kiss the grapes on the vines or to blow the clouds across the sky. She is the lady of Mount Berenice.

Her head, depicted in the corner of a mosaic floor, was recently discovered by archaeologists of the Israel Antiquities Authority near Tiberias in Israel.

"The face of a woman in a corner is very rare. Possibly an artisan from North Africa created this one," said Yizhar Hirschfeld, director of excavations of the ancient city of Tiberias, just south of Israel's modern city.

Another well-known mosaic of a woman's face, the Mona Lisa of Galilee, was found in the town of Tzipori (Sepphoris) and is now displayed in the entrance of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. that face, however, was not in a corner position, Hirschfeld said.

The wreath-bedecked Mount Berenice head is four times life-size. It forms part of the floor of a late sixth-century Byzantine pilgrims' hospice, the first found in Galilee.

Hirschfeld surmised that the head represents one of the four seasons or one of the four winds. The other corners of the mosaic, however, have not been preserved.

Israeli firm develops simple AIDS test

Jerusalem Dateline

An Israeli medical diagnostics firm, Orgenics Ltd., has developed a quick, simple and safe test for AIDS.

The test is the most recent in a series of sophisticated but simple kits developed by the 12-year-old company under the trademark ImmunoComb.

The two-part kit looks like a comb of detachable cardboard teeth-like dipsticks and a small network of pre-filled wells containing analytic solutions for between 12 and 36 individual tests, called a developing plate. In actuality, despite their size and simplicity, each kit is a complex configuration that meshes enzyme-immunology principles with innovative biotechnology.

All of Orgenics' diagnostic kits can be administered by untrained personnel with no extensive instruction and without the aid of sophisticated lab equipment.

Successful tests on the company's newest AIDS kit have just been concluded. They have proven to provide highly reliable results within five minutes; other mobile kits on the market take 40 minutes to assay individual test samples.

The real breakthrough in this new AIDS kit, however, is that it requires no blood specimens. It is the first test available in the world based on the analysis of saliva — a body fluid that contains antibodies to the AIDS virus but does not contain the virus itself; so it does not constitute a potential danger to handling test material.

The development of diagnostic kits of this kind has not only been in response to concern among medical and paramedical workers of contamination from infected blood samples; it has also responded to changing needs, including the need to decentralize testing facilities with on-the-spot, rapid, reliable and simple testing and screening procedures for potential blood donors, and the growing need for mass screening of high-risk populations.

For more information, contact: Prof. Max Herzberg, Chief Executive Officer, Orgenics, Ltd., P.O. Box 360, 70650 Yavne, Israel.

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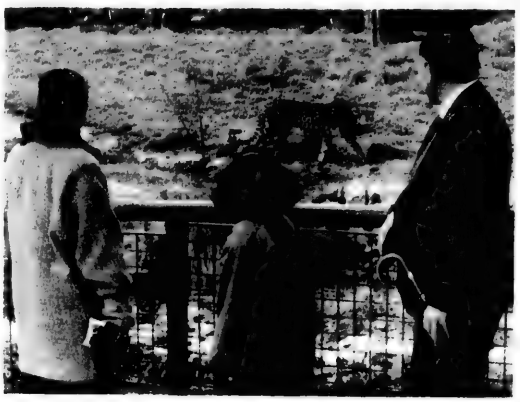

Visitors to the new biblical zoo view a cheetah. [WZPS photo]

Jerusalem zoo brings animals to public

By LISA SAMIN

The animals boarded Noah's Ark two by two. At the new Tisch Family Biblical Zoological Gardens in Jerusalem recently opened to the public, that bit of foresight is much appreciated. Chief veterinarian and assistant director Dr. Gabi Eshkar is hoping to exhibit as many of these biblical animals as can be found, a number of near extinct animals, and the largest bird sanctuary in Israel.

The zoo, which has been in planning for 10 years, is a far cry from its across-town predecessor in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Romema. Small, run-down, and extremely restrictive, the zoo "was a very depressing place," says Jerusalemite Na'ama Cohen on a visit to the new, spacious facility.

"The new zoo is a $19 million venture," says assistant administrative director Rafi Rozenes. "We sold the former zoo's land, bought 60 acres of land in up-and-coming Malha, and built a Garden of Eden for animals."

Brought from as close as Romema and as far as Madagascar, the animals were all born in captivity. "Putting wild animals in cages is cruel," says Eshkar. "We not only abide by worldwide rules governing treatment of animals, we also aim to educate the Israeli public on this subject."

Free of high fences and cages, water is the only natural barrier separating most animals from visitors. "It was amazing to see the animals so close," says Elizabeth Shavin, a mother of three toddlers, of her recent visit. "My son and a chimp were nose-to-nose, and he hasn't stopped talking about it."

Rozenes and Eshkar both stress the fact that the zoo is running on a trial basis. Only 50 percent of the exhibits are completed and the official opening is expected some time this summer. Nonetheless, visitors are pouring into the park by the thousands. "Four thousand people came in one weekend," says Eshkar. "That's more than we had in months at the old zoo." And on a peak day during the recent Pesach holidays, there were an astonishing 30,000 visitors.

Malka Nir and her 2-year-old son, Ofer, were among the park's first visitors on a recent Friday morning. After an hour's tour Malka smiles, "I've been to zoos all over Europe but this is fantastic. It fits the personality of Jerusalem by combining the biblical with the modern."

Sculpted into the southern mountains of Jerusalem, the gardens are a portrait of calm and pastoral beauty. Waterfowl rest amid lush foliage in a large central pond surrounded by grassy lawns and a waterfall, and monkeys inhabit a number of small islands.

The zoo's hillside layout is "user-friendly," designed for comfort and convenience and equipped with regular rest and refreshment areas. Shavin still complains that "with two children in a stroller and one walking it was quite exhausting."

A catalogue in English is in preparation, but in the meantime a limited English brochure must suffice. Signs in Hebrew and Arabic provide information on the animals' origins and habits, and the biblical passage in which each individual animal is mentioned.

Supported by the Jerusalem Municipality, the Jerusalem Development Authority, the ministry of tourism and the Jerusalem Foundation — which resulted in the Tisch Family's sponsorship — the major movers in this venture were former zoo director Uri Marom; Uri Wexler of the Jerusalem Development Authority; chief caretaker Itzik Yedid; and Eshkar.

For the animals, adjusting to their new-found freedom was nothing short of traumatic. "We had to put all the animals to sleep in order to move them," recalls Eshkar. "And it took them a good few weeks to adapt to their new home. The chimpanzees, for example, were used to living in cages on cement floors. They found walking on grass a frightening experience at first."

Bringing the current 29 species of mammals and 68 species of birds to Jerusalem took five years. "But this is only the beginning," says Eshkar. "When the aviary opens, we're hoping to bring another 100 species of birds."

And what about feeding? The animals, including the hippopotamus who eats 30-40 kilos (65-90 pounds) of fruit, vegetables and hay daily, receive the choicest fare from local five-star hotels and restaurants — for free. This happens because the 10 percent tithe, demanded by Jewish religious law from all food establishments which strictly observe kashrut, is donated to the zoo. (Without a temple or kohanim [priests], the tithe must be buried or given to animals).

A safari-like adventure area covering the zoo's eastern hillside is in preparation, as is an imaginative play area for children and a petting zoo, complete with pony rides. An amphitheatre will offer educational programs and entertainment for visitors and groups.

Down the line are possible plans for an electrically-run train which would wind throughout the park carrying visitors.

"We have combined love and respect for animals with education, religion and esthetics to make this the zoo for the year 2,000," says Eshkar. "And here, in Jerusalem, all these elements merge in an extraordinary mosaic of all God's creatures." (WZPS)

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'Artificial windows' aid elderly patients

Jerusalem Dateline

Physicians at Tel Aviv's Elias Sourasky Medical Centre have designed "artificial windows" to prevent disorientation among patients in dimly lit and windowless intensive care units.

Elderly patients, plunged into an unfamiliar environment where they have no time reference — not even a sense of day or night — tend to lose their grip on reality.

In some hospitals around the world, physicians have attempted to address this problem by installing lighted view boxes with murals of scenes such as a wooded hillside. Sometimes these scenes are linked to a timer and set to reflect the time of day.

However, staff at the Israeli hospital noted that even in a pastoral scene, there should be some action, such as clouds moving in the sky or a bird flying by. The view box lacked a dynamic dimension.

The hospital staff decided to enhance the patient's environment with a more innovative solution which, unlike the view box, is both dynamic and real.

The term "artificial window" is somewhat misleading; the "window" is actually closer to a bedside wide-angle periscope to the outside world.

With an Israeli electronic and video firm, the staff of the cardiology department designed and installed a system which provides patients with a touchstone to life beyond the intensive care unit, one that offers a constantly changing picture of normalcy and a corner of reality.

The system — made possible through a $100,000 contribution by a private Israeli philanthropist — employs a color video camera mounted on the roof of the hospital, which records a panorama of the busy street entrance to the hospital online, 24 hours a day.

The scene of actual pedestrian movement, of ambulances entering the hospital compound and traffic on the street is then projected onto a 1.5 to 2-square meter opaque double glass "screen" installed like a window in a hole in the wall between adjoining intensive care units in the cardiology department.

The scene, which can be seen on both sides of the "artificial window" like a color film transparency, is shown via a projector hidden in the ceiling of one of the matching units. Patients can thus tell whether it is midday or midnight, and they have both a source of stimulation and a link to reality.

"The importance of stimulation and familiar points of reference to mental well-being has been well documented," says Prof. Shlomo Laniado, head of the hospital's cardiology department and the moving force behind the "artificial windows."

Patients who find themselves hospitalized for days in intensive cardiac care units tend to show signs of disorientation and even psychotic behavior. This is particularly acute in elderly patients, says the cardiologist.

In regular intensive care units, the patient is often in a stupor or sedated, so disorientation is not a particular problem. In cardiac units, however, patients are fully conscious; yet when incapacitated and confined to semi-darkened rooms, they can lose touch with reality.

The most common symptom is insomnia during the night due to confusion about whether it is night or day and lack of stimulation. For some, disorientation is more marked. Laniado cites as an example an elderly physician who, after three days in intensive care, failed to recognize his own wife and daughter.

Disorientation makes it difficult for medical staff to assess the medical status of the patient.

"It's a bad situation even from a purely medical point of view," says Laniado. "Disoriented patients have difficulty cooperating with the staff treating their illness."

But, he adds, sometimes those most distressed by disorientation are the patient's relatives. "Disorientation of this kind is temporary," stresses Laniado. "Once a patient leaves an intensive care unit and returns to a familiar environment, he begins to function normally."

In the meantime, disorientation is particularly stressful for relatives who must cope not only with the shock of the illness itself, but also with a relative who may seem to be losing his mind, says Laniado.

While the hospital has not done controlled clinical studies regarding the effectiveness of the cardiac unit's "artificial windows," the general impression is very positive among both patients and staff.

"The system seems to have a beneficial effect," says Laniado. The only complaints have been from some younger patients, he says. They've suggested that if the aim is to provide patients with stimulation, staff should relocate the cameras to Tel Aviv's crowded beachfront!

South America's Jews

By ESTHER WEINRIB
Special to The CJN

The history of Jews in Ecuador began at the same time as the history of the Spanish in that area. Jews arrived with the Spanish explorers because this was the era of the Spanish Inquisition. It is now widely believed that several of Christopher Columbus' crew were Jewish. Some once thought that Columbus himself may have been a Jew.

Ecuador today is a conglomerate of original natives, Spanish, and other ethnic groups — Black, Chinese, Jews and recently Arabs. My entry to the Jewish community was through the Isacovici family — Solomon and Frida, their children Roberto, Ricardo and Daisy, and their grandchildren.

In the 1920s, Jews began coming to Ecuador, Colombia and Peru from Romania and Czechoslovakia. In the 1930s about 3,500 German Jews arrived; many of them left in the 50s and 60s for New York and some even returned to Germany. A few became wealthy bankers in Colombia.

The next wave of immigration was in the late 40s, as Ecuador allowed Jews in without a visa. Some used Ecuador as a stepping stone to other countries, such as Venezuela, Colombia and Bolivia, which had not allowed free entry.

There are now three families in Cuenca, 12 in Guayaquil and about 210 in Quito.

The impetus to move to Quito came when a San Franciscan monk attempted to persuade the elder son to attend church. In Quito, Isacavici continued to peddle, and eventually established a textile factory and retail store. Frida is very active in the store and the whole family — children and grandchildren — all help out in busy periods.

Another Jewish couple in Ecuador is Simon Prutschi and his wife, who had been a pediatrician. Their nephew, Manuel Prutschi, is executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Most adults in Quito are active in community work for the Temple or in community services.

The temple is a square white building with a blue Magen David. A high fence and a guard are in evidence, although there is no anti-Semitism. (Most businesses have private security.) Services are in Hebrew and Ashkenazic in style. The rabbi performs shechita for those who want it. Kosher food is beginning to be imported. A mohel is brought from Colombia when needed.

There is a home for the aged on the synagogue grounds for those who can look after themselves — much like the Terrace at the Baycrest Centre.

Annie Goldlist
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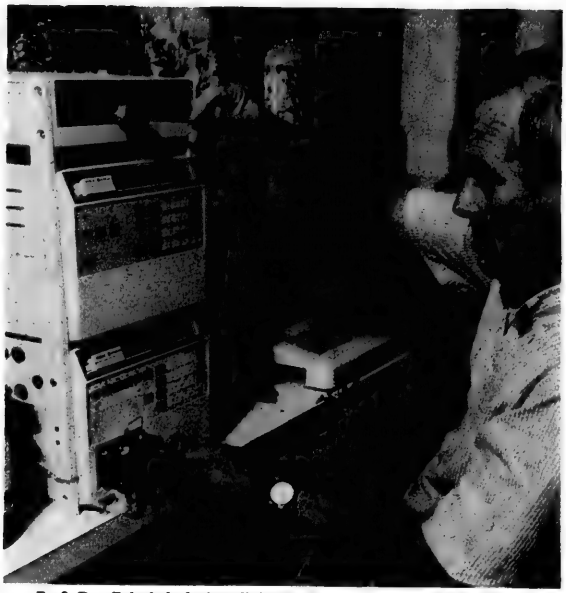

Prof. Dan Palevitch during clinical testing of feverfew. [WZPS photo]

Herbs used to help fight migraines

World Zionist Press Service

For centuries, herbal remedies have been used to cure a wide assortment of ailments. In fact, the miracle drug aspirin was first extracted from a willow tree, and digitalis, used to regulate the heartbeat, is derived from the foxglove plant.

Research in England and Israel on the flowering yellow-green leafy plant feverfew, has recently proven its effectiveness in reducing the incidence and severity of migraine headache. Galilee Herbal Remedies of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi has now begun producing and exporting what many consider the most effective feverfew on the world market.

One of the first to recognize the effects of feverfew was Dr. Stewart Johnson of the London Migraine Clinic. He conducted clinical trials to substantiate the claims that chewing feverfew leaves in the morning alleviates migraines.

Prof. Dan Palevitch, a researcher on medicinal herbs at Israel's Volcani Centre at Beit Dagan; Prof. Rafi Carasso of Gedera Hospital; and Dr. Gideon Earon, head of the Pain Clinic in Jaffa, have also found significant positive results in the clinical testing of feverfew, though these results have not yet been published.

"Neither the doctor nor the patient knew who was receiving the active ingredient and who the placebo," said Palevitch. "I kept the code. The results were very clear. Feverfew helped in terms of intensity and frequency. It also helped control vomiting, sensitivity to light and noise."

Feverfew is effective in three kinds of migraine — classical (preceded by blurred eyesight or flashing lights, a throbbing headache and vomiting); common migraine (an intense nauseating headache, often affecting only one side of the head); and migrainous neuralgia, usually in men (sits directly behind one eye and comes in clusters).

Some research points to its use for arthritis and pre-menstrual syndrome as well. The company says that reports have been coming in that it is also a relief for hay fever sufferers.

As early as 1985, Palevitch expressed an interest in growing the plant in Israel. "At that time it was difficult to get funding for research into medicinal herbs, but we managed to cultivate the plant successfully on a small scale."

When Brenda and Harry Smith, a retired British couple, came to his office in 1992, to talk about growing herbs in Israel, they were pleasantly surprised to discover a fellow enthusiast. Christian Zionists who had spent many summers volunteering in Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, the Smiths decided to settle in nearby Rosh Pina in 1984 so that they could work in the kibbutz every day.

Roy Bouskila, managing director of Galilee Herbal Industries, "was looking for new business ideas for the kibbutz" and Palevitch's suggestion that they use the Volcani Institute's know-how to cultivate feverfew was, said Bouskila, "very appealing. It's not just an industrial product. There's an ideology behind it."

Using research information on sowing time and method, growing methods, harvest regime, and with the help of the Smiths, the kibbutz is now growing feverfew on 60 dunams of land.

"Our field is the largest in the world," said Bouskila.

Grown organically, the kibbutz product, called Migraleaf, has the highest percentage of parthenolide (the active ingredient) on the market. Parthenolide inhibits the production of prostaglandins that constrict the blood vessels, causing headaches. It also effects the release of serotonin (a natural tranquilizer) from human blood platelets.

Unlike most feverfew products which, according to a study in the November 1991 issue of *The Journal of Natural Products*, contain less than the recommended minimum 0.2 per cent of parthenolide, Migraleaf contains some .45 per cent. (Two capsules are recommended before every meal).

But no medical claim can be made on the label of a feverfew product because it is considered a food supplement.

"A purchaser can't tell the difference between feverfew products from the label," said Bouskila. "Companies are not required to indicate the percentage of active ingredient. We wish they were. Each batch of Migraleaf is chemically analyzed to ensure both 100 per cent purity and the required level of active ingredient."

Attempts to grow feverfew with the active ingredient in the United States and Mexico have been unsuccessful, and Bouskila insists that his high quality product has no competitors.

Judging by the orders that are pouring in, that would certainly seem to be the case. Four tons of powder and two million tablets of Migraleaf are on order from two large herbal firms — Herbal Laboratories in England and Nature's Sunshine in the United States; the powder is sold in bulk to a Dutch firm, and a big order has just come in from Germany.

Migraleaf is the first herbal product to be offered by Galilee Herbal Remedies, but certainly not the last. The kibbutz is also organically growing echinacea, an anti-flu herb, valerian, used as a sedative, and aloe vera, for healing burns and cuts.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Coin collecting proves a popular hobby in Israel

By CARL ALPERT

One of the most popular souvenirs purchased by tourist visitors to Israel is the commemorative coin or medal, issued from time to time by the government and devoted to some topical theme.

They are relatively inexpensive, have intrinsic value, are light in weight for air travel and make splendid gifts.

Perhaps someone gave you one of those nice shiny coins issued in 1963, devoted to seafaring in Israel. For your information, only 6,000 of them were minted, and the latest market price for the coin is many hundreds of dollars.

The collection of Israel coins has become a solid hobby. It is almost as widespread as stamp collecting and has several advantages.

For one thing, coins and medals are less fragile than stamps. Furthermore, they cover a span of history going back 2,000 years and more. To be sure, some coins are expensive, but all are a good investment.

The true collector is more interested in the history of his coins and in the completeness of his collection than in their value, but the knowledge that they increase in value from year to year adds an element of security.

When the State of Israel came into existence in 1948, more thought was given to the production of postage stamps than coins. A first coin, made of aluminum and worth 25 mils, was hastily struck in Tel Aviv. The theme was a cluster of grapes, copied from a coin which Bar Kochba had issued in the year 132 CE, at the time of his revolt against the Romans. For Israel it symbolized the rebirth of the Jewish Stage and the continuity of Jewish history.

The coin was so poorly minted that it only entered circulation when small change became scarce years later. Only 42,000 were made and each has great value today.

Some collectors go in for ancient coins. There are thousands of them floating around and thousands more yet to be found. Many tourists kick up the dust at Caesarea or Megiddo hoping to find old coins. Some do.

Besides Bar Kochba, ancient coins have historic associations with Alexsander Yannai, Titus, Alexander the Great and others.

The great stimulus to collecting came in 1958 when the government of Israel began issuing special commemorative coins. They are legal tender, but few people ever spend them. Issued in limited number, they are worth far more as collectors' items.

The coins are devoted to historical and topical themes connected with places around the country, Jewish institutions, holidays and special events.

There are coins, beautifully designed, devoted to animals or plants mentioned in the Bible.

The newest coin, which made its appearance on Israel's 45th anniversary, is dedicated to tourism, and carries a number of symbols identified with that industry, such as the sun and a boat sailing on the sea, archeological motifs and even a hotel room key. The coin comes in three denominations, with the 10-shekel coin in gold. They may be small in size, but like Israel itself, good things come in small packages.

NFL star says religion not a factor in sport

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

San Francisco 49ers offensive tackle Harris Barton was in Israel recently to spread some good will. The seven-year vet and graduate of two Super Bowls was the guest of the Koret Foundation in conjuction with the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco.

He toured the country together with other high profile Bay Area Jewish professionals: radio talk show host Michael Krasny, transplant surgeon Nancy Ascher and hi-tech businessman Jim Katzman.

The 6 ft. 4, 290 lb. lineman is the only Jewish player in the NFL, the significance of which he's not quite sure of. Asked if he desires one day to be recognized as the best Jewish football player ever, he was ambivalent.

"There are no athletes who are considered the best Baptists or the best Italians. No one wants to be labeled. It's a restrictive thing, a kind of stigma. People just want to be liked for who they are," said the affable 30-year-old.

"The bottom line: Get the job done and the team will have you."

Barton was a finance major at the University of North Carolina, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. His parents were a bit disappointed about him choosing a sports career.

Barton has no illusion about the longevity of his tenure. "It's a grind-em-up and spit-em-out profession. As soon as you lose a step, you're out. Football is a macho thing, so people play with pain and injury."

At 30, he knows his time is coming. "All of us want to go out gracefully, but we all go kicking and screaming."

Barton looks forward to a career in finance and the opportunity to tell his children that he was the guy that gave Joe Montana all that time to throw. "Joe Montana is the greatest football player I have known. Along with supreme confidence in his ability, he was a tremendous leader. He played loose. He loved to win."

Harris Barton [Photo courtesy San Francisco 49ers]

In the Bay area, Barton is well known in Jewish community volunteer work. He speaks to many youngsters, to whom he stresses the importance of education. "With that under your belt, you can do anything you want."

Barton is not a Johnny-come-lately to Judaism. He spent Grades 1 to 5 in the Hebrew Academy of Atlanta and would have gone on "if I hadn't become a discipline problem."

Most of the NFL's defensive linemen doubtless wish that the four-time All Pro had been better behaved.

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A woodcut of the shofar ceremony as depicted in an Italian 16th century siddur. [Photo courtesy the author]

Shofar central to holidays

By DR. FRED WEINBERG
Special to The CJN

The Shofar is the principal symbol of the Jewish New Year, just as the seder plate is that of Passover and the lulav and etrog of Sukkot. In fact, these items long antedated the six-pointed star of David as Jewish symbols.

In ancient mosaic synagogue floors and other forms of Jewish art, one of the leading motifs is the shofar. In the Bible, Rosh Hashanah is described, not as the Jewish New Year, but as a "day of sounding the horn," and the central ceremony of the holiday in the synagogue is still the sounding of the shofar.

The shofar is fashioned from the horn of a ram because this reminds one of the sacrifice that the patriarch Abraham made in the place of Isaac. The Akedah (the Isaac sacrifice story), reflects the prohibition of human sacrifices which were prevalent in the Canaanite and other cultures of the peoples that surrounded the biblical Children of Israel.

Actually, any horn from a kosher animal, not necessarily a ram, may be used, except that of an ox or a cow which are reminders of Israel's greatest sin, that of idolatry when they built and worshipped the Golden Calf.

The shofar is not an easy instrument to blow and the baal tekiah, as the sounder of the horn is called, must be well-versed in the particular notation that he blows.

There is also a prompter, called the makri, who announces the notes to be blown. Technically it is incumbent upon the listeners to hear the actual sound of the shofar at first-hand and not its echo; nor is it to be heard through any aids such as a loudspeaker or radio — a problem for some modern synagogues.

The Mishnah describes the shofar sounds: tekiah (a long blast), shevarim (broken sounds), and teruah (a wavering, crying sound). After much controversy it was decided that the teruah should consist of nine staccato notes.

During the month of Elul the shofar is blown from the second day of the new month to usher in the season of repentance. It is sounded at morning services daily — except for the last day — throughout the month until Rosh Hashanah is over, and once more on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when it is such a welcome sound at the conclusion of the Neilah service.

When Rosh Hashanah fell on the Sabbath, the shofar was blown in the Temple of Jerusalem but not throughout the rest of Israel.

It is interesting that in the Temple the shofar was accompanied by the blast of two silver trumpets positioned one on each side of the shofar. The arrangement was such that the shofar continued after the trumpets had stopped, in order to emphasize the importance of the sound of the shofar.

The biblical commandment to blow the Shofar is dependent on a specific time, that is, during the Rosh Hashanah service, and there is a ruling that all mitzvot that are limited by time factors are not obligatory to women who have household duties.

However in the case of the shofar, over the years it has become a very seriously followed custom that women have accepted the responsibility of hearing the shofar.

In some communities, the shofar was blown for them at home, just as the Purim megillah was especially read to them at home when their household duties prevented attendance at synagogue services.

In addition to the shofar's major significance on Rosh Hashanah, in ancient times it was also the sound of a call to battle. In 1967, at the end of the Six Day War, when the Kotel (the Western Wall of the ancient temple in Jerusalem) was reclaimed, the shofar was sounded there.

Cultural anthropologists ascribe to the shofar earlier magical folk beliefs. The shofar, they feel, was used to frighten away Satan and evil spirits, and indeed in the Talmud this is mentioned. A black shofar is used in the rare ceremony of excommunication of an individual who has seriously sinned against the Jewish community.

Of course, as is the case for many early customs, Jewish philosophers refined those practices and removed their more primitive associations.

Maimonides perhaps interprets the shofar sounds to us in an acceptable, modern manner when he says:

"Awake ye sleepers from your sleep, o slumberers arouse ye from your slumbers, and examine your deeds, return in repentance and remember your Creator." We can all bear this in mind this Rosh Hashanah.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Playing cricket in Israel. [Paul Samson photo]

Indian Jews help cricket thrive in Israel

Jerusalem Dateline

Cricket is not often associated with Israel, but the game thrives in the country, thanks in large part to the contribution of Indian Jewry.

The Indian domination of local cricket can be gauged from the fact that the Israeli domestic league has 14 teams, of which 12 have a majority of players of Indian origin. The remaining cricketers come largely from other English-speaking countries: Great Britain, South Africa, and Australia.

The southern port city of Ashdod, with its large Indian Jewish community, is the centre of Israeli cricket. The city has five teams and three grounds.

Noah Davidson, who hails from Bombay, is the secretary of the Israeli Cricket Association and a former professional cricketer with Central Railways in Bombay.

"When I immigrated to Israel in 1969," recounts Davidson, "I made extensive enquiries about the possibility of playing cricket in the country. If there had been no cricket, I would have been depressed, to say the least."

Another former Bombayan, Harry Jonathan, settled in Ashdod in the 1950s and laid the foundation for what would become the Israel Cricket Association. Yet another immigrant from Bombay, Ezra Ashtankar, is currently chair of the Israel Cricket Association.

Under Ashtankar's shrewd leadership, Israel has developed from an outpost of cricket into an integrated member of the international cricketing community. The country competes in the World Cup, though it has yet to make any impact on the international scene.

Ashtankar recently traveled back to India with Davidson, following the opening of full diplomatic relations between Israel and India.

They met with their cricketing counterparts there and agreed that groups of young Israeli cricketers should be sent to coaching camps in India each year. Through such coaching camps, Israel hopes to elevate its cricketing standards.

Water exercises help women

Jerusalem Dateline

Exercising in water increases bone mass in middle-aged women more effectively than conventional exercises on dry land, say a group of researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In what they believe is the first clinically controlled study of water-exercise on osteoporosis, the team found significant gain in bone mass in women doing water exercises, compared with a parallel group who worked out in a gym.

"It seemed to me that the safety and ease of movement offered by exercise under water makes it more attractive to middle-aged and elderly women, especially those in pain or with other limiting physical conditions," says Esther Goldstein, a teacher at Israel's Wingate Institute of Physical Education in Netanya.

Goldstein carried out the study at the Braun-Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine in Jerusalem.

Common wisdom had long rejected water-exercise as a way of building up bone mass. Experts believed that the gravitational pull (or weight-bearing) of conventional exercise was an essential element in bone-building.

To prove their point, Goldstein and her supervisors — Profs. Leon Epstein, Hillel Ruskin and Ariel Simkin — recruited 50 post-menopausal women through the Hadassah Medical Centre and divided them into matched groups.

Each group of volunteers exercised for three 45-minute sessions a week, one doing water-resistance exercises in a swimming pool, the other working out in a gym. Five months later, the water-group had made demonstrable gains in bone-mass, compared with the gym group, who showed little increase.

Exercise programs are one of the main ways of counteracting the effects of osteoporosis. Painful, disfiguring and disabling, the disease is a growing public-health menace, afflicting one in every four women over 60 in the western world, and many men and younger women as well. In the United States alone, some 24 million people are affected, suffering 1,300,000 fractures each year and costing an annual $7-$10 billion.

Although doctors know what osteoprosis is and who is at highest risk, the disease still holds many secrets. There is, for example, no general medical agreement on what triggers it, what can prevent it or how it should be treated.

The development of osteoporosis (literally, "porous bones"), however, is known to depend on two factors: how much bone-mass there is to begin with, and how fast it diminishes with aging, particularly after menopause. Further, it has been proven that exercise both relieves pain and even helps regain some bone mass.

Goldstein suggests that water-resistance exercise can help prevent osteoporosis as well as offset its effects.

"It would be particularly useful for people with injuries, chronic illness or brittle bone conditions who can't do conventional exercise," she says. "The gentler medium of water will allow them to develop strength more gradually, with less pain and less risk of new injury."

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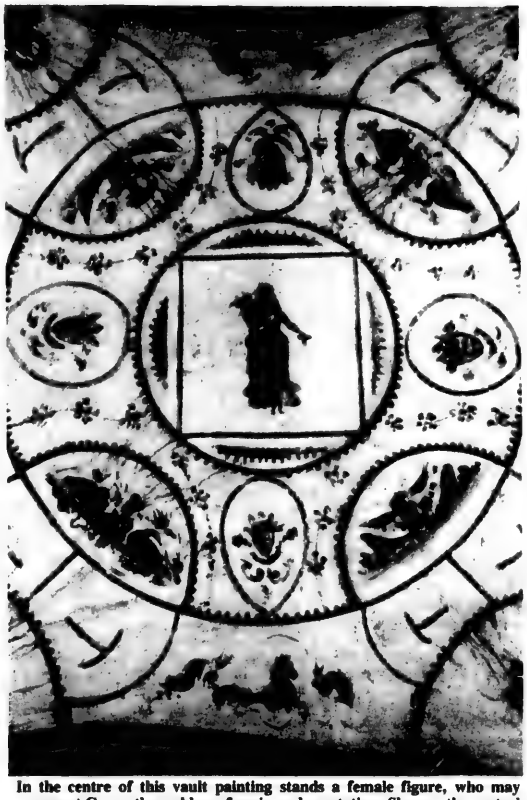

In the centre of this vault painting stands a female figure, who may represent Ceres, the goddess of grain and vegetation. She was the central character in the Eleusinian Mysteries, which celebrated the endless cycle of death and rebirth of both plants and mankind. Interestingly, this pagan motif associated with life after death appears in a Jewish catacomb. From the photo documentary exhibition "VAULTS OF MEMORY, Jewish and Christian Imagery in the Catacombs of Rome" on loan from the International Catacomb Society, Boston, Massachusetts, which was on display at the Bible Lands Museum until August 30, 1994.

Vatican exhibit to be shown in Jerusalem

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Following the establishment of full diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel, plans are being finalized to bring the Vatican's exhibit on The Jewish Presence in Ancient Rome to the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem later this year.

The Israel exhibition will be the first outside the Vatican.

"This exhibition is of major significance to all of world Jewry," said museum director and founder Batya Borowski.

The Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem already houses an outstanding collection of more than 2,000 Bible-related artifacts, gifts from founders and former Torontonians Dr. Elie and Batya Borowski.

The Jewish Presence in Ancient Rome goes back to the days when Jews first settled in the imperial city around 100 BCE. The community quickly grew to 50,000.

At that time, the Jews could practice their religion virtually undisturbed. They enjoyed imperial protection from the time of Julius Caesar and Augustus, and their rights were protected under Roman law. The modern Jewish community of Rome is one of the oldest in the world, part of a continuous Jewish presence of more than 2,000 years.

The Jews of ancient Rome were among the best-known Jewish communities of antiquity. We know about them from the three Jewish catacombs of Rome — Monteverde, Via Appia and Via Montana. These sites have furnished more than 500 inscriptions of the dead and the congregations to which they belonged. From that information historians have sketched an outline of the Jewish community's religious life and customs.

"We will focus on the period during which this community flourished, from the late second century BCE to the fourth century CE," Elie Borowski said.

The exhibit has been approved by the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural Institute in Israel. The Cultural Department of Foreign Affairs in Israel has expressed its support for this endeavor.

Among the objects to be displayed are portrait sculptures, ceramic lamps, gold cups, seals, sarcophagi, rings, and column capitals.

The exhibit will cover three areas: the Jewish Community of Rome; the Jews and the Caesars; and Roman and Judean Jews.

Within the ancient community — its synagogues, its organizations, its religious life and communal activities — Jews also functioned as ordinary citizens of Rome. Names were Latin rather than Greek or Semitic. Some Jews Latinized or Hellenized their Hebrew names: Zosimos for Chaym, Theodotus for Jonathan, Justus for Zadik, Donatus for Nathan, Aster for Esther — a practise common amongst Diaspora Jews everywhere.

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High Holiday theme of repentance requires preparation, reflection

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The theme of the High Holidays, actually beginning with the first day of the month of Elul and culminating with the awesome day of Yom Kippur, is *teshuvah*, repentance. Repentance requires introspection, and introspection requires preparation and reflection.

We can't leave our businesses a little earlier on Erev Rosh Hashanah, take showers, go to the mikvah, put on our new suits, go to shul, and say — "We're ready for the New Year."

What we really should do, is sit down a long time before Rosh Hashanah, take out a little notebook and pencil, and start some serious thinking and planning about our New Year's resolutions. If we haven't done that already, we should realize that time is marching relentlessly on, and we shouldn't delay the process any longer.

I'm sure we all have good intentions. We want to repent. We want to resolve to do better. But if we don't take the task at hand seriously, honestly and earnestly, we can wind up like the woman in the following famous parable:

A poor country woman had no food to give her many children. One day she found an egg and excitedly told her children that their worries for food were over.

"I shall take this egg and ask the neighbors if we can put it under their hen until a chick is hatched. We won't eat the chick, but we'll set her on other eggs until they, too, hatch into chickens. They, in turn, will lay more eggs, and we'll hatch them into chickens as well. Then we'll sell some of the chickens and buy a cow and raise the cow until she bears calves. Then we'll sell some of the calves and buy a field. Then we'll have a field in which we can plant all sorts of food, and cows and milk and chickens and eggs, and we won't need anything more."

As she was speaking and playing with the egg, it fell out of her hands and broke, shattering all of her dreams and hopes for food.

Elaborate schemes

Says Rabbi Chaim of Sanz: Each of us resembles the lady in the story. When the days of repentance arrive, we resolve to do this and to do that and make elaborate schemes to rectify so many things.

Yet the days slip by out of our hands, minds, and hearts, and thought does not lead to the actions we had planned, so we remain unchanged as before. Therefore we must take every precaution to ensure that our resolutions of repentance come to fruition.

But what bothers most of us, I'm sure, who take seriously the task of making new resolutions, is the following. We probably all say to ourselves, "I made resolutions last year, and the year before, and the year before that, and I stuck to them during the High Holidays and maybe even for awhile after that. But soon it was back to my old ways as usual. What's the use of all the resolutions if they fizzle out after awhile?"

That reminds me of another famous parable:

One day the son of a king seemingly lost his mind. He went around town flapping his arms like a rooster crowing cocka-doodle-doo. The king, understandably, was very upset and concerned about his son. He called in his advisors and doctors but none could do anything for the deranged prince. The king promised a large reward for the man who could bring his son back to his senses.

One day a stranger, who happened to be visiting the town, heard about the situation. He came to the king and told him not to worry. He knew how to cure his son.

The man went to visit the prince and when he saw him, he too flapped his wings and started cocka-doodle-dooing like the deranged prince. The prince warmed up to his fellow "rooster" and became friendly with the stranger.

"Listen," said the man to the prince. "It's soon going to be Yom Kippur. You know what they do to roosters like us on Erev Yom Kippur. They're going to slaughter us for kaporos. I think it would be advisable that we stop acting like roosters. No more wing flapping and no more cocka-doodle-dooing."

"You know, you're right," said the prince. "I never thought of that. I'll stop immediately."

Next day, the prince was back to normal. The king was delighted and handsomely rewarded the stranger who left town with his bounty, never to be heard from again.

Everything was going along well. The prince no longer acted like a rooster and everyone thought that he had been cured. Erev Yom Kippur came and went. Yom Kippur came and went. And the next morning the prince was once again prancing around town, flapping his arms and cocka-doodle-dooing. Now that the danger had passed, the kaporos were done with, he could revert to being a rooster once again.

Says one of the great Jewish preachers: We resemble the deranged prince. A whole year we go around sinning, not acting the way we should. We strut around like roosters, flapping our wings, crowing all sorts of nonsense. But when the *Yomim, Noraim*, the High Holiday season comes, we become a little nervous.

After all, the Almighty will begin judging Mankind: Who will live, and who shall die; who will be well, and who sick; who rich and who poor?

We better come back to our senses and stop acting deranged. So we behave for awhile and put on a good show for a few weeks or days until the danger passes. Yom Kippur passes, and it's back to business as usual. Resolutions are tossed out the window. The cycle of sinning begins again. Back to being roosters!

So what is the answer? Surely we cannot make fools of ourselves and stand before Hashem on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur promising to be better and then make a mockery of our committments.

My revered rebbe, Rabbi Dovid Kronglass, used to always tell us two things before Rosh Hashanah.

One: Don't make impossible resolutions. Tell the Almighty, for example, "I know speaking *loshen hora*, (gossip and evil talk about another), even *one* word of it, is evil. I wish I wouldn't speak it at all. But to promise You that I won't speak a word next year is not realistic. But I do promise You, Hashem, that I will definitely make inroads against this sin. I will minimize the extent of the *loshen hora* that I have been talking. I will make every effort to control myself at certain times, with certain people, on certain topics."

Firmly resolving to minimize the sin — that's a realistic goal. Doing teshuvah is a lifelong process. If each year we gain a little territory against the battle with the yetzer hora, then we're making progress. We are not making a mockery out of our resolutions.

Second: Instead of making dozens of smaller resolutions that can each be broken during the year quite easily, make one firm sweeping resolution that will automatically encompass many others. For example, resolve to study Torah and Halachah with a genuinely observant Rabbi or teacher, for just *one hour* a week. That's not such a difficult resolution to keep. One hour a week. That's a realistic goal. But that one hour a week will change your lives. You'll come closer to Hashem and His Torah. You'll automatically improve in scores of other areas as well.

Each individual has to adapt the concepts to his or her situation. It is *not* a hopeless cause. We *can* successfully do *teshuvah*. That's really what Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are all about.

Good luck! Kesivah VaChasimah Tovah.

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O.J. case reveals Jewish violence

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Service

The thought of a Jewish man battering his wife often strikes the same cognitive dissonance as the idea of football hero O. J. Simpson standing trial for the murder of his ex-wife.

But in the wake of the much-publicized Simpson case, the volume of calls to shelters and domestic violence agencies catering to Jewish women has jumped, reflecting what experts say is the oft-denied truth that Jews are victims of domestic violence as often as the population at large.

The Family Violence Prevention Centre in New York City has had 25 per cent more calls to its hotline since the Simpson case started making headlines in mid-June, according to a spokesperson.

And the Family Violence Project of Los Angeles, part of the local Jewish Family Service, has seen the number of new calls for services nearly double, said director Lynn Moriarty.

"Something as startling as this breaks through a lot of denial," said Moriarty.

Despite ongoing efforts by communal agencies and religious movements to educate Jewish communities about the problem, experts say the perception that Jewish homes are untouched by domestic violence persists.

"This has been the best-kept secret in the whole community for many years," Moriarty said.

Experts who work with abused women from a range of ethnic backgrounds say the patterns of intimidation, abuse and reconciliation in abusive relationships, and the need for control which drives the abuser, easily cross cultural lines.

What is different for a Jewish woman is that the social forces within the Jewish community affect when, and whether, she and her family receive help.

Directors of shelters and social service programs around the country say that Judaism's emphasis on family, and the notions of a "nice Jewish husband" and a "happy Jewish home" often lead battered women to hide or deny the abuse.

"The Jewish community is mired in collective denial. We just don't want to admit this in our community," Moriarty said.

The fear of failing to live up to these ideals, experts say, makes it more difficult for Jewish women to recognize they are being abused and less likely that they will seek help.

Fear of failure

"In a community that believes this doesn't happen in our community," said Susan Hirschstein, director of residential services for the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence in New York State, "it's even harder for someone to come out and say, 'Yes, it does.' "

Spousal abuse occurs in 10 to 20 per cent of Jewish households, according to a 1983 study published in the Journal of Jewish Community Service. Social workers and others who work with battered Jewish women say the rate leans more toward 20 per cent, consistent with the national average.

The study also showed that unlike the population at large, Jewish women in higher socio-economic brackets may be more likely to be abused than poorer ones, although abuse does cross economic and denominational lines.

Workers at shelters said it is not uncommon to have young Jewish professionals arrive at a shelter with nothing but their children and the clothes they are wearing.

Because abusive spouses often maintain complete control over the family finances, many women lack the financial resources to flee, or fear a drastic drop in material lifestyle if they do.

There is also great fear among Jews of threatening the family's social position, or of simply not being believed because of a spouse's prominence in the community.

In many cases, experts say, a woman's stories of abuse are not believed or she herself is blamed for "disrupting" the community or home.

Others hide abuse from their doctors and therapists.

Social, financial isolation

Hirschstein said it is common for batterers to claim their wives deserved to be beaten.

"Women often say, 'He said to me if I'd only had dinner ready at 6 when he walked in'," said Hirschstein.

The demoralization, as well as social and financial isolation, and the hope that things will somehow get better, is what often keeps battered women from simply running away, experts say.

While some look to the Jewish community for support services, others go to programs outside the community for fear of exposing their spouses — or themselves — to embarrassment.

According to Janet Geller, director of the Family Violence Prevention Centre in New York, even when Jewish women are involved in social programs they resist group therapy, out of fear — the women say — of running into someone they know.

Rabbis can sometimes be complicit in this denial, dismissing women's complaints or counselling them to return home and try to make things better.

"With rabbis, it's a hit-or-miss," said Rabbi Julie Ringold Spitzer, author of *Spousal Abuse in Rabbinical and Contemporary Judaism.* She said the chances of getting a responsive rabbi does not vary among the demominations.

Many service organizations and shelters grew out of grassroots efforts begun in the 1970s and '80s by Jewish activists — nearly all of them women — trying to put domestic violence on the Jewish communal agenda.

High on the priority of these groups has been teaching Jewish educators and religious and lay leaders, who are often first to be contacted in domestic abuse cases, how to recognize and handle the problem.

The Reform and Conservative movement have dealt with the issue of domestic violence, offering training workshops for rabbis, and publishing resource materials. And the Orthodox community has grown increasingly responsive to the issue in recent years.

There are now shelters in several cities catering exclusively to Orthodox women, who fear a loss of stature in their close-knit communities if their abuse is known.

But activists in the field say that while there has been a greater willingness to confront the issue in recent years, denial remains strong.

Some say the publicity surrounding the O. J. Simpson case has empowered battered women, letting them know that they are not alone and that there are ways of seeking help.

Others say the publicity has actually inhibited some women from seeking help.

"Women say: I'm not going to leave now. Look what happens when you leave," said Hirschstein, who explained it is common for abusers to leave newspaper articles describing violent acts around the house as a warning to their wives.

Moriarty in Los Angeles said she has heard from women whose husbands have threatened to "O. J." them.

Former Vancouverite Kalman Samuels receives the Humanity Award from Israel President Ezer Weizman (left).

Vancouver couple helps handicapped Israeli kids

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

A former Vancouver man and his wife were honored recently by the president of Israel, Ezer Weizman, for "their magnificent endeavors for humanity, accomplished with love for humanity in a pleasant and modest manner."

Kalman and Malka Samuels, the parents of six children, operate the Shalva Centre-Israel Association to Relieve the Handicapped Child and Family, in Jerusalem.

Shalva provides an activity centre for special-needs children during the afternoon and evening, giving parents some relief from the continual stress of caring for their disabled children. (Shalva is an acronym for the Hebrew phrase "peace of mind.")

In June, Kalman Samuels attended a fundraiser in Vancouver, at the home of Les and Tracy Ames. Shalva's operating budget is $450,000 per year, and substantial funding is provided by the prominent Vancouver Diamond family through the Diamond Foundation.

The Israel President's Citation for Community Service was established 20 years ago by the then-president, Ephraim Katzir. Twelve awards were made this year by President Weizman.

Samuels was born and raised in Vancouver; he told *The CJN* he was "a regular, traditional Vancouver Jewish kid."

He said he had no special goal in life after graduation from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and decided to go to Europe for four months to study western civilization. The trip took him to Israel, where friends urged him to study his own roots and civilization. He was 19.

He attended a number of yeshivot and decided Israel was where he wanted to live.

He learned Yiddish as well as Hebrew and was admitted to study at "a real old-time yeshivah" in B'nai Brak.

In 1973 he married Malka, a Yugoslavian-born American who had also made aliyah.

The Samuels' second child, Yosef, became deaf and blind at the age of 11 months, as the result of a reaction to a vaccination.

The family moved to New York, where Kalman Samuels' uncle was a surgeon, looking for medical help for their son. They refused to put him in an institution but did enrol him in New York's Light House for the Blind; he was home every day by noon, when Malka took over the responsibility of caring for him.

Although Samuels had been ordained as a rabbi in Israel, he worked in the computer field in New York. But he said it was difficult looking after a young family with a handicapped child, and after four and a half years in New York, they moved back to Israel where Malka "kept noodging me to do something to help other children and, at the same time, provide some relief for the parents."

In 1990, Samuels came to Vancouver to see his father who was ill. He told an old friend, Gordon Diamond, about an idea he and Malka had. Diamond was interested and said the family foundation would offer capital for a facility in Jerusalem if the Samuels would run it.

"We look after 80 severely handicapped children a year in a rented facility. We're hoping to buy our own building," said Samuels.

The programming for younger children runs from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Children from all over Jerusalem are bussed to Shalva in the Har Nof neighborhood, and the daily social and educational programs are geared to each individual child, according to ability. The program is under the supervision of professional special education staff.

"At Shalva the kids don't have to sit in a corner by themselves — they mix freely and build up their confidence."

From 6 to 8:30 p.m., older children, mainly from sheltered workshops, come to the Shalva Centre. These young people rarely have a social life of their own and "we provide them with activities."

There is also a program for sleeping over — about 10 children a night. Camping is offered in July and August to about 25 to 30 children with disabilities at a time.

"Meanwhile," said Samuels, "the parents suddenly have a window on the world. They are given a brief respite from the day-to-day chores and worries of looking after their children."

What's important is that Shalva's services are offered free. "There are no mandatory fees, although we do accept contributions," he said.

In making the presentation to the Samuels, President Weizman said, "Through the power of their faith and dedication to their goals, [they have] succeeded in attracting scores of volunteers, both young and old, who assist in the major task of operating this unique environment, offering emotional support and assistance for parents during most trying times."

The Samuels' mitzvah has helped them with their own problems.

"Through a miracle," said Samuels, "there was a breakthrough for our son Yosef." Samuels taught him to understand by holding his hand to form letters of the alphabet and Yosef quickly picked up the idea of what was wanted of him. "Then he began to speak!"

Yosef has celebrated his bar mitzvah, attends camp, has friends in the neighborhood and rides a bike; his mother lets him go for a pizza once a week. He attends a full-day program at the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind.

Samuels, 42, used to play a great game of basketball in Vancouver but now he only gets out on the court in Jerusalem once a week — usually on Tuesday nights. He spends most of his time in administration of Shalva and in raising funds. There is no financial assistance from the government.

He has contacts in Europe and the United States, as well as in Canada. He has set up the Canadian Friends of Shalva at 2095 W. 45th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V6M 2H8.

The Canadian organization has a tax number and can give receipts for contributions. Head office is at PO Box 35199, Jerusalem, 91351; fax 972-2-250736.

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Israel's top concerns in the coming year

By CARL ALPERT
Special to The CJN

The Yom Kippur period is conducive to contemplation, and in accordance with our annual custom at this time of year, we offer our list of the dozen major problems which Israel will be called upon to face in the 12 months ahead. Many of these items appear on the list every year, perhaps sometimes changing place in order of importance.

Modus vivendi with Gaza-Jericho: There will be many problems to solve and misunderstandings to iron out, but the true test of the peace process (and it is still only a process) lies in the ability of both sides to adjust to a relationship which is new to both, and still subject to opposition on both sides.

Relations with Syria: Despite fumbling gestures toward seeking common ground on which to conduct talks, sober and realistic Israelis are aware of the ever-present threat of armed conflict with our neighbor to the north and east, who continues to stack his arsenal with tanks, planes and missiles. Israel Defence Forces are constantly on the alert.

Negotiations on Stage Two: Gaza and Jericho first, what next? Talks will be held, preliminary documents drawn up, letters exchanged, some open and some secret, opposition and encouragement will alternate, as this Israel government so long as it remains in power will continue to explore the next steps in the peace process.

Government Stability: All foreign relations policies, not to speak of domestic problems, will depend on the ability of the Rabin government to maintain its shaky control of the Knesset, and hold on to power through to the next scheduled elections in 1996.

Relations with Jordan: Now that the de facto thaw in our relations with Jordan has become official, there are factors external to the two parties which will seek to sabotage the move towards true neighborly relations.

Terrorism: This must be expected both from the Hamas in the south and from the Hezbollah in the north, together with mounting fear of extremist nationalist expressions from Arab Israelis within the borders.

The Economic Situation: The economy is basically sound, with excellent prospects for the future, if confidence can be maintained and inflation controlled.

National Health System: The near collapse of the Kupat Holim Clalit of the Histadrut, and the reform of the national health insurance generally, will necessitate continued drastic overhaul of the system.

Immigration: The lag in arrival of newcomers from Eastern Europe will provide a necessary breathing spell in the process of absorption and integration, together with an opportunity to take stock of how to improve the process.

Internal Extremism: Political, religious and secular movements which seek to advance their causes by resorting to vocal intemperance, too often proceed from there to vehement passion and excitable physical violence. It is a tendency which does not bode well for Israel.

The Traffic Explosion: Acquisition of new cars continues by far to outpace provision of adequate roads or parking spaces. Plans for urban public rapid transit and for super highways give little indication that they will provide the solutions necessary.

Water Supply: This is another perennial problem. A growing population, together with increased industrial and agricultural consumption, cause warning alarms to be sounded, especially as no new water sources are available. To the contrary, important present sources are endangered, with talk of Palestinian control of the West Bank, and possible withdrawal from the Golan.

These, then, are the 12 major problems which Israel will be called upon to face in the coming year. When we reach Yom Kippur next year, how many of these will be closer to solution?

Protecting animals

Israel's pioneering efforts to eliminate cruelty to animals leaped two steps forward this summer when the government initiated a new law enforcement policy and a program of humane education in the school system.

Government officials informed Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), a non-profit organization, of the changes. CHAI has won official recognition and support for its innovative efforts to improve the condition of Israel's animals since its establishment in 1984.

Chief of Police Haim Hefets announced that he has instructed all police stations in the country to investigate seriously all reported cases of cruelty to animals.

In addition, in the Knesset, the interior and environment committee issued a recommendation to the Ministry of Education stipulating that school children should spend at least one hour a week in class addressing the issue of cruelty to animals and how to prevent it.

Both these developments resulted from public sensitization to the link between abuse of animals and violence toward human beings.

That link was the subject of a conference in Tel Aviv last spring, attended by over 400 teachers, school counsellors, psychologists and criminologists.

The conference, entitled Preventing Violence in Society Through Education, was initiated by CHAI and co-sponsored with the Israel Ministry of Education.

Speakers at the conference — psychiatrists, psychololgists and educators from the United States, England, and Israel — reviewed the results of the approximately 140 published studies and articles that clearly indicate that a large percentage of violent criminals began by abusing animals when they were young.

Unchecked, they went on to commit violence against humans. Studies also show that children who abuse animals are often themselves the victims of abuse.

Among the studies discussed was one conducted in New Jersey which revealed that in 88 per cent of families receiving treatment for child abuse, animals in the home had also been abused.

In a British study, children were found to be at risk of abuse or neglect in 83 per cent of families with a history of animal abuse.

The studies showed that a large percentage of incarcerated rapists, child molesters, and sexual homicide perpetrators had abused animals during their adolescence. As a result of these findings, psychiatrists now include animal abuse as an indicator of severe conduct disorder, along with physical assault and arson.

The speakers also noted that these findings have led to the establishment of cross-reporting systems in California, Florida, Washington, and Illinois between animal protection and child protection authorities.

Under these systems, for example, if a child were found living in a home where animal abuse had occurred, the case would automatically be referred to child protection authorities for further investigation.

At the conclusion of the conference CHAI announced that it is preparing a seminar on the child/animal abuse link that will become part of teachers' and counsellors' continuing education in Israel.

CHAI is also preparing a humane education curriculum for Israeli schools, since humane education has been shown to develop more positive attitudes in children toward humans as well as toward animals.

For more information, CHAI can be reached at POB 3341, Alexandria, VA, 22302.

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Berry picking could have been our death

This is another in a series of Holocaust memories by Toronto resident Judith Rubinstein.

When we enjoy the last of summer's bounty let us think back to five teenagers for whom a simple berry-picking expedition could have been a death sentence.

Let us also remember the astounding unselfishness that could still be found in those darkest of dark times.

By JUDITH RUBINSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The year was 1944 — late fall. I was doing forced labor in Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

Twenty of us young girls belonged to a commando team required to clean the watch towers around the crematorium. Five girls were assigned to each tower.

On quiet days, when the activities in the crematorium were slowed down, we dared to leave the towers after finishing our jobs to pick blackberries on the edge of what was called the Forbidden Forest. If we were lucky enough to pick a dish full of berries and to smuggle it back into the camp, we could then sell it for a loaf of bread. At the time, a loaf of bread was considered the ultimate luxury.

As we emerged from the forest one day, the commandant from the crematorium noticed us and ordered us to hand our berries over to him. Before we had a chance to think about the terrible situation we were in, a soldier was behind us ordering us back to the camp site. Confused and frightened, we marched in.

On arrival, we stood in the square for a long time. In the meantime, the Germans gathered all the information about us. The verdict was that we had wanted to run away and the punishment for that crime was public hanging. Even the date was decided upon, the next morning at 10 a.m. Usually the entire camp population was forced to watch the horrible consequences for those who tried to escape.

Of the five of us, two had sisters who were not involved in this terrible situation. They became hysterical and started to run around asking for advice to see if anything could be done. Nobody had an answer. Since there was no trial, there could be no defence presented; the Germans did as they pleased.

Late that night, one of our supervisors advised us to go over to the next compound and seek help from a woman named Ethel who had the reputation of being a very good soul. Although she had been there a very long time, she hadn't lost her compassion and sympathy for the less fortunate. She was responsible for a thousand women and she tried to be humane.

When we arrived, she had just lit the sabbath candle in her little cubicle; she had heard about our misfortune and gently told us what we already knew — there was no way out of this terrible situation. She prayed with us and blessed us and wished us a peaceful journey.

Numb in body and soul, we walked back to our sleeping quarters. That night was the longest in my life. Early in the morning, a young girl arrived with a message from Ethel. She had found a connection to the commandant who handled our case; for five gold watches our lives could be spared. The watches were found in no time and the sentence was terminated with the warning that we should never dare to visit the forest again.

Later we found out that our German leader, an elderly man who smuggled liquor out to the workers in the crematorium in return for gold, diamonds and other valuables (every evening he carried a bulging attache case), thought they might ask him where he was while he allowed us to wander around. He pulled a few strings in order to save himself. A few weeks later we were shipped out to Germany where we worked until liberation the next spring.

I never heard of Ethel again. I didn't even know what her family name was or where she came from.

Ten years ago, a good friend of mine returned from Israel with a story that a friend from her hometown had become a grandmother of quintuplets. The family was very poor and it was difficult to raise five babies; they also had a year-old baby. My heart went out to them. I started to send money and parcels to this family. Every time I would receive a thank you note from the grandmother.

Only on the fifth birthday of the children did I find out that the grandmother was none other than Ethel who saved us girls from the gallows.

Unfortunately by that time she was dead. I never had an opportunity to say thank you for the gift of life.

May her memory be blessed among the righteous men and women who attempted to ease the pain at the difficult time in history.

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This rare carved pomegranate was discovered by Israeli archeologists near Jerusalem. Eight centimetres long, it is made of "Egyptian Blue," an artificial substance used for painting and molding valuable objects in ancient times.

It is thought to have been either placed at the tip of a sceptre, or used as a decoration for a horse's bridle. [Israel Antiquities Authority photo]

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Seafaring tale relates the last voyage of the Paducah

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

A recent ceremony at the U.S. Holocaust Museum paid tribute to the captain and crew of the Paducah, an aging American gunship sold as surplus and retrofitted to smuggle Holocaust survivors through the British blockade to Palestine in 1947.

The captain of the Paducah was Rudolph Patzert, a 35-year-old New York City gentile who agreed to sail the ship from Brooklyn to Bulgaria. He did not suspect the true mission. But by the time members of the Haganah underground asked him to continue to Palestine with a cargo of some 1,500 Jewish refugees to be picked up in Bulgaria, they had rightly sized him up as someone who would not walk away from such a humanitarian endeavour. Patzert, who was given special honours at the Holocaust Museum ceremony, now lives in retirement with his wife in Encinatas, Calif.

Torontonian Morry Lewis was a helmsman on the Paducah's sister ship, the Northland, which was renamed the Jewish State enroute to Palestine. "We were two ships that ran together," he recalls. "We were both outfitted for refugees in Bayonne, France, from the inside out.

The Paducah steams past Gibralter. This photograph was apparently taken by British intelligence.

"The United Nations voted for a Jewish state because of the pressure we brought to bear — all those ships crammed with people trying to get in to Palestine ...These ships played a big role in the vote for getting a Jewish state."

Reuben Red Shiff, a Torontonian, was a crew member of the Paducah. Before the war, he lived with his family on Kensington Avenue, and joined the Canadian Army at 15. After serving on the Paducah, he reached the Jewish homeland and joined the incipient Israeli army. He was killed in the 1948 War of Independence.

Patzert's gripping account of the sailing of the Paducah has just been published in a book that this reviewer found hard to put down. *Running the Palestine Blockade: The Last Voyage of the Paducah* (Naval Institute Press, $25 US) is a fine seafaring tale in the best maritime tradition. It is also a taut drama, filled with suspense and adventure and a crowning sense of morality.

British agents and spy ships trailed the ship through the Mediterranean. After another British dirty trick in Bayonne, he worte "another door had been slammed shut against us. It seemed to me that I was discovering what it meant to be a Jew. Now I, too, was a Jew, and the Paducah herself bore a curse, and we were driven from one closed door to confront another closed door. Well, if that was the way it was, by God, we would pound and pound on the closed doors until we crashed them open."

When the Paducah's sister ship, the Northland, takes on a group of small Jewish orphans, Patzert is gripped by the overwhelming pathos of the fragile youngsters, wrapped in layers of rags, shuffling up the gangway. "The men of the Northland picked up the smallest of them and carried them into the ship tenderly, as though these were their own small sons and daughters, their own flesh.

"I'm not a sentimental man — at least, I like to think that I'm not — and I couldn't remember when I had last wept, but there were tears in my eyes now. I was not ashamed of them when Eddie Kaplansky found me in the darkness and stood beside me. These are the orphans, he said simply. There are so many of them, so very many."

Later, Patzert is moved again when he stands on the deck of the Paducah as it fills with a mass of humanity bearing a burden too heavy to carry and looking for nothing at all in the world but a home. He hears this tired, forlorn mass join together in singing *Hatikvah* as the ship pulls away.

Twenty-five miles off the coast of Palestine, the weary passengers sighted the Promised Land for the first time — the top of Mount Carmel, near Haifa — but would be forbidden, like Moses, from reaching it. Ten miles from shore, the Paducah was rammed by a British destroyer and its occupants captured and shipped to a refugee camp on Cyprus. To avoid a British noose for his role as captain of an illegal refugee ship, Patzert completed his ceremonial induction into the Jewish people, taking the identity of a Romanian Jew, Mendel Levey, and becoming a Jewish prisoner on Cyprus.

Members of the Paducah's crew on the seawall at Biarritz, France. Left to right are Lou Ball, Torontonian Reuben Shiff and Al Brownstein. Ball and Shiff later joined the Israeli army and were killed during the 1948 War of Independence.

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A woman at the Nazareth Day Care Centre for the elderly puts the finishing touches on a painting.

Day care centre helps elderly Arabs

Pirah, aged 80, who is confined to a wheelchair, arrives at the Nazareth Day Care Centre for the elderly at 8 a.m. "I feel twenty years younger," she says with a smile. After being homebound for years, she has found that she has a special talent for painting.

Pirah is just one of the more than 300 frail and physically disabled elderly who are being served by the centre. Azmi Ajamel, coordinator of services for the elderly in the Arab Sector for ESHEL, the Association for the Planning and Development of Services for the Aged in Israel, says, "We are bursting at the seams and are using every inch of space to accommodate those who come to the centre."

The centre reflects a growing trend among Israeli Arab women, more of whom now have outside employment and are not available to care for their extended family. It is a relief for a working Arab woman to know that her elderly parents will be well cared for. As Arab cultural norms change, the demand has increased to build more centres to meet emerging needs.

The centre, which was dedicated recently with the participation of Ora Namir, the minister of labor and social affairs, was established by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) working through its subsidiary ESHEL, the National Insurance Institute, the Nazareth Municipality and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. The centre is part of the broader effort of ESHEL to develop services for the aged in the Arab sector.

The centre is the first in the country at which Christian and Muslim Arab senior citizens share a common facility. It serves the mentally frail and physically disabled elderly and their families, providing personal, paramedical and social services. There are also outreach services to those who cannot leave their homes.

Independent elderly people in the community participate as volunteers at the centre. Hilma, age 74, gets great satisfaction from helping out. She lives alone, but says, "Here, I'm never lonely. I really enjoy helping my new friends at the centre."

JDC-ESHEL in partnership with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, plans to open another day care centre for the elderly in Shfaram, the second largest city in the Arab sector.

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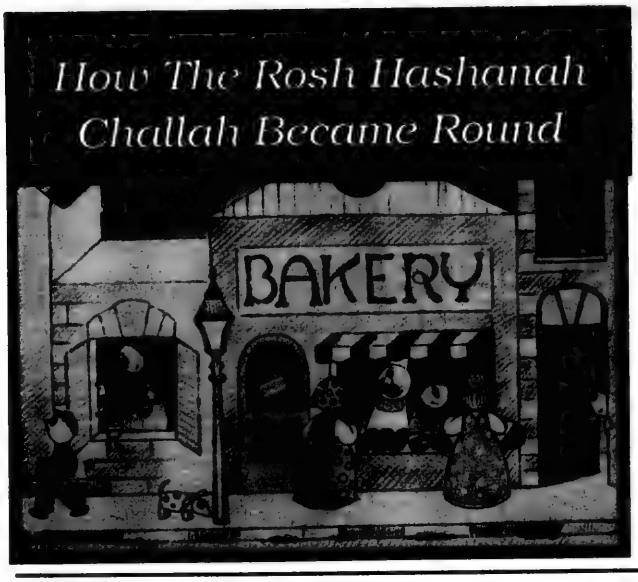

Epstein's book a delight for kids

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Good books for children that deal with holidays in an enjoyable way are rare indeed. *How the Rosh Hashanah Challah Became Round*, by Sylvia Epstein, illustrated by Hagit Migron (Gefen Publishing House, 1993) is such a book.

Joseph Mordechai (Yossi) is the oldest child in his family. He lords it over his brothers and sisters, because he is the only one big enough to help their father in his bakery.

Yossi and his father are very busy preparing challahs for Rosh Hashanah. Yossi is so excited about the important work he is doing, that when his father asks him to take a tray of challah dough to be baked, he — and the challahs — fall down the stairs.

It takes the rabbi and rebbetzen to get a spiritual meaning out of the accident — that just as a round challah has no end, so the community's happiness will have no end.

The illustrations are simple yet effective, using attractive pastel colours. They are also done with humor. I especially liked the one of Yossi falling down the steps, where the challahs change shape from twisted to round on their way down.

This is a delightful book for primary age children. It is also sweet and funny enough so parents will enjoy reading it to them.

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Conference aims to save Ladino

World Zionist Press Service

As Turkish singer and actor Izzet Bana broke into song at the Beit Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora's auditorium in Ramat Aviv, most of the 1,000 people present sang along in Judeo-Spanish (or Ladino — the language of the Jews of Spain before their expulsion in 1492).

This was the first International Encounters on Judeo-Spanish and was attended by participants from France, Spain, Turkey, Argentina, Germany. Greece, Bulgaria and Israel.

"The Judeo-Spanish language is being forgotten," said conference co-executive secretary and journalist Moshe Shaul, who has a daily 15-minute program in Ladino at Kol Israel and also publishes the biannual magazine *Aki Yerushalaim* (Here is Jerusalem).

"It is being used less and less by Sephardim to communicate among themselves, because many of them are completely integrated into the societies of the countries they live in," he said.

The Encounters, initiated and organized by Dr. Gad Nassi, President of Morit — Heritage of Turkish Jewry, under the auspices of former Israel president Yitzhak Navon and with the participation of the Spanish Ambassador to Israel Jose Luis Crespa de Vega, aimed to promote direct communication between institutions, publications, groups and individuals devoted to the preservation of Judeo-Spanish.

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It also hoped to establish a framework for devising strategies for saving the Judeo-Spanish heritage, which would decide on the most efficient ways to promote these objectives. This it did in the form of the Judeo-Spanish World Union.

Judeo-Spanish survived more than 500 years in the communities of the Dispersion, but according to Navon, "The majority of Ladino speakers were murdered in the Holocaust. Twenty years ago, some 200,000 people still spoke Ladino," but no research, he pointed out, has been done since.

Lack of teaching materials

"If we are to protect this heritage, it is first necessary to save its incredible treasure of music, songs, tales, literature and folklore, and to document testimonies. But I am pessimistic," he said. "I don't think that Ladino will flourish again on a large scale as a living language."

Marie Christine Varol, a professor of Judeo-Spanish at INALCO, a language institute in Paris, said, "The solution could be to organize more classes in Judeo-Spanish in Turkish and Israeli schools, where there is a Jewish Sephardi population that can perpetuate it."

Abraham Haim, Director of Sephardi Culture at Israel's Ministry of Education and Culture, pointed out that the Ministry presently supports the teaching of Judeo-Spanish at the Midreshet Amalia high school in Jerusalem, though at present it is the only program of its kind in Israel.

Most participants agreed that something must be done about the lack of teaching materials, such as dictionaries, books, videos and casettes.

Haim felt that this process of returning to roots would automatically encourage researchers to look more deeply into sources and publish their findings.

"Everyone says that Judeo-Spanish will disappear," said Prof. Ivan Kanchev from Sofia University, "but it seems to me that the language is blooming. Its origins are being rediscovered and there is renewed interest in the language."

Shaul agreed, but added, "If everybody continues to say the language is dying and that nothing can be done, then it will die. But if we fight for its survival, it will live much longer."

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Feathered residents of Israel's Eli's Jungle. Owners Eli Taman and Arnon Tal received help to expand their pet store from the JDC-initiated Netanya Small Business Development Centre, which assisted them in preparing a professional business plan. [Vera Etzion photo]

Animal paradise at 'supermarket'

Eli Taman and Arnon Tal own Eli's Jungle, an animal "supermarket" just outside Netanya where visitors are free to browse at leisure with their children and enjoy the thousands of fish, birds, rabbits, hamsters, ducks and chickens.

The first of its kind in Israel, the shop stocks all the paraphernalia imaginable to go with the animals, and it supplies animal stores throughout the country.

Taman opened his first pet shop in 1983 while his friend Tal studied marketing and business administration.

After a study visit to the United States to learn the American way of doing things, Taman sold his store and together with Tal opened Netanya's largest pet shop.

In 1990 they wanted to expand their business but had difficulty getting a bank loan. They turned to the American Jewish Joint Committee (JDC)-initiated Netanya Small Business Development Centre (SBDC), one of a network of eleven SBDCs throughout the country, which assisted them in preparing a professional business plan.

This time, when they applied to the bank with the plan, they received a substantial loan, which they used to enlarge their booming business. They now have a three-building complex and are negotiating purchase of a fourth!

In addition to their love of animals, Taman and Tal want to assist children with developmental disabilities.

With the help of JDC-Israel's division for the disabled, they are planning to set up an innovative pilot program at a high school for children with developmental disabilities.

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Kol Nidre's simplicity is often overlooked

By ELI OPHEK
Special to The CJN

On the evening of Yom Kippur the prayer of Kol Nidre is recited.

On the surface, it seems a simple prayer. In it, we ask that all vows and promises made between man and God that a person could not fulfil be null and void. In the New Year, we believe, a new page opens for every individual.

However, if we look closely, we find that the simplicity of Kol Nidre was often not recognized either by Jews or Christians.

In fact, today there are four versions of Kol Nidre in orthodox prayer books. The majority of the prayer books in Sephardi ritual use the phrase, "from the last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur," concerning the nulification of vows, while most prayer books in Ashkenazi ritual state "from this Yom Kippur till next Yom Kippur" for the negation of vows.

Some prayer books include both phrases, "from the last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur and from this Yom Kippur till next Yom Kippur." This is the only change they introduce in the text, all of which is written in the past tense.

Still others use the version, "from the last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur and from this Yom Kippur till the next Yom Kippur," and also change the text of the prayer to use both the past and the future.

There is a historical explanation of the different versions of Kol Nidre. The first version, the one in the Sephardi ritual, is the original. It dates from the Talmudic period that ended in the fifth century CE.

Talmudic authorities spoke against the public chanting of Kol Nidre, since they claimed that annulment of vows made in the past were not a simple matter, but required a Beth Din, a religious court. Yet Jewish congregations continued the custom of reciting Kol Nidre on the evening of Yom Kippur.

The Kol Nidre prayer acquired special meaning during historical periods in which Jews were forced to give up their religion and accept Christianity.

For example, in the seventh century CE, under the reign of the Visigoths in Spain, whole Jewish communities were compelled to convert to Christianity. Jews were forced to vow publicly to accept Christianity. But, there were Jews who secretly kept their connection with the religion of their fathers. These were the Marranos.

Marranos gathered in hiding

The Marranos who gathered in hiding for Yom Kippur chose to pray Kol Nidre at the beginning of the evening of Yom Kippur. In this prayer, they declared null and void the vows they had given to their persecutors against their wishes. Only after reciting Kol Nidre, they believed, would their repentance be accepted; they could then be permitted to proceed with the service of Yom Kippur as Jews. It is clear that the Marranos used the original text of Kol Nidre, the version that uses "from the last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur."

But the prayer of Kol Nidre was never intended to negate vows and promises between man and his fellow man; it only related to vows between man and God.

Vows and promises between individuals must find their resolution between the individuals themselves and the prayer of Kol Nidre was not intended to provide for their abolition.

However, anti-Semites asserted that the prayer of Kol Nidre dealt with vows and promises between individuals. Therefore, reciting of this prayer they claimed, absolved Jews from vows and promises they gave to others, and made it impossible to believe the word of Jews.

This anti-Semitic position became so strong that in many cases Jews were compelled to swear a "More Judaico" oath in civilian courts in the Middle Ages.

As recently as 1857, Jews in Russia were obliged to add an introduction in Hebrew to the prayer of Kol Nidre, declaring that this prayer did not deal with vows and promises between individuals, the courts, or the community.

Caused hardship for Jews

The anti-Semitic use of Kol Nidre as an argument that vows and promises of Jews could not be trusted, caused much hardship for Jews. Some rabbis tried to change the original Kol Nidre prayer, in order to refute the anti-Semitic claims.

In the 11th century CE, Rabbi Meir Ben Shmuel (the son-in-law of Rashi), changed the original Kol Nidre and introduced a version stating that the content deals with vows and nedarim "from this Yom Kippur till the next Yom Kippur," eliminating the original version, "from the last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur."

But this single change in the text is grammatically incorrect because all of the prayer of Kol Nidre is in the past tense: "Dindarna, deishtabana, deacharimna, deisarna," while the phrase, "from this Yom Kippur till next Yom Kippur," is in the future tense.

To use the version of Rabbi Shmuel and to adapt it grammatically to the past tense of the original text, some publications of the Yom Kippur prayer book also changed the prayer text so that it dealt both with the past and the future: "Di nedarna vedi nindar, di ishtabana vedi nishtaba, di acharimna vedi nacharim, di asarna vedi neesar."

These publications also use the version with both phrases, "from last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur and from this Yom Kippur till the next Yom Kippur."

In this last version of Kol Nidre, which referred to both the past and the future, the grammar in the text is correct.

But this version of the prayer eliminates the possibility of fulfilment of nedarim and vows, because Kol Nidre here abolishes nedarim and vows both in the past and in the future — "Shevitin oshvikin la shririn vela karamin."

However, the Torah does not speak against nedarim and vows and promises between man and God. On the contrary, it is written in Deuteronomy 23 verses 22-23, "If you make a neder to God do not delay paying it . . . keep the utterance of your mouth and do as you vowed to God."

In every Jewish holiday and Rosh Chodesh when the Hallel is recited, it includes the statement, "My vows to God I shall pay in the audience of his people. . ."

Also, a custom was introduced that certain alliyot to the Torah on the holiday of Simchat Torah were given to those who bid the highest for the purpose of mitzvah. These alliyot were called appropriately "nedarim."

In our time, after the anti-Semitic threat against Kol Nidre has lost its strength, when the Jewish nation is recognized and has rights like other nations, and when the world is more open to understanding the historical truth of Kol Nidre, it is not necessary to be apologetic about this prayer.

Today, it is reasonable to return to the original prayer of Kol Nidre that uses the phrase, "from the last Yom Kippur till this Yom Kippur."

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This unusual creation by artist Rammy Meiri fills the corner of a room in one of the old port's warehouses. [WZPS photo]

Neglected Tel Aviv port becomes colorful art gallery

World Zionist Press Service

A purple camel rises out of the sea. Two dancers do the tango on the beach, blue abstract sand dunes reaching to the sky. A bird of peace struggles to emerge into the world.

These startling images are some of the artistic creations of more than 300 professional artists, art school students and talented high school students who in one night transformed the neglected old port of Tel Aviv into an animated colorful studio and gallery.

The all-night happening, initiated by Dr. Shosh Avigal, head of the art and culture department of the Tel Aviv municipality, and actor/comic Schmuel Veloshney, starred top Israeli jazz, rock and reggae performers, street actors and stand-up comics. Arts and crafts stalls abounded and a Bedouin tent sold hand-made pita bread, hummus, leben and zatar.

The city's Events Department organized the logistics, including videotaped greetings from Tel Aviv's mayor, art enthusiast Ronni Milo, who was abroad. The event's sponsors were the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharanot*, Israel Radio's Reshet Gimmel, which covered the whole event, and two paint companies.

"The event is part of a larger plan to transform the old port from a run-down commercial area to a lively centre for art and fringe theatre," said Avigal, who hopes to turn the wharf's warehouses into artists' exhibition galleries and theatres.

Built in 1936 with permission from the British Mandatory Authority when Jaffa port was closed by a strike, almost half of Tel Aviv's young, able-bodied men were mobilized to build a jetty into the sea. The port was later enlarged, particularly to accommodate the growing demand for Israel's famous Jaffa oranges.

In 1965, when the new deep-water port was built at Ashdod, 20 miles south of Tel Aviv, the 85 dunam port was deactivated. Still run by a port authority, its warehouses are today used by carpet, tile and marble tradesmen, who will shortly be relocated.

The happening was attended by an estimated 40,000 visitors. A large screen presented a film produced by Camera Obscura, a cinema and photography school, and the Koko-Loco entertainers moved among the crowd in Mardi Gras regalia, singing Brazilian songs and adding immensely to the carnival-like atmosphere.

Those who stayed saw the artists put the finishing touches to works done on warehouse walls, roofs, doors and even pavements.

"This is my language," said artist Orna Levi as she completed her purple camel. "An artist doesn't usually have people come to his studio. People see only the finished product."

"It's a beautiful idea to bring color, atmopshere and music to the area," said Simcha Rosenthal, another professional artist.

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This dramatic commercial attempts to demonstrate the strength and quality of Kibbutz Hazorea's furniture by having a bulldozer plow through a bedroom and smash into one of its beds. [WZPS photo]

Israel's second TV station relies on commercial ads

World Zionist Press Service

It was a long road, but Israel's first commercial TV channel finally took to the airwaves in November 1993.

Although the concept was resisted for more than a decade by various government bodies and political figures, Channel 2 functioned for more than a decade on an experimental basis and was financed from state coffers.

The Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) now coordinates and controls the New Channel 2's three new franchises — Tel-Ad, Reshet and Keshet.

"This is a big step forward for Israeli TV," says Uzi Peled, managing director of Tel-Ad.

"Israel needs pluralism in television broadcasting and competition is the best way to ensure improved programming," Peled feels. "But a small country like Israel can't support more than one television channel. The only way is to finance them through commercial advertising."

STRA's 15-member council is chaired by Gen. (Res) Yossi Peled and directed by former army spokesman Nachman Shai.

"We decided to base our regulations on the British/European model rather than the American one," says Ayelet Metzger, the New Channel 2 commercials and ratings control manager.

"We make sure ads aren't longer than 90 seconds or less than 10 seconds and allow a maximum of six minutes of advertising per hour. U.S. stations are allowed up to 12 to 14 minutes per hour," she says.

Ads for cigarettes, gambling, private investigative agencies, cults, escort services, contraceptives, firearms and ammunitions, pornography and political messages, are not accepted. Ads for alcoholic beverages, direct marketing, dating services, financial services and vitamins for children are limited. Popular TV stars cannot appear in ads one hour before or after their TV programs, and 75 per cent of the ads must be original productions made for the Israeli market.

"We have to be careful. The standards we set now will stand for years," says Metzger.

"It's hard to define our criteria. On one hand, we don't want to become the nation's censor. But on the other hand, there are some things which just cannot be aired," she says. "A lot of it is a question of judgment. Therefore, before I ask for a commercial to be altered, I consult with several people, including our legal advisor."

What doesn't get aired? Metzger cites a commercial which was rejected for using foul language. "It was in poor taste," she explains. "We also rejected one commercial outright, which made unfair comparisons between products."

Setting rates for commercials and selling the actual advertising spots is left to the individual franchises. And although advertisers can opt to air their commercials on programs from all three franchises, they have to sign three separate contracts.

Prices vary from franchise to franchise. "But the differences are not great," says Peled.

Tel-Ad charges $3,000 for 30 seconds of non-prime time TV, while prime time (8 p.m. to 11 p.m.) can cost between $12,000 and $15,000.

Advertisers can request specific programs. "But if they don't know or are unsure, our advertising department will suggest programs with audiences geared to their products," says Peled.

Tel-Ad has a budget of between $20 and $25 million dollars for its first year of operations, but no one, admits Peled, expects any of the franchises to completely cover costs through advertising during this period.

"We have not started off too well," he admits. "We have only 40 per cent penetration — which means that if there are 100 spots, we have only sold 40. But for prime time we are 80 per cent sold and we may even reach 100 per cent by the end of the first year. The problem is with non-prime time," he confesses," and the situation is similar at both Reshet and Keshet."

Nevertheless, Peled is confident that by the second year, Tel-Ad will break even with overall penetration of 75 per cent, making a profit by its third year.

"The first year is a trial run for commercial TV," says New Channel 2 spokeswoman Tali Ben-Avi. "The important thing is that we have begun and I think the results so far are quite good."

As to the influence advertising will have on programming, Peled believes it is too early to tell.

"Eventually, we need to derive 100 per cent of our revenue from advertising," he says. "If we don't, then the shareholders will have to make up the difference. And if there are programs that we can't sell advertising for because of low ratings, they will have to be dropped. So, I suppose there will be some influence on program content."

Commercial TV caught Israeli advertising agencies unprepared. After years of government delays, advertising agencies were not ready with home-grown commercials.

Commercials during the first two months of operation were mainly those made abroad for international products such as Colgate and Lancia, existing ads being screened in Israeli movie theatres, or those inserted at the beginning of movie video cassettes.

"The advertising agencies are now working on developing commercials specifically for TV," says Peled, "and we are already starting to get new and original ads for the Israeli market."

Despite this slow start, viewers have expressed satisfaction with the ads. A survey commissioned by STRA and carried out by Teleseker over a two week period in mid-November 1993, found 73 per cent of viewers in favor of TV commercials and 69 per cent comfortable with the amount of time devoted to ads. The survey also found 76 per cent to be pleased with the overall quality of the commercials.

"Even though some of the commercials are the same as those in the movies, I still like them," enthused one Israeli teenager.

One of the most talked about ads, and also according to Metzger one of the most popular, is an ad for Castro, an Israeli clothing manufacturer.

A young man, wearing a long coat, is seen from behind opening his coat. From the expression on the faces of the people in the street, it is clear that he is a flasher. The camera then shifts to an attractive young woman walking down the street wearing a full-length coat. The flasher approaches her and flashes. She keeps on walking and then turns, and with a sly smile opens her coat and flashes back at him.

TV advertising has already claimed its first victim — the closing of the Hebrew daily newspaper *Hadashot* in December 1993.

"Our decision to close was based on the forecast for the future financial performance of *Hadashot*, says publisher Amos Schoken. "Our forecasts showed that certain advertisers would reduce their investments in the newspaper."

Alex Giladi, director of Kesher, was not at all surprised that commercial TV was having a visible impact on the local media.

"Israel is no different from the rest of the world," he notes.

"The introduction of commercial television is going to increase the advertising market as a whole, but it is also going to take a bite out of the share going to existing markets," he says. The question that remains is the size of this share."

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In search of a service...

By ALEXANDRA WALL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

In August, I usually begin my yearly quest for a High Holy Day service. Which synagogue is located close enough to my apartment, which service is the most egalitarian, where is the rabbi the most spiritually fulfilling?

Last year, however, I, along with my cousin Stephen, found myself travelling in Southeast Asia, dropping in on High Holy Day services where we could find them.

Little did I think I would end up on Yom Kippur in the crowded women's section of a synagogue in Bangkok, Thailand.

We arrived in Bangkok and witnessed what we had only heard about from Israelis: stores with Hebrew signs, restaurants with Hebrew menus boasting falafel and Israeli salad on the menu, Hebrew shouted in the streets and bazaars and a large Hebrew-speaking enclave of backpackers among the rest of the tourists staying in the cheap accommodation area called Khao San Road. All the Hebrew made a very alien city seem not so very foreign.

We then travelled to Indonesia, where all that suddenly changed. At this time last year, Israelis were still prohibited from traveling in Indonesia, a Muslim country with ties to the Arab world. (Only recently has Indonesia opened itself up to Israeli organized groups, but not to independent travelers.)

While the volcanoes and temples of Indonesia made the visit worthwhile, I never felt fully comfortable there as a Jew.

We made sure to return to Bangkok the day before erev Yom Kippur, so as not to miss Kol Nidre. But due to the infamous traffic jams of Bangkok, we ended up missing it anyway.

Sitting in a gridlocked taxi cab, we grew more nervous as sundown approached. As we neared the area, we got stuck in traffic that wouldn't move. Already late, we decided to get out and walk the last bit, having no idea how far we were.

I had received some instructions from the rabbi on the telephone, but finding our way proved to be confusing. We hurried along, turning down narrow streets called sois, until finally we saw it: a large Magen David set in a window, rising above a wall outside the Beit Alisheva Synagogue.

There, in one of the most foreign-feeling countries I had ever visited, was a symbol linking me to one of the more constant, comforting aspects of my life.

I hadn't considered what kind of service it would be, but I definitely was not prepared for what was there. First, I did not expect so many people. The Jewish community of Thailand, while in constant flux, has a permanent community which numbers approximately 200 people.

They are a mixed bunch: Westerners who are drawn to Thailand for business, retirees, Israeli diplomats and embassy officials and quite a large number in the jewelry business.

There is no one way to please such a diverse community, so the congregation is dubbed just "Jewish" by its Lubavitch Rabbi Yosef Kantor.

Having grown up in a strictly Reform home, I found it amusing that the only Orthodox service I had attended in my adult life was in, of all places, Bangkok.

The services were in themselves unremarkable, although when it came time for the worshipers to re-enact prayer from the ancient temple by kneeling down in complete submission to God, one of Bangkok's usual mid-afternoon thunder showers began, casting an especially odd feeling over the proceedings.

As the entire men's section bowed and knelt, thunder and lightning roared from above.

During the break-the-fast, we were able to speak with some of the congregants, and to feast on both Western- and Israeli-style food.

We spoke with an American man who had retired to Thailand after he visited once and saw a sign signaling "Welcome Home" go off in his head.

We met Israeli backpackers who came mostly for the free meal. We met a Canadian man who was at the beginning of a few years' stay to work in the Canadian Embassy.

We met the president of the congregation, whose parents were American, but was himself born in Thailand. We met several Iranian families who had fled Iran when the Ayatollah Khomeini came to power.

Whatever brought this diverse group of people to Thailand, we all found ourselves in synagogue together on Yom Kippur.

To have that sense of belonging again, the feeling that one is a part of something infinitely larger and more vast, especially in a country filled with golden pagodas — it was truly wonderful to travel so far, and yet find something so familiar.

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First natural medicine research unit launched

Jerusalem Dateline

The first interdisciplinary research unit for natural medicine in the Middle East, is being established at the Hadassah Hospital (Ein Kerem) in Jerusalem.

"The unit is unique in Israel because of its emphasis on research," explains its head, Dr. Sarah Sallon, a pediatrician with fieldwork experience in India, Tibet and Ethiopia.

"We will try to quantify how effective natural medicines are in a research- rather than treatment-oriented perspective," she says.

"One of the main problems in this field has been the lack of interaction between botanists, epidemiologists, chemists, biologists, physicians and the pharmaceutical companies and people with expertise in the fields of traditional or alternative medicine. We hope to act as a catalyst."

The unit hopes initially to create a database of a rare and unique collection of plants. These specimens document the medicinal lore of several groups in British Mandate Palestine, as well as of immigrant Jewish populations from places such as Yemen and North Africa, who brought a centuries-old tradition of herbal medicine to Israel when they arrived in the late '40s and early '50s.

That this lore has been documented is particularly significant in the light of vast and rapid modernization. It is also important in view of the increasing reliance on modern medicine and the fact that knowledge of traditional medicine and plant lore is rapidly slipping into oblivion and is in danger of being lost to future generations.

The unit hopes in the future to offer pharmaceutical companies the service of doing research into particular plants, in conjunction with clinicians and scientists in the Hadassah Hospital Medical School.

The first natural medicine to be tested in the Hadassah unit is a traditional Tibetan medicine, Padma 28. In recent studies at Hadassah, this preparation, produded in Switzerland, has been found to act as a powerful anti-oxidant, countering the clogging of arteries.

Padma 28 is a preparation comprising over 22 components.

What the Hadassah Unit for Natural Medicine Research is in a unique position to offer — and what gives it the edge over similar centres, for example, in the United States — is the cost-effective research aspect.

The combination of high levels of expertise with a relatively low wage scale compared to the United States makes research in this country a very attractive proposition.

Furthermore, Sallon hopes that, with the development of the peace process in Israel, the unit will be able to share and collaborate with Israel's neighbors on research in the Middle East.

A trove of Hellenistic silver coins found by the Israel Antiquities Authority off the Haifa coast. [Photo: Ya'acov Sharvit]

Ancient cache of coins discovered off Haifa coast

Jerusalem Dateline

A trove of silver coins from the Hellenic period, one of the largest treasures of its type ever found in Israel, was discovered off the Haifa coast by the Marine Division of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

The find includes a mass of coins weighing approximately 21 kg and some 1,800 other coins weighing roughly another 20 kg. The coins, known as tetradrachmas, were all minted in Paphos in the year 145 BCE, during the reign of Emperor Ptolemy VI Philometor.

The obverse of each coin bears the portrait of the emperor; on the reverse is a large eagle, the symbol of the Ptolemaic emperors. The mint mark and the year of mintage appear next to the eagle.

These coins were valuable in the Hellenistic period; the archive of Xenon, a Greek who lived in Egypt in the third century BCE, explains that the daily wage of an ordinary hired soldier was one-fourth of a silver tetradrachma.

In the first and second centuries BCE, Coele-Syria, as the country was known, played an important role in the economy of the Ptolemaic empire, as the transit routes from the Far east crossed it. Large merchant vessels plied the country's coast bearing slaves, olive oil, wine, wheat and other grains.

Ya'akov Sharvit, a marine archaeologist with the IAA, notes that the coins off the Haifa coast belonged to the cargo of a ship that had sailed north from Egypt and foundered near Haifa.

Sharvit believes that the cache of coins probably represented either payment for goods and slaves carried by a coastal mechant vessel or the wages of Ptolemy's hired soldiers.

Historical sources make it clear that the alliance between the Ptolemaic ruler of Egypt and the ruler of Coele-Syria broke up in 145 BCE, whereupon Ptolemy's troops advanced up the coast of Coele-Syria.

Israel Antiquities Authority archaeologists examining the coins, found off the coast of Haifa. [Photo: Ya'acov Sharvit]

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The Cuban Jews of Miami

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

At Temple Beth Shmuel, the Cuban Hebrew Congregation of Miami, it is not uncommon for both kishke and black beans with rice to be on the same dinner menu.

Contemporary Jewish immigration to Cuba (earlier Jewish communities had died out) is considered to date back to the end of the 1898 Spanish American War.

A small group of U.S. citizens, mainly Romanian born, entered the country after first settling in Florida. Further immigration came from Turkey in 1913, Eastern Europe starting in 1921, Germany in the late 1930s, and the camps and hiding places of Holocaust survivors after World War II.

The wandering Jews stayed long enough to forge cultural and language ties, but the majority of the approximately 15,000 in the Jewish community made their way to the United States, together with other Cubans, during the exodus precipitated by the 1959 Castro-led revolution.

Most settled in Miami or Miami Beach, where there are currently up to four generations of Jews of European and Middle Eastern origin, those born in Cuba and young Americans.

To the outsider they are vitually indistinguishable from other Cuban immigrants. However, there are differences. Walk into one clothing store on Collins Avenue and you're greeted in Spanish, but the proprietor tosses a few Yiddish words over his shoulder to his wife at the back.

During Pesach you'll notice an open box of matzoh beside the cash register in the children's wear shop at the corner of Lincoln Road and Collins Avenue.

Population estimates vary widely, but Cuban-born George Feldenkreis, vice-president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, insists that there are at least 10,000 Ashkenazim and 7,000 Sephardim of Cuban background within the community. Occupations are diverse — retail, commercial, professional.

Relations with other Cuban immigrants are good, but the Jewish sector does its own thing, according to Feldenkreis.

Conservative Temple Beth Shmuel, a beautiful contemporary building, has a 90 per cent Ashkenazi Cuban congregation. Orthodox Temple Moses is largely Sephardi Cuban, and Temple Menorah which is Conservative, includes a mix of Cuban, Central and South American congregants.

As the community exits to the suburbs, there is a tendency to join local synagogues (the core shuls do not have religious schools) but, notes Mario Chyzyk, vice-president of Temple Beth Shmuel, the bond is strong and original memberships are usually retained as well.

Feldenkreis and Chyzyk agree that there is less intermarriage than in the general Jewish community. Cuban Jews will marry American Jews, but are less likely to marry non-Jews.

Parental control remains firm, in the Latin tradition. Young people are encouraged to participate in a well supervised one-semester High School in Israel program but are discouraged from studying at universities abroad. "We like to keep our children close to home," says Feldenkreis' wife Mariita.

There is a Cuban B'nai Brith lodge and a Spanish speaking Hadassah chapter. And there is a Cuban committee within the Miami Jewish Federation. Support for the Federation is solid, with annual contributions from the apparently affluent Cuban community totalling one million dollars, with particular concern for Israel.

But Cuban Jews in Florida face a dilemma in their relations with the dwindling Jewish population of some 1,000 in Cuba, because they, like other Cuban emigres, are reluctant to prop up Castro by sending goods and cash.

For 25 years, says former Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region director Edmond Lipsitz, Canadian Jews financed Passover shipments to Cuba, sending them via Russian and Polish vessels out of Montreal.

In the past three years, since the Soviet breakup and consequent reduction of shipping, the Floridian Cuban Jews have been donating a portion of the cost of the Passover shipment through the Federation, which in turn funnels it to the American Joint Distribution Committee.

The AJDC then sends the Passover shipment, still generously supported by Canadian Jewish Congress, through Mexico City to its destination.

Main sanctuary, Temple Beth Shmuel, Miami

Interior, Temple Beth Shmuel, Miami.

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JCC STAFF LAUNCH PROTEST

Jewish Community Centre volunteers protest against the firing of staff from the JCC and Leah Posluns Theatre outside the United Jewish Appeal campaign kick-off. See story page 24. [Amy Sattin photo]

Quebec opens door to full funding for Jewish schools

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Jewish day schools will receive 100 per cent funding for secular studies from the Quebec government by 1997-98, Education Minister Jacques Chagnon announced last week. The funding is contingent on the success of negotiations between the Association of Jewish Day Schools (AJDS) and the Montreal Catholic School Commission (MCSC) on establishing an official link.

At a press conference at Hebrew Academy in Cote St. Luc, Chagnon presented a letter of agreement between the ministry and the AJDS authorizing "associate status" for the 16 member schools with the MCSC.

Once that relationship is finalized, the government will increase its subsidies incrementally from the present 60 per cent level to 100 per cent over four years, Chagnon said.

Government funding of the Jewish schools is per student and tied to the public school rate. Thus, a 100 per cent funding means a Jewish school would receive the same grant per student as a public school.

In dollars, that means an increase from the current $18 million to about $30 million "in today's terms," the minister said.

The current total budget of the 16 schools, housed in 22 buildings, and with an enrolment of almost 7,000, is $40 million annually, said AJDS director-general Joe Rabinovitch. Among the 16 are the Orthodox communities' yeshivot and girls' academies.

Rabinovitch emphasized that the minister's authorization is "the first of a two-step process" and that no agreement has been made with the MCSC yet.

"It's an agreement in principle with the minister. Now we have to meet with the MCSC," he said. Rabinovitch expects those talks to take another four months. The AJDS has held exploratory meetings with the MCSC, whose president Francois Ouimet, resigned to run as a Liberal candidate. There was no MCSC representative at the press conference.

The minister's authorization of the associate status was made by decree, which Rabinovitch said "has the force of law." Should there be a change in government, it could be undone only through legislation, he said.

The Jewish community has been discussing associate status with government officials for some five years now, AJDS president Barry Rishikof said.

He said he believed association with a public school board will not result in any loss of autonomy for the Jewish schools, which will continue to be classified as private schools. The exact terms of the relationship are to be worked out in the anticipated talks with the MCSC.

The Jewish schools had associate status with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) until the late '60s. At that time, they accepted an offer to become private from the then premier, Union Nationale leader Daniel Johnson Sr., the father of the present Liberal premier. For years, government funding amounted to 80 per cent, but this has gradually declined.

Over the same period, the day schools increasingly accepted students who were unable to pay full or any fees, as well as those requiring specialized education, Rishikof said. Association with the MCSC should enable the Jewish schools to gain from its pedagogical expertise in these areas, he said.

The AJDS had been talking with the PSBGM about association and the board passed a resolution of approval in principle a couple of years ago.

But, Rabinovitch said, it was felt by the Jewish community that associating with the largest francophone school board in the province would "send the message that the Jewish community has a place here in Quebec and wishes to integrate into the society."

Indeed, Chagnon hailed such an association as "evidence of a great openness of spirit" and "furthering social integration and intercultural collaboration."

The announcement was heavy with political overtones. At Chagnon's side were D'Arcy McGee Liberal candidate Lawrence Bergman and Industry Minister Gerald Tremblay, the Outremont incumbent.

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Morocco establishes relations with Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — On the eve of the Jewish New Year, Morocco became the second Arab country to establish diplomatic ties with Israel.

Last Thursday, the two countries announced that they would soon open liaison offices in Tel Aviv and Rabat, the Moroccan capital.

"For us it's a beautiful present on the holiday, but it is beyond a holiday present," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Army Radio.

"The majority of relations that we have focused on were bilateral with states neighboring us. This is an opening of a regional system of relations," said Peres.

Morocco also announced that it would simultaneously open a representative office to the Palestinian governing authority in Gaza. The PLO has had what is termed an "embassy" in Rabat for many years.

Morocco and Israel have long had de facto relations, with King Hassan II serving as an intermediary in Israel's peace efforts over the years.

Speculation over Israeli-Moroccan ties has been rife since the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian accord in Washington last September. Returning from the Washington ceremony, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Peres stopped off in Morocco, their first public visit to the country.

For some time, Morocco has encouraged tourism and even trade with Israel, where 600,000 Israelis claim Moroccan descent.

In its announcement of the establishment of an interest section in Rabat, the Foreign Ministry said that the offices were being set up "according to the rules and norms detailed in the Vienna Treaty on diplomatic relations."

It was not immediately clear when the exchange of offices would take place.

Lester Pollack, chair of the U.S.-based Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, met with the king last Wednesday to discuss plans for a regional economic conference Hassan will host in October.

Rabin and Peres last month received invitations to the conference, which will include government and business representatives from countries such as Jordan and possibly Saudi Arabia, as well as Western business leaders.

Rucker named to IRB

OTTAWA — *Canadian Jewish News* editor Patricia Rucker has been named to the Immigration and Refugee Board for a three-year term.

The appointment was one of 57 announced last week by Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi. Of those, 18 were re-appointments.

Rucker was named editor of *The CJN* in 1989. Prior to that, she was the paper's assignment editor and political reporter.

She joins several other Jewish appointees to the IRB, including community figures Alan Rose and Ian Kagedan, who were named a few weeks ago; and activist Mindy Skapinker.

Hamilton lawyer Max Wolpert and Toronto communal figure Max Schecter were re-appointed to the board.

Ethnic groups seek funding equality

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's deja vu all over again. A coalition of Christian, Muslim, Sikh and Hindu parents are proposing an arrangement for public funding of private schools that was first suggested by the Jewish community 16 years ago.

The parents are asking an Ontario court to rule that they are suffering religious discrimination in the public school system, contrary to the freedom of religion and equality sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

They are hoping that a favorable ruling will permit public school boards to consider permitting religiously-oriented schools from these communities to come under the umbrella of the public system, as was proposed in North York in 1978 for Associated Hebrew Schools, said Peter Jervis, the lawyer representing the parents.

"Our case is the same type of proposal as [suggested] in 1978, the development of alternative religious schools within the public school system for religious minorities," Jervis said.

The case is distinguished from one brought by five Jewish parents, supported by Canadian Jewish Congress, and several Christian parents, suppported by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools Societies, which is currently before the courts. The parents in that case are asking for full government funding for religious schools that operate *outside* the public system.

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UJA '95 launched as a 'tribute to life'

Campaign goal set at $40 million

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — With voices raw and dialling fingers worn, an army of UJA workers rose from a bank of 130 telephones last September feeling somewhat triumphant and giddy.

In the one-day fundraising marathon known as Super Sunday, some 700 volunteers working in shifts had made about 40,000 telephone calls, spoken with occupants of some 20,000 Jewish homes — and raised about $2 million, or five per cent of the charity's annual target of $40 million, all in one day.

Super Sunday falls on September 11 this year, and volunteers again hope that members of the Jewish community will reach deep into their pockets when the UJA calls.

The theme of this year's campaign is Saving Jewish Lives, and the $2 million that has again been set as the target for the one-day fundraising extravaganza has already been earmarked for a diverse range of vital social welfare and educational programs, both here and in Israel.

"In the best Jewish tradition, UJA '95 is a tribute to life — saving Jewish lives so no Jew stands alone," campaign co-chair Wendy Eisen told 500 volunteers at the campaign launch and training session recently held at the Inn on the Park Hotel.

The first appeal by the UJA's predecessor, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, took place in Toronto in 1917 and raised $20,000.

The UJA has set a target of $40 million for this year's campaign, which runs until the end of the year.

Guest speaker at the UJA '95 campaign launch was Allen Pollack, a New York City-based university professor who is currently writing a book on the collapse of the Soviet Union. Pollack soon made clear the appropriateness of the campaign's theme, Saving Jewish Lives.

In the post-Cold War era, atrocities committed in places like Sarajevo and Rwanda are becoming tragically common, he said. "They are not the exception to the rule, they are the rule. They are symptomatic of what may come all over Eastern Europe."

He characterized Eastern Europe as a swirling vortex of tragic possibilities, a place in which average living conditions have deteriorated since the collapse of communism, and where people have a historic propensity for blaming the Jews for their social problems.

"If you want to get a clear picture of what is going on in Eastern Europe today, read a history of Weimar Germany," he said.

A specialist in Russian history and the role of Jews in the revolutionary movement of Czarist Russia, Pollack observed that we live in a world of transition since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the U.S.-Soviet Cold War, when the rules of engagement seemed clear.

"The world of 10 years ago was a very dangerous one, with the possibility of nuclear holocaust. Yet, with all its turmoils and difficulties, the one thing I can tell you about that world is that, at that time, anyone who went to sleep at night knew what the world would be like the next day.

"Today, the dangers of global disintegration are gone, but I can tell you with absolute certainty, when you go to bed tonight, you don't know what the world will be like tomorrow. The world we're facing now, while theoretically safer, is much more dangerous."

"What is the lesson of Yugoslavia? The lesson of Yugoslavia is that a new nation decided to do whatever it wanted to do, like Saddam Hussein in Iraq. Ethnic cleansing is allowed. Concentration camps are allowed. Raping and pillaging are allowed. This is going on in places we don't even talk about ... Because the proper rules have not been set, nobody knows where this will go."

When communism first collapsed in the East, many Jews had a telling reaction, said Pollack.

"The first reaction of the Jews of Eastern Europe was not to sing and dance. Their first reaction was to run like mad, because they could almost smell instinctively what might happen there. The fact that we brought a half-million home (to Israel) is one of the modern miracles of our people."

The same factors that are producing turmoil in Eastern Europe have ironically acted in favor of peace in the Middle East, Pollack observed.

"The Arabs know that they're living in a new sort of world, one that is dominated by the United States. They know that they have to do what the United States wants, which is to make peace with Israel.

"We have within our hands the possibility of doing in this generation what hundreds of years of Jewish history and millions of Jews could only dream about," said Pollack.

"We can yet see what we all dreamed about, an Israel living in peace in the Middle East, an Israel devoting its time to being a light unto all nations ... We have for so long been a people living in fear. We can yet see ourselves as a people living in hope."

Pollack reminded his listeners of the necessity for Jews to remember history and not to be entirely consumed by the problems of the moment.

"I believe that you can't be a Jew today if you don't believe in your heart of hearts that the Messiah will come. To be a Jew means you have to have absolute faith that a better world is coming. In the meantime, until that better world is here, we have to keep both feet on the ground."

At the UJA campaign kick-off are (from left) 1995 campaign co-chair Bob Masters, Barbara Bank, Women's campaign chair; Wendy Eisen, UJA '95 campaign co-chair; and Lawrie Fein, co-chair of the 1994 campaign.

Woolfe helped Mounties 'Maintain the Right'

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — On the eve of a new century, longtime Vancouver resident Harry Woolfe looks back wistfully at the early days of this one, days when Mounties kept the laws and the movies were silent.

Harry, 95, played a role in the story of those early days. He served with the Royal North-West Mounted Police (RNWMP), predecessor to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and is now its oldest living member.

He also is a charter member of the Variety Club of British Columbia, the showbiz club he joined as a movie distributor in 1966, and a designated Canadian Motion Pictures Pioneer.

To top it off, Harry and wife Debbie, who is a couple of years younger, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in June. Both early residents of Calgary, they married in New York.

Harry Woolfe was born in London, England, in 1899. His father, a builder and gunsmith, took the family to Canada in 1910, settling in Calgary, where he helped build the city's first synagogue. As a gunsmith he did work for the RNWMP — an organization which fascinated young Harry.

The North-West Mounted Police was established in 1873 as the sole law enforcement agency for Canada's new territories. The force patrolled the Prairies from the American border to the far reaches of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, becoming "Royal" in 1904. In 1920 the RNWMP merged with the Dominion Police to become the RCMP.

By 17, Harry had joined the force as a police officer and took his training at the Regina headquarters. Like all military-type institutions, the pay wasn't great — 50 cents a day "and all the oats I could steal from my horse," he recalls, but "I loved it."

Debbie and Harry Woolfe.

Harry spoke from his comfortable apartment in the Kerrisdale area, where he and Debbie live on their own. Pictures of Harry with some of the Mounties' top brass hang in the hallway. He says he doesn't get around much now but did drive his car until he was 91.

Harry's training included learning how to survive the cold and empty prairies in the winter and how to ride a horse under any condition. A picture of him proudly mounted on his steed now hangs on the wall of the Jewish Community Centre of Vancouver in a collection of photos exhibited by the Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia.

He also has a picture of an early car, so primitive the gas tank sits on the running board. The RNWMP didn't use the car to chase crooks — that was done on horseback — but for routine inter-office work.

Harry's RNWMP uniform was a scarlet tunic, navy breeches with a gold stripe down the sides, high leather boots and a specially-created Stetson hat. The uniform was similar to what Mounties today wear on dress parade.

In the winter, the police wore three-quarter length reefer coats made of buffalo, with matching buffalo hats. They also wore fleece-lined long johns in weather that often dipped to 40 or 50 degrees below zero.

Harry still wears around his neck a button from his tunic, mounted on a small plaque upon which is inscribed the RNWMP motto: Maintiens le Droit (Maintain the Right). The button features a fierce looking bison, typical of the animals that roamed the plains in the early days.

After finishing his training, Const. Woolfe was assigned to the RNWMP detachment in Yorkton, Sask., north of Regina. It was in Yorkton that the Bronfman family founded its empire with the Balmoral Hotel — a popular eating place for the young cops.

It was bitterly cold in the winter, with few farm homes in which a patrolling officer could drop in on to warm up. And it was hot in the summer. "Life was tough," Harry says, "but I was young — it was fun. It was a great experience but I'm not sure if I'd want to go through it again."

He says his patrols didn't result in any major captures or rescues, "but we had some trouble with Peter Verigin and his Doukhobors," a pacifist Russian sect rejecting secular governments that first settled in Yorkton in 1898. The Doukhobors would strip naked as a gesture of protest, a no-no in those days.

When World War I broke out, Harry served in France with a special RNWMP contingent attached to the Canadian calvary. He left the force after the war and joined the RCMP Veterans Association (registration number 6607). Debbie says he always gets a standing ovation at veterans' functions.

Harry went into the new-fangled movie business, starting as a shipper for Paramount Pictures in Calgary. In 1923 he took a job in Cincinnati as a film distributor for Universal Pictures. His job took him all over, including a monthly trip into Kentucky mountain country to meet shanty theatre operators. "I travelled on horseback," he says, "and carried a pistol. It was a pretty wild place back then."

Harry returned to Calgary in 1938 to become branch manager for RKO. Five years later he took over management of film distribution for United Artists in Vancouver, a position he held until retirement. He later started his own business booking films for the province's independent theatres.

The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta, in its January 1991 journal, said of Harry: "Although he has spent nearly half a century on the Coast, Harry remains a distinguished and colorful part of the history of our Calgary community. With pride we salute one of the pioneers — Harry Woolfe."

Polish newspaper publishes anti-Semitic book excerpts

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Polish newspaper published in Edmonton, *Kulisy Polonii*, printed extracts from the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in its June 30 issue, resulting in a protest and a request for an apology by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

In its Aug. 26 issue, the publisher and editor, Josef Lenik, printed a full-page reply to the protest, headed *Is the Kulisy Polonii anti-Semitic?*.

The Federation does not yet have a full translation of the Polish paper's reply and is holding off any response to determine if, indeed, it is an apology.

Officials of the Canadian Polish Congress told *The Jewish Free Press* in Calgary they were "appalled" at the publication of the excerpts.

When he printed the extracts from the *Protocols*, the notorious Russian czarist forgery, Lenik ran a foreword saying he had been asked by readers of the paper to run it.

In a subsequent interview with Judy Shapiro, editor of the *Jewish Free Press* in Calgary, Lenik defended the paper's right to print the extracts.

"As a publisher I have to inform poeple that such a book exists," he told Shapiro. "It was not my intention to make people hate Jews, but only to provide information about this book."

Lenik said the disclaimer stated that the *Protocols* are not true and were probably written by somebody who hates Jews.

"People know about this book but don't know what's in it," Lenik said. "It is my duty to inform people."

His Aug. 26 issue reply is addressed to both the Jewish Federation and to Sigmund Sobolewski, a Polish Catholic survivor of Auschwitz and resident of Fort Assiniboine, Alta.

Lenik wrote: "If I offended you, I am sorry. If I offended the Jewish community, I feel sorry as well. It was not my intention."

He called the *Protocols* a "historical oddity" and claimed Poles cannot be so easily swayed by old stories.

Lenik also wrote that he wishes the Jewish community all the best, as he does all communities, including Hindus and Germans.

With a circulation of 5,000 nationally *Kulisy Polonii* is an independent newspaper, but does receive the support of the Canadian Polish Congress, which publishes an insert in the paper every two months.

Prof. Karol Krotki, a member of the executive of the Canadian Polish Congress and editor of the insert, called the *Protocols'* publication "the very bottom to which journalism can fall."

Printing the *Protocols*, he said, "is not a service. Society does not need that kind of enlightenment."

Canadian Polish Congress president Joseph Bereznicki said he was "appalled" at the action of the Polish newspaper.

Bereznicki reported that he had spoken to the publisher of *Kulisy Polonii* and was told Lenik had been on vacation and the material "slipped through."

"We expressed our dismay and this matter will be discussed at our next meeting," Bereznicki said.

The excerpts printed included allegations that Jews were responsible for many of the world's most violent altercations, from the French Revolution to World War I. Other segments allege Jews control the world gold supply and the news media, and want to establish a world government under Jewish control.

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TEENAGE EXODUS

More than 500 Jewish teenagers from around the world participated in "Exodus" this past summer. Sponsored by WZO and the Jewish Agency, the program sought to recreate the journey of thousands of Jewish refugees who fled to Palestine in the 1930s and '40s. The teens boarded a boat in Brindisi, Italy, and spent three days at sea, imagining themselves as refugees, before landing in Israel. [Avi Horowitz photo courtesy of the youth and hechalutz department and the Jewish Agency]

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

BALDOCK

John Freeman, of Toronto, has submitted an intriguing enquiry about the origin of his grandfather's surname, which he recalls from childhood memories as Baldock. His grandfather lived in Plonsk, a town near Warsaw, Poland, where he was "some kind of leader in the community."

These skimpy clues are not enough to solve the mystery. I can find no shtetl in Poland that even resembles Baldock. I can conjure up only two far-fetched solutions, which I offer with diffidence.

Baldachim is the Polish word for canopy, which suggests that his grandfather either manufactured chuppahs or solemnized marriage under a chuppah.

The alternative is to consider that his grandfather had developed skill as a hornblower (of the shofar or ram's horn) and was therefore referred to as the Baal-Tekiya. Baltokiyah is an authentic name recorded in Kiev.

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Waterloo receives unusual donation for Holocaust education

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

KITCHENER — A recent contribution to the Waterloo County Holocaust Education Committee came from a decidedly unexpected donor.

The $250 cheque was signed by Harold Eidt, who earlier this summer pleaded guilty to one count of uttering a death threat against a group of Jewish protesters.

The donation had been ordered by Judge Colin Westman of the Ontario Court (Provincial Division), who handed Heidt a suspended sentence on the death threat charge but placed him on one year's probation and fined him $100 for failing to obey unrelated bail conditions.

The idea for the contribution came from committee member Jack Somer after consultations with assistant Crown attorney David Russell.

"It's an unusual donation," Somer told *The CJN*. "That's for sure."

The charge against Eidt was laid in November 1992, when he confronted a group of protesters outside the Kitchener stereo shop owned by Michael Rothe.

Rothe's store windows often display printed material that questions the Holocaust and it was at his shop that British Holocaust revisionist David Irving spoke in late 1992, just days before he was ordered deported from Canada.

Rothe's shop is also a well-known meeting place for Canadian neo-Nazis.

Protesters, mostly Jewish and some Holocaust survivors, held thrice-weekly vigils outside the store in the autumn of 1992 to call public attention to Rothe's neo-Nazi connections.

The Court heard that on Nov. 13, 1992, Eidt, then 19, exchanged words with the protesters, one of whom allegedly spat on him.

Eidt threatened "to get a gun and kill them all," according to police.

According to a witness interviwed by *The CJN* after the incident, Eidt yelled "Heil Hitler!" and returned later in a car with some friends. The car's window was reportedly smashed.

Judge Westman told Eidt he was "not certain, because of your education, if you were equipped" to have understood why the protesters were picketing Rothe's shop.

Somer said the committee uses its funds to further educational programs on the Holocaust within the Waterloo County public and separate school boards.

Beilin's 'anti-charity' policies are slammed by predecessor

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL —Yehuda Ben-Meir, a former Israeli deputy foreign minister in the government of Menachem Begin, rapped the current minister Yossi Beilin for suggesting last year that Israel no longer needs "charity" from the Diaspora

Ben-Meir encouraged Montreal rabbis and synagogue officials to ignore such pronouncements and continue to urge their congregants to buy State of Israel Bonds.

New York-born Ben-Meir scoffed at statements by Beilin and some other Israeli officials that Israel is now economically strong enough that it can borrow money on international markets like any other nation.

Ben-Meir, an ordained rabbi who was first elected to the Knesset in 1971 and served as deputy foreign minister from 1981-84, was guest speaker at a luncheon for Bonds' Synagogue Division, held at Adath Israel Poale Zedek Congregation.

The event launched Bonds' Shomrei Shalom (Guardians of Peace) High Holy Day campaign.

Rabbi Gavriel Newman of Congregation Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob sought clarification from Ben-Meir on the confusion that has been created by conflicting statements from government officials on the value of the Bonds program.

"The people of Israel see world Jewry, and especially North American Jewry, as our partners in establishing and maintaining the Jewish state," Ben-Meir said.

He attributed Israel's current economic strength to the $14 billion (U.S.) in State of Israel securities purchased worldwide since 1951.

"That's the way Israel with 5 million people has a GNP higher than Egypt with 55 million people," he said.

Rabbi Newman said some rabbis are having trouble getting people to buy Bonds because they heard Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had committed $25 million to the Palestinians.

Ben-Meir stressed that "100 per cent" of Bonds purchases go to "Israel and Jews, not Arabs."

Bonds campaign kickoff

Ben-Meir explained that that money will mainly come from a return of taxes deducted from the wages of Palestinians who work in Israel to the Palestinian authorities in Gaza and Jericho to establish a fund for pensions and other social benefits. In addition, Israel will remit to the Palestinian authorities the customs it collects on goods destined for Gaza and Jericho that come through Israeli ports, he said.

To another question, Ben-Meir replied that funds from Bond sales are distributed equally to the Jewish settlements in the sense that the territories benefit from the national 100 billion shekel budget like any other part of the country.

"The Israel Treasury increased the [interest] rate on Israel Bonds twice in the last month. This is a clear indication of how urgently the money is needed," said Erol Araf, Montreal director of Israel Bonds.

"The Israeli government plans to spend $60 billion (U.S.) over the next 10 years on improvements to the infrastructure, of which $10 billion is to come from Israel Bonds," Araf added.

The rabbis and synagogue executive directors and presidents attending the luncheon were given a letter from Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shochat in which he asks that they "inspire congregants to invest in Israel Bonds as a means of participating in the great and noble undertaking of building the Jewish state...

"The return of the Jewish people to Eretz Israel is an enterprise in which all Jews should share...It is very important for me to know that Israel has individuals throughout the world who are promoting the Israel Bonds campaign and helping us in our efforts to absorb new immigrants."

The campaign kit also contains a quote from Rabin: "Israel Bonds is measured in two ways. It is measured in dollars, but it has a much deeper meaning: involvement and commitment. I believe that the partnership Israel Bonds has created between Israel and Jewish communities around the world is the key to our success in the past, and to our success in the future."

Rabbis are being urged by Bonds officials to promote the purchase of the securities as an investment, both financial and in "our Jewish heritage and collective future."

Court rejects parents' appeal

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The Ontario Court of Appeal has turned down the parents' appeal, but they are preparing to ask the Supreme Court of Canada to hear the case.

The 10 parents represented by Jervis, who are being supported by the Ontario Multi-faith Coalition for Equity in Education (OMCEE), would like to see the implementation of recommendations contained in a 1984 report by educator Bernard Shapiro, who called for public financing for religious schools, Jervis said.

There are precedents for such an approach, the lawyer continued. Calgary has two Jewish, one native and one Christian school operating under the auspices of the public system. In Ontario in the 1970s, a Mennonite school near the Manitoba border that offered religious classes was funded by taxpayers, he said. That school agreed to accept people from any religious group and they made religious instruction and classes optional for students. That differs from the 1978 Jewish proposal which would have made Jewish instruction mandatory, he said.

There are 14 alternative schools in Toronto that come under the auspices of public boards, Jervis asserted. One of them offers native spiritualism as part of its curriculum, opening the school day with a "sweetgrass ceremony," he said.

Gerald Vandezande, government relations coordinator with OMCEE, said, "Our parents feel the public school system doesn't serve them and the government should provide equal treatment for them."

OMCEE "was opposed to the old majoritarianism which forced Christianity down peoples' throats, but we are also opposed to the new majoritarianism which says you must think secularly," he said. Excluding God and religion from schools is in itself a "faith ideal that people in our coalition cannot accept. You can't force people to swallow secularism," he added.

Murray Segal, chair of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (OJAEE), a Congress committee, said the approach being advocated by OMCEE is a familiar one.

In 1978, said Segal, Associated Hebrew Schools and the North York board of education agreed to a pilot project that would see the public board pay for the general studies portion of the school day, while Associated would provide the Judaic component. At the time, Ontario law permitted religious instruction in public schools, with the provision that children could opt out of the classes.

To comply with that legislation, Associated agreed that those who wished to opt out could go to another school, but the Judaic portion of the school day was mandatory for all students who attended Associated, Segal said.

Following editorial commentary against that proposal, the minister of education took the case to court, which ruled against the pilot program.

Since then, Ontario courts in the Zilberberg and Elgin County cases have struck down as unconstitutional opening religious exercises and religious instruction of an indoctrinal nature in public schools, Segal said. Congress had joined those cases as interveners and supported the court decisions.

Segal said Congress also supported the Shapiro recommendations, but they have never been implemented.

Segal said OJAEE was not opposed to the inclusion of Jewish schools within the public school umbrella as long as no unreasonable conditions were imposed and as long as religious instruction was mandatory. But given the previous court rulings, Segal said he did not see how that could be the case.

Jervis distinguished the Elgin and Zilberberg cases from what he was proposing by saying Ontario courts had not ruled on a suggestion that students be allowed to "opt in" to religious instruction, as opposed to opting out of mandatory religious instruction and exercises.

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'Give us 100,000 more buyers,' U.S. Bonds leader quotes Rabin

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The campaign leader for State of Israel Bonds in the United States exhorted Bonds leaders here to step up the pace of unit sales.

According to Susan Volchek, who is presiding this year over the U.S.'s national Bonds campaign, the time has come to move the North American focus away from the multi-million dollar investor to the average person, in order to bring Bonds back to its roots by cementing support for Bonds with a greater number of Jews.

Volchek took part in a recent whirlwind three-day visit to Israel involving 35 Bonds leaders from 22 countries.

She quoted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as telling them that broadening the base of support, through "unit sales" of smaller demoninations, should now be the top priority for Bonds canvassers.

Worldwide, the organization has been raising about $1 billion (U.S.) annually.

But Bonds would settle for $100 million (U.S.) less in sales "if you can give us 100,000 more Bonds buyers," Volchek quoted Rabin as telling them.

The main message Rabin conveyed to Volchek and the others was that increasing Bonds' base of support was key to soldifying the ties between average Jews and Israel and to countering the idea that in an era of peace Israel no longer needs State of Israel Bonds.

Volchek said the truth is that the Jewish state needs Bonds investments more than ever before because infrastructure funds are shifting from the "Israel is under threat" mentality to building new infrastructures for tourism, family settlement and education.

"It needs an infrastructure as a pioneer for peace," she said.

Israel's education budget, for example, is going up from $7 billion to $12 billion.

"We have to invest now in brain power to make Israel even stronger in the future," she said.

"We've been lazy," Volchek said to a group of Bonds leaders at the Montreal office. The average member of the Jewish community "has not been buying for one reason. You and I haven't asked them," she said.

Myer Samuels, Canadian president for State of Israel Bonds, said the new strategy will involve moving towards a 60 per cent sale of instruments through Bonds, and 40 per cent through "notes," the organization's term for the instruments of at least $250,000.

One technique, he said, will be to have "all synagogue members be a Bonds-holder."

A national meeting of Canadian Bonds leaders is set to take place soon to set Canada-wide strategy.

At the international level, the strategy to increase the base of support will focus on a program called "Israel 2000."

The program involves the joint participation of the United States, Canada and Mexico in encouraging potential Bonds purchasers to tour Israeli universities and hospitals, purchase Bonds, and then to donate them to the institution of their choice.

One of Volchek's most vivid memories of the trip "almost like a Fellini movie," she said — took place when the Jordanian ambassador to Israel walked into a Moriah Hotel meeting room filled with Bonds leaders.

Volchek said he stood in front of an Israel Bonds banner and spoke of Jordan and Israel coming together out of a common sense of humanity, not politics.

Samuels told the Montreal group that Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister, "did a lot of damage" to Bonds through his comments last fall that Israel no longer needed the organization.

The Israeli economy may be booming, Volchek said, but Israel has made it clear "that it still needs us."

School funding boosted

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Chagnon, who has been education minister for seven months, said many people have worked to bring the matter to this point, among them Rishikof, Rabinovitch and past AJDS president Ralph Lipper. However, he credited Tremblay and Bergman with "pushing it over the top of the mountain."

Tremblay presented Chagnon's move as just the latest in a series of actions the Liberal government has taken in response to the concerns of the Jewish community.

"It shows that Quebec is an open and very generous society, and is recognition, in a very concrete way, of the importance of the Jewish community's contribution to the economic, social and cultural life of Quebec," as well as of the increasing financial burden for families to send their kids to Jewish schools, Tremblay said.

Government funding now covers about half of the total operating costs of the Jewish schools, Rabinovitch said. Most of the rest is covered by fees and fundraising undertaken by the schools. Federation CJA, of which the AJDS is a constituent agency, contributes $1.3 million annually to subsidize students not paying full fees, Rabinovitch said. In addition, Federation CJA provides social and psychological services, and has helped some of the schools with major capital expenditures.

At 100 per cent funding of secular studies, Quebec will become "the only government in North America and perhaps the Western world to fund Jewish schools at this level," he said.

If Quebec goes ahead with transforming the public school system from a denominational to linguistic base, Rabinovitch said that according to his reading of the Education Act the association should be transferrable to any successor board of the MCSC.

In a letter to parents, Rishikof said fees for secular studies, which presently may be up to $750 a year will be reduced by phases, according to the increase in government funding over three years.

"It is important to underline that government grants cover only general studies. The grants do not cover in any way expenses related to your school's Judaica program or building costs."

He stressed that this is conditional upon the AJDS reaching an agreement with a public school board. (He does not specifically mention the MCSC in the letter.)

He added that the AJDS will not enter into any agreement unless it "will guarantee the autonomy, orientation, existing practices, agreements, working conditions of staff, etc., that characterize our schools."

High Holy Day deadlines

During the High Holy Day period, *The CJN* offices will be closed. The offices will be closed Sept. 15 for Yom Kippur, Sept. 20-21 for Sukkot and Sept. 27-28 for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issues of Sept. 14, 22, 29 and Oct. 6.

For the issue of Sept. 14, the editorial deadline and organizational advertising deadlines are now past. For classified and display advertising, deadline is Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

For the issue of Sept. 22, editorial deadline is Monday, Sept. 12. Deadline for organization ads is Monday, Sept. 12 at noon. Tuesday, Sept. 13 is the deadline for classified and display advertising at 10 a.m. and noon respectively.

For the issue of Sept. 29, editorial deadline is Monday, Sept. 19. It is also the deadline, at noon, for organizational ads. The deadline for classified advertising is Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. For display advertising, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. is the deadline.

For the Oct. 6 issue, editorial deadline is Monday, Sept. 26. Deadline for organization advertising is Sept. 26 at noon. For classified advertising, deadline is Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. Display deadline is Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.

Quebec cemetery named historic site

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — One of Canada's oldest surviving Jewish cemeteries, the Beth Israel in Quebec City, became the country's second Jewish National Historic Site during a special ceremony August 18.

The event was attended by politicans and invited representatives from the provincial capital's Jewish community, the Historic Sites and Monuments Boards of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

The dedication and unveiling of an English, French and Hebrew plaque at the 140-year-old cemetery, situated in the suburb of Ste. Foy, was seen as a landmark event in Canadian Jewish history and for the Quebec City Jewish community in particular.

The cemetery was approved as a national historic site for being among "the only extant cemeteries directly associated with more than 230 years of continuous Jewish settlement in Canada" in the view of Jaqueline Hucker, director of Heritage Canada's architectural history branch.

"We are not only here today to confer this important recognition of the Quebec Jewish cemetery," Manuel Shacter, chair of CJC, Quebec region, said in an address to the more than 100 assembled, "but also to pay tribute to the outstanding contribution of the many men and women of the Quebec City Jewish community who have made their mark on both the life of the province of Quebec and that of the entire country."

Canada's other Jewish national historic site is the 130-year-old Congregation Emanue-El, in Victoria, B.C., named in 1983.

During his remarks, Shacter referred especially to the Quebec City's Jewish community's deep roots in the province dating back to the 18th century.

"The ongoing struggle for fundamental rights and freedoms finds important inspiration in the efforts of the Quebec City Jewish community settlers who over two centuries ago acted forcefully in their pursuit of guarantees for civil and political rights within their midst," he said.

In a larger context, said Shacter, the determination of the Quebec City Jewish community to preserve itself and to "educate and sensitize" their fellow citizens to their common Quebec heritage is in keeping with the priority the Jewish community has been placing on fostering rapprochement.

"For us, rapprochement constitutes the development of a better understanding between Jews and French-Canadians," he said.

Among the Quebec City Jewish community figures named by Shacter for their efforts in having the cemetery named a national historic site were Moe Rosenhek, Ena Robinson and Frank Toker.

But the efforts were also known to include such Jewish community figures as Joe Marmur, president of Quebec City's Beth Israel Ohev Shalom Synagogue. Because the Jewish community in Quebec City has been decreasing, a corporation has been formed to keep the cemetery maintained.

Those taking part in the ceremony included Rosenhek, who is president of Quebec City Jewish community's chevra kadisha (burial society); Mount Royal Liberal MP Sheila Finestone, the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism representing Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy; Gilles Lavoie, municipal councillor for Ste. Foy; and Fernard Harvey, member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

A reception after the dedication took place at the Maurice-Pollack Pavilion at Laval Unversity.

Beilin planning to visit Canada

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Yossi Beilin, the controversial deputy foreign minister of Israel, will be in Canada in October on an official visit.

Beilin will visit Ottawa on Oct. 20 before heading to Vancouver, where he will speak at the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, on the weekend of Oct. 22-23.

Beilin has caused considerable controversy of late with his public statements that Israel should not be treated by the Disapora as a charity case and that funds raised here should not be used to develop programs to ensure Jewish continuity.

He has advocated that the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency be abolished and that one worldwide fundraising organization be formed to finance Jewish continuity programming, and to help pay for missions to Israel by young people from the Diaspora.

Beilin is scheduled to speak at the opening of the Western conference Oct. 22, along with Elan Steinberg of the World Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella. He will take part in a Sunday forum on Jewish continuity with Steinberg.

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B'nai Brith International elects Baer as new president

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CHICAGO — B'nai Brith International (BBI), the world's oldest and largest Jewish organization, has elected Richmond, Va., attorney Tommy Baer as its new president.

Baer, who was elected at the B'nai Brith biennial convention held here over four days late last month, succeeds Kent Schiner, who concluded his second two-year term of office.

In a much-debated move, the B'nai Brith membership also voted overwhelmingly to reject a motion that would allow non-Jewish spouses of members to become members of the organization, reaffirming a long-standing policy.

Baer's election is regarded as one of the most democratic leadership processes to be found among Jewish organizations.

The campaign closely resembles the American political process, with candidates spending between $10,000 to $35,000 of their own money to finance their efforts.

The two candidates, Baer, 55, and Daniel Thursz, 65, — both longtime leaders of the organization — traveled to the seven B'nai Brith districts in the United States and met with delegates from the 13 foreign districts. They made speeches and presented their platforms, mailed and distributed campaign materials and sought endorsements.

At the convention, the candidates sponsored booths and suites, from which they presented themselves to the different delegate groups in the hopes of swaying last-minute voters.

Six hundred of the 800 B'nai Brith members present at the convention, representing 54 countries, including Canada, voted.

Although it is B'nai Brith's policy not to release the election margins, Sidney Clearfield, the organization's executive vice president, said Baer was elected by a substantial plurality.

He attributed Baer's victory to his emphasis on attracting young blood. B'nai Brith has been beset in recent years with financial problems and an aging membership.

"Tommy Baer was elected with a large constituency from the Young Leadership Division of B'nai Brith, and there is a feeling that he represents a newer generation of leaders," said Clearfield.

"We are expecting his administration to bring in more young leaders and to go forward with the mandate of the B'nai Brith mission," he added.

An attorney, Baer is on the board of the Richmond Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council and serves on the national board of Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Baer also sees his election as representative of the new vision B'nai Brith members have for their organization.

"I feel that my candidacy symbolizes the forward movement of the organization, which is making the necessary changes to adapt to the modern concerns facing B'nai Brith," he said in an interview. "It is a break from the old guard to the new generation of leadership."

Beyond that, Baer said he supports moving B'nai Brith in new directions, including increased dialogue with the black community; more proactive involvement on issues confronting the Jewish community; a greater role in promoting an undivided Jerusalem united under Israeli rule; greater advocacy of the peace process; an increasing membership; an expansion of the organization's youth services; and service in more nations in which there is a Jewish community.

"I am very excited about the possibilities that lie before B'nai Brith as an organization," Baer said. "We are extremely well-equipped to deal with the problems and challenges affecting the Jewish community because we have a constituency in 54 countries around the world, something that makes us unique among Jewish organizations."

Tommy Baer

In a high point of the convention last week, U.S. President Bill Clinton addressed the convention live via satellite from the White House last Wednesday afternoon.

The president thanked B'nai Brith for its "tireless dedication to community service, health education and housing for the elderly and staunch opposition to bigotry of any kind" since its founding in 1843.

He also called for a real, secure and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, "not just the absence of war but a qualitative change in the relations between Israel and its neighbors, full diplomatic ties, an end to the [Arab economic] boycott, open borders for people in trade, joint economic projects."

Clinton also stressed his commitment to bring an end to the Arab boycott of Israel, calling it a "relic of a bygone era" that harms Palestinians as well as Israelis and cannot possibly be justified due to the recent progress made on the Syrian negotiating track.

Clinton said that just as Washington has acted to sustain and enhance Israel's qualitative military edge, "so too, it will help to compensate for any strategic advantages Israel may choose to give up for peace."

With delegates from recently targeted communities in Argentina, Panama and England listening, Clinton pledged his commitment to ending international terrorism.

In response to a question from the president of B'nai B'rith Argentina, the president explained that "we are intensifying our international cooperation, working with Argentina, Great Britain and Panama and other countries to try to help resolve who did these terrible acts of terrorism and apprehend the perpetrators."

"In addition to that, we are increasing our cooperation through intelligence and law enforcement services with countries throughout the globe to try to prevent such acts from occurring in the first place," Clinton said.

Other speakers at the convention included Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's ambassador to the United States, and Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

The Dor L'Dor (Generation to Generation) prize was given to Israeli statesman Abba Eban, opera singer Robert Merrill and author Chaim Potok.

Canadians elected to BBI

CHICAGO — The following Canadians were elected to positions at the recent B'nai Brith International convention held here:

International Treasurer: Harry Bick, Montreal; International Vice-President: Ted Greenfield, Montreal; International Board of Governors: Phil Leon, Hamilton and Moishe Smith, Ottawa.

Five Canadian members of B'nai Brith were cited as among the 150 most outstanding B'nai Brith volunteers in 51 countries: Morris Flicht, Toronto; Ted Greenfield, Montreal; R. Lou Ronson, Toronto; Max Schecter, Toronto and Moishe Smith, Ottawa.

B'nai Brith Canada president Brian Morris led the Canadian delegation to the convention. He was joined by past presidents Gabriel Nachman and Marilyn Frankel, executive vice-president Frank Dimant, Dr. Lawrence Hart, Michael Rosenberg, Lily Rosenberg, Daphne Leon, Phil Leon, Bella Snow, Ralph Snow, Rochelle Wilner, Sid Wilner, Harry Bick, Joyce Bick, Ted Greenfield, Betty Greenfield, Harriet Morris, Morris Flicht, William Morris, Randy Morris, Lou Ronson, Hilde Ronson, Moishe Smith, Carol Smith, Pearl Gladman, Alvin Gorman, Berta Shternberg and Mark Shternberg.

Egyptian minister alters plans; includes visit to Yad Vashem

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa visited Yad Vashem last Wednesday, ending a week-long diplomatic flap.

Moussa arrived at the Holocaust memorial authority for a 20-minute compromise visit, which excluded the usual visit to the museum and wreath-laying ceremony in the Hall of Remembrance.

Last Tuesday, Moussa backtracked on an earlier decision not to include Yad Vashem on his schedule during his two-day official visit.

For many Israelis, Moussa's visit was too little, too late.

The Egyptian minister listened attentively to explanations from Yad Vashem chair Avner Shalev, as he and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres walked down the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles, past the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Memorial and the cenotaph to the Six Million.

The party then made its way slowly through the Children's Memorial, the chamber of which is lit only by thousands of dim flickering lights.

Emerging from the memorial, Moussa paused, then wrote in the visitors' book: "This visit brought sad memories of the crimes against fellow human beings based on racial feelings that are abhorrent. I only hope that the future shall never permit that to happen again to any nation, any people ... any children."

Moussa said his visit was so short because of scheduling pressures. "It is a unique place," he said of Yad Vashem.

Earlier, Moussa met at Beit Hanassi with President Ezer Weizman, and said he had invited the president to visit Egypt.

But Weizman reportedly responded that he would be glad to visit after President Hosni Mubarak fixed a date to come to Israel, pointing out that the Egyptian president had been in power 12 years and had never visited the Jewish state.

"He will be my personal guest," Weizman said.

The president, for his part, asked that the Egyptians step up their efforts to find the bodies of Israeli soldiers still missing in action on Egyptian soil.

Supreme Court rules against skinhead

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Supreme Court of Canada has reinstated the guilty verdict of Paul Wayne Moyer for choreographing a photo shoot in which a skinhead simulated urinating on Jewish graves in a Hamilton cemetery.

"[Moyer's] conduct constituted acts of defilement and callous disrespect towards the remains of the individuals buried under the monuments that feature so prominently in his photographs. Doing what he did with and to the monuments placed on the graves constituted offering indignities to the remains buried below," stated the unanimous 7-0 court decision.

The High Court rejected the majority decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal, which by a 2-1 margin had set aside Moyer's earlier conviction. The Appeal Court majority ruled the Criminal Code section used against Moyer referred to physical contact with human remains and that because there had been no such contact, Moyer was not guilty.

Instead, the Supreme Court cited with approval the dissenting judgment of Justice Marvin Catzman, who had written that "the indignity contemplated by the section [of the Criminal Code] embraces conduct that is dishonorable, disgraceful or unworthy, acts of abuse, defilement or callous disrespect. All of those terms apply to [Moyer's] conduct in the present case as much as they applied to the physical indignities described in reported decisions."

Early in the fall of 1990, Moyer, a former school teacher, approached a young skinhead in the streets of Hamilton. The skinhead had a close-cropped haircut and was wearing Doc Marten boots with white shoelaces, symbolizing a belief in white supremacy.

A week later they drove to the Anshe Shalom cemetery in Hamilton where Moyer photographed the young skinhead. One picture showed the youth standing beyond a gravestone, exposing his penis towards the monument and wearing a T-shirt saying, "F... off and die."

A second picture showed the youth from the upper thigh down, sitting on a gravestone, wearing his boots, holding a Nazi dagger, with a stream of yellow liquid simulating urine pouring down in front of the gravestone.

The third photograph showed a small bird impaled by a Nazi tie pin with a swastika on it lying on a gravestone next to a piece of paper with "Oi! Skins" (a skinhead battlecry) written on it. Moyer had supplied all the props and choreographed the photography.

Jewish groups applauded the reinstatement of the guilty verdict, though they were critical of the light sentence imposed at trial.

"This decision increases our confidence in the justice system's commitment to deal with those individuals who wish to be callously disrespectful to the dead," said Gerda Frieberg, Ontario regional chair of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"As Jewish cemeteries have traditionally been a prime target for anti-Semitic vandalism and other disrespectful acts, this decision sends the message to potential perpetrators that they will not escape the sanctions of our criminal law," she said.

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said, "We are pleased that the Supreme Court has overturned the decision of the lower court. Moyer's actions were a clear and intentional affront to not only the remains of one individual, but to the Jewish community of Canada as a whole. We welcome this decision as a warning to all racists that their violence and hate will not be tolerated in our legal system."

At trial, Moyer received a suspended sentence and three years probation, which has been reinstated. The Crown prosecutor had recommended a nine-month jail term.

VATICAN AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL
Monsignor Andrea Cordero Lanza Di Montezemelo (right), the first Vatican ambassador to Israel, presents his credentials to Israeli President Ezer Weizman as deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin (left) looks on. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Rwanda field hospital closes up

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — The Israeli field hospital set up at the Rwanda-Zaire border to administer emergency medical services to Rwandan refugees returned home last week, after six weeks of harrowing work.

During their stay, three teams of 90 medical and technical volunteers from the Israel Defence Force treated tens of thousands of ailing Rwandans, most suffering from cholera and dehydration, and performed over 100 operations.

IDF Medical Corps officers put the cost of the mercy operation, meant to be a short-term stay, at about $7 million. It is hoped that the Finance Ministry will help defray the costs incurred by the IDF for the mission.

A French hospital is to remain in the area for some time longer to treat remaining Rwandan refugees still in need of medical aid.

In addition, a medical team sent by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee remains on the scene and has been left some of the IDF equipment for its 200-bed hospital at the Kibumba refugee camp near the Rwanda-Zaire border.

It is the second medical team sent by the JDC to aid the Rwandan refugees since they began pouring over the border several months ago.

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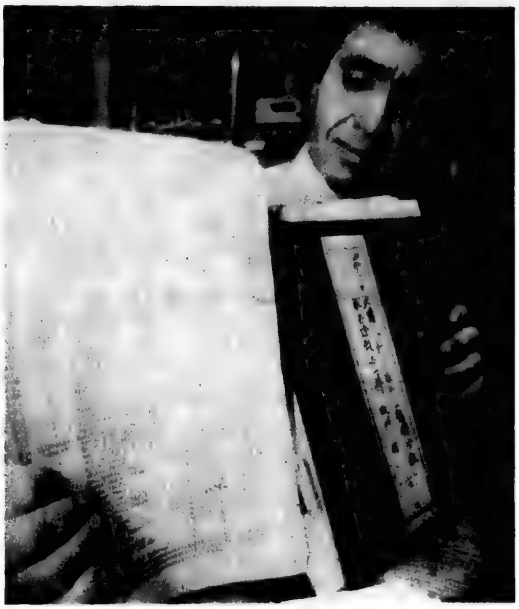

JAPAN'S SCHINDLER

American historian Hillel Levine, professor at Boston University, shows the 1940 Japanese government documents listing Polish Jews saved from the Nazi Holocaust by a Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, dubbed Japan's Schindler. [RNS/Reuters photo]

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The News in Brief

Rabin's Popularity Plummets

JERUSALEM — An opinion poll published last month showed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at his worst popularity rating since he took office in 1992.

The *Yediot Aharonot* survey put him only one point ahead of Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, with 45 per cent saying they would vote for Rabin and 44 per cent for the Likud chief.

The telephone poll, which surveyed 514 Israelis, also showed the Labor Party losing ground to Likud.

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Israeli Divorce on Rise

TEL AVIV — Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi has disclosed that the rate of divorce among Jewish couples in Israel is on the rise.

Rabbi Yisrael Lau told a conference in Jerusalem that "people appear to regard marriage as a revolving door through which they enter and leave with ease, making a mockery of Jewish marriage.

"In 1993, the rate of couples divorcing was a quarter of the number of marriages," he said.

Rabbi Lau said that 5,258 divorces were registered with the chief rabbinate in 1990, and that the numbers rose to 5,692 in 1992 and 6,229 in 1993.

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The Clock Strikes...

TEL AVIV — Israelis set their clocks back one hour Aug. 27, reverting to Standard Time while the country was still sweltering under unusually warm days and nights.

The timing of the change from summer to winter time, when the country would normally expect at least a month more of summer weather, has once again heightened tension between the secular majority and the Orthodox minority.

The Orthodox, who represent an estimated 10 per cent of the population, demanded the early changeover to facilitate the recitation of pre-Rosh Hashanah selichot prayers before dawn each day.

According to most accounts, a majority of Israeli Jews prefers the continuation of summer time for at least another month, to coincide with the United States and most of the rest of the world, and provide for reduced electricity costs and more daylight hours.

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Readying for Arab Flights

JERUSALEM — Israel's Transport Minister, Yisrael Kessar, has told El Al and Arkia airlines to begin preparing to fly to Arab states.

Speaking at a gathering of directors-general of bodies affiliated with the ministry, Kessar said that in his view, scheduled and charter air routes would open between Ben-Gurion Airport and the Arab capitals within a short time.

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Yehoshafat Harkabi Dies

TEL AVIV — Yehoshafat Harkabi, a former intelligence chief of the Israel Defence Force and one of the country's premier specialists on the Arab-Israeli conflict, died of cancer Aug. 26. He was 72.

An acclaimed authority on Middle Eastern affairs and a professor of international relations at the Hebrew University, Harkabi, popularly known by his nickname "Fatti," was adviser to several prime ministers, including Yitzhak Rabin and the late Menachem Begin.

A third-generation Israeli, Harkabi was born in Haifa. He won the prestigious Israel Prize last year for his writings on the Middle East.

Following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Harkabi turned from hawk to dove, becoming one of the first Israelis to call for negotiations with the PLO and for withdrawal from the territories captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

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Jews Buried in Muslim Grave

AMSTERDAM — An Orthodox Jewish family from Amsterdam, victims of a plane crash in Morocco last month, was buried in a mass grave at a Muslim cemetery in Morocco, despite efforts to have the remains brought to Amsterdam for Jewish burial.

Marius Goldberg, his wife, Eva, their 6-year-old daughter, Nuriel, and 4-year-old son, Emanuel, were interred Aug. 26 with the other 40 victims of the Aug. 21 crash in the Moroccan resort town of Agadir.

Saying it would be impossible to find and identify the remains of the Jewish victims, Moroccan authorities rejected efforts by the Amsterdam chevra kadisha, of which Marius Goldberg was a member, to bring the Goldbergs' remains to Amsterdam. Dutch authorities had also offered to send a special team of identification experts.

Moroccan authorities also cited the need to bury all the dead as quickly as possible because Muslim law, like Jewish law, requires the dead to be buried within 24 hours or as soon as possible after that in cases of emergency.

Swiss Say No To Zhirinovsky

GENEVA — In an unprecedented move, the Swiss government has refused to grant an entry visa to Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

Last month, the German Embassy in Moscow refused a visa request for Zhirinovsky to visit Germany.

Zhirinovsky made waves last year by entering Austria and staying at an Alpine resort with a friend who was a former member of the Nazi SS. Several European countries have kicked him out during visits.

Later this month, Switzerland is scheduled to hold a public referendum on whether to enact legislation that will make it a crime to discriminate against ethnic groups or incite racial hatred.

A year ago, Swiss legislators passed the law, but a drive by right-wing groups succeeded in putting the measure to a popular vote, slated for Sept. 25.

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Rightist Attacks Bubis

BONN — For the second time this year, the leader of the right-wing Republican Party in Germany has lashed out at Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Jewish community, accusing him of instigating racial hatred.

"If Mr. Bubis blames Republican supporters of [being responsible] for petrol bomb attacks, then I shall say today, tomorrow and until the end of my days: Mr. Bubis, this is racist incitement," Franz Schonhuber said at a recent election rally in the Bavarian town of Hopfenau.

Similar remarks by Schonhuber at his party's convention last spring triggered angry reactions throughout Germany, with many demanding that Schonhuber's party be outlawed.

At that time, Bubis had stated that all of Germany's right-wing extremist groups were collectively responsible for the firebombing in late March of a synagogue in the northern port town of Lubeck.

Schonhuber, a former member of the SS, retorted that fault for the firebombing lay with Bubis, a Holocaust survivor, whom Schonhuber described as one of the country's "worst agitators." He added that the Jewish leader "was responsible for anti-Semitism in Germany."

So far, no legal measures have been taken against the Republicans. But the Interior Ministry announced last month it would put the party under "close watch," following its recent announcement that it would seek an alliance with the neo-Nazi German People's Union party.

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Young Vandals Released

BONN — Three youths who overturned some 15 tombstones at a Jewish cemetery in the Thuringian town of Muhlhausen recently were released after local police determined that alcohol, not neo-Nazi ideology, had motivated them.

Police who arrested the three teenagers said the young vandals were released because they had "had no political motives" and were "not neo-Nazis."

A police official said the youths, aged 14, 15 and 16, had been drinking and were trying to show off.

Police left it up to a local prosecutor to decide whether to charge them.

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Anti-Israel Measure Defeated

GENEVA — The United Nations Human Rights Commission has passed a resolution praising progress in the Middle East peace process and calling on all UN member states to extend economic assistance to the three-month-old Palestinian governing authority.

At the same time, the 53-member commission rejected a second resolution that condemned Israel for committing human rights abuses in the territories.

It marked the first time since 1968 that Israel was not condemned for its practices in the territories.

The second resolution had been sponsored by Syria, Lebanon and Cuba.

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Spielberg Donates Profits

LOS ANGELES — All of Steven Spielberg's personal profits from his Academy Award-winning film *Schindler's List* will go to the newly established Righteous Persons Foundation.

No formal announcement will be made until Oct. 1, when the foundation's director, Margery Tabankin, will begin her job.

Tabankin is the longtime head of the Hollywood Women's Political Committee and served as director of Volunteers in Service to America during the Jimmy Carter administration.

The foundation's endowment has not been determined and their have been no comments on a rumored figure of $25 million.

One focus of the foundation will be Holocaust education, although its scope is expected to extend to other Jewish causes.

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Yom Kippur

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

"And it was evening and it was morning, one day." (Genesis 1:5) On this the Midrash comments — "Yom echad, one day — the one [special] day that the Almighty gave to them [the Jewish nation]. Which day is this? This is the day of Yom Kippur." (Breishis Rabbah 3:8).

The Talmud tells us that repentance was among the seven things that were created before the world was created. (Nedarim 39b.) The Talmud also tells us (Yerushalmi Makkos 2:6), that logically speaking, when a man or woman sins, there should be no way of removing that sin.

If business is going bad and the books show a deficit you can't simply scrap the books and start all over again — customers, suppliers, and debtors don't usually allow for such a simple alternative. If you are a hardened criminal finally caught by the law, you won't be able to merely tell the judge, "Your honor, I'm really sorry. I promise to turn over a new leaf. May I please go now?"

Only the Almighty, Creator of all, can decree in His wisdom that the world can integrate teshuvah (repentance), into the fabric of creation. And more, He realized that the world couldn't exist unless the mechanisms enabling one to do teshuvah were put in place even before the universe was created.

It is the greatest kindness that one can bestow upon another, the blessing of forgiveness — it is even a greater kindness from the Almighty — Who allows us each year to remove our shabby garments and negotiate a new chance and a fresh start, especially when the stakes are so high — life itself, health and sickness, wealth or poverty, livelihood or a struggle to financially survive, contentment or unrest, naches or aggravation from our children, marital harmony or strife — all of the blessings or their opposite, in the myriads of ways that they affect our lives.

It is true that each day we ask, "Bring us back, O our Father, to Your Torah, and bring us near, O our King, to Your service, and return us before You in perfect repentance. Blessed are You, HaShem, Who desires repentance./ Forgive us, O our Father, for we have erred; pardon us O our King, for we have willfully sinned; for You pardon and forgive. Blessed are You HaShem, the gracious One Who pardons abundantly." (Daily Shemoneh Esrei Prayer.)

But although teshuvah is accepted each day, the day of Yom Kippur is that one special day of the year that was created for repentance and forgiveness.

It is not always easy to recognize what our purpose is in the world. It is not always easy to understand how we fall short of our obligations for which we were created. And even if we are privileged to realize both of the above, it is not always easy to repent sincerely. Not because we do not want to admit that we have sinned, but because of the fact that we despair of ever being able to rise above the baseness of our emotions and desires. What's the use, I will sin all over again.

But we must never fall into that trap. If we wish to sincerely return to God and His Torah and mitzvot, He will extend special siyata dishmaya (Heavenly assistance), especially on the day of Yom Kippur.

It is therefore imperative that we recognize the golden opportunities that this day provides, and that we ensure that we properly utilize the precious 24 hours of this incredible creation of time.

Rabbi Simcha Zisel Ziev of Kelm gave us the following parable which will help us understand the potential power of teshuvah and what can be accomplished on the day of Yom Kippur.

There was once a king who promised a large reward to anyone who could scale an enormously high ladder that had one hundred widely spaced rungs.

Hearing of the great reward, and believing that the task could not be that formidable, many people rushed to the scene of the ladder, hoping to claim the prize. But as soon as they actually saw the enormity of the ladder, they left without even attempting to climb it. It was obviously an impossibility and the king was merely teasing or mocking his subjects.

One by one they left the site of the ladder — only one man remained. He, too, thought it looked impossible to climb the ladder. But he knew the king. He was neither a fool nor a sadist. He would not mock his subjects and make sport of them in such a cruel fashion. If the king offered the challenge then it must be possible to achieve. And if it was possible, then he was certainly going to make every effort to conquer the climb.

The others who had heard of his willingness to attempt the climb hurried back to watch the spectacle. They laughed at him and taunted him. How foolish he was to attempt the impossible. Didn't he realize that he was doomed to climb a few rungs and then fall off, exhausted and humiliated? If it was possible don't you think they wanted the great reward as much as he did?

But the believer was not to be deterred — he began to climb. By the fifth rung his strength was already giving out. By the seventh, which he reached with incredible effort, his legs were like lead. By the eighth — his lungs were bursting. Ninth, which he reached only with superhuman effort — total exhaustion. That was it. They were right. It was impossible. Ninety-one more rungs to go. He couldn't even make 10th!

But it *must* be possible otherwise the king would not have made the challenge. He focused all of his mental faculties, summoned up all his powers of determination — and struggled up one more rung.

Then, just as he was about to collapse and fall from the ladder, he felt himself being lifted, as if by a huge magnet, and soon found himself on the 100th rung — the very top of the ladder. He had succeeded, without knowing how it could be done, simply because he had trusted the king and had faith that the challenge was real and not a mockery.

Indeed, the royal wish was not that the entire ladder be scaled — that was truly humanly impossible. What the king wanted was that people should dedicate themselves totally to reaching the limits of their ability — more was not required; the king would do the rest.

In more modern terms — we all know that it takes tremendous power to launch a rocket. But once the thrust has been successful and the rocket reaches orbit, it then moves on almost effortlessly.

So it is with us. We have a saying, "Es iz shver tzu zein a Yid — it is difficult to be a good Jew." The truth is that perhaps the beginning is difficult and requires a lot of effort. But once one has learned to understand that there is a God; that He gave us a Torah which He wants us to observe; that He commanded mitzvot which are the practical instructions of His divine manual — the rest of the climb is not that difficult.

In the spiritual quest that God has set for mankind, it is true that it seems that He wants us to scale a ladder that is impossible to climb. But He does not expect us to do it alone. He asks only that we make a sincere and diligent effort. Once we do that we earn and merit His divine assistance. And the goal of success is readily attainable.

Two of the greatest deterrents to a lifestyle of complete Torah observance are one, a lack of knowledge and understanding of what HaShem and His Torah are all about; two, the pursuit of the physical, the desire to focus on the body rather than the neshamah, the soul.

On Yom Kippur, we are freed for 24 hours from the worry of providing nourishment in any form for our bodies; we are elevated in spirit to be like the angels. This is the time to make the sincere attempt to simultaneously elevate our understanding of HaShem and His holy Torah — to resolve to come closer, to rededicate and recommit ourselves to the quest of ascending the spiritual ladder — a ladder which, as in Jacob's dream, has its feet firmly planted on earth though its rungs reached the very heavens.

We, too, as mortals, can still live on this earth, but our goal should be to climb this ladder of spirituality which our King has challenged us to conquer! May this day bring us one more rung closer to the 10th rung! Amen.

Sonderkommano uprising to be marked

TORONTO — Jewish delegations from Canada, the United States and Israel will be in Poland Oct. 7 for special ceremonies at Auschwitz to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Sonderkommando uprising.

There will be an unveiling of a memorial plaque at Block 27 of the former Nazi death camp to honor the four young women who smuggled in gunpowder for the uprising of the Sonderkommano (crematoria workers), said Nathan Leipciger, a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau and chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress national Holocaust remembrance committee.

Ala Gertner, Roza Robota, Regina Safirzslajn and Ester Wajcblum were identified as participants in the smuggling operation, which resulted in the destruction of gas chambers and Crematorium No. 4. Although brutally tortured during interrogation they did not betray any of their comrades. They were publicly hanged on Jan. 5, 1945, less than two weeks before the evacuation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Among those planning to attend the ceremony is Anna Heilman of Ottawa, the coordinator of the Committee of the Auschwitz "Union" Survivors. She was among those who helped smuggle gunpowder into Auschwitz-Birkenau. Her sister was Ester Wajcblum.

Those wishing to participate in this program can contact Heilman at (613) 225-1293 or Allan Mallenbaum of the Rosa Robota Foundation at (516) 349-0425, who is coordinating a complete tour departing from New York's JFK International Aiport Oct. 3.

Front Line

Holy days seen through the eyes of a cynical believer

By SHARON CLARK

Who hasn't felt a tinge of irony over the High Holidays, a wave of hypocrisy, amusement, indulgence and embarrassment?

We don our best clothes and head — in our cars — to shul, while the rest of the world continues its daily routine. There is almost a feeling of floating above it all, somewhere in a golden, better existence, holier and more special. We smile in our secret superiority.

Quietly, a smile fixed on my face in case I see an old friend or acquaintance, I follow my mother quickly to our seats. Her seat, really. I haven't bought one because I'm still a "student" (although I finished my master's degree three years ago), and do not yet need to be an upstanding member of the community. You don't have to be upstanding (or rich enough to afford your own shul membership) until you're married, or so they say. I'll see how long I can put it off. Meanwhile, I'll grab someone else's seat until they show up.

We open our machzorim. My mother searches carefully for the right passage. I look over at my neighbor and check the page number. Once I'm in my seat and on the right page, I can let my mind start to wander. Here I am again. The same place I was last year at this time. One year older, wiser. How has the year been? What were the biggest events? Am I happier now, or was I happier then? What about the rest of my family? Where are they, anyway? Are they thinking about me?

Hold on. Here comes one of the Greatest Hits: "Kadosh kadosh kadosh . . ." Holy holy holy. God of armies. We do say some strange things when we pray, but it doesn't matter because most of us don't understand what we're saying. It is a foreign language after all.

We're standing up now. Watch for lower back pain caused by poor posture and unsensible heels. (Is my hem straight? I really do like this skirt. I hope no one remembers it from last year.) It's the Amidah, which means, literally, the Standing. Now is when I speed read in a fluent mumble, singing the tune I learned in early childhood at Jewish day school . . .

"Please turn to page 347 for the repetition of the Amidah . . .Baruch atah . . ."

What was I saying? Praying really makes you hungry. People are starting to get restless. I catch one lady's eye and she gives me a knowing smile under her dashing felt hat. I'm not sure what it is we both know, but I smile back. Actually, there are quite a few dashing felt hats in a variety of fall fashion hues. Suede shoes too. I wonder if there is a store at the mall called Esther's Rosh Hashanah Boutique that sells matching felt hats and suede shoes . . .

My eyes drift to the pulpit and the rabbi, and then instinctively to my machzor. I realize I'm two pages behind. "On Rosh Hashanah it will be written, and on Yom Kippur it will be sealed: who shall be born; who shall pass on; who shall die by strangling and who by stoning; who shall go crazy and who shall be left in peace . . . But repentance, prayer and charity avert the severity of decree." We still get what's coming to us, but the blow is cushioned because we're here today. The blow is cushioned because we blow the shofar.

"Sharon, remind me to bring the cake this afternoon," my mother cuts into my thoughts. I nod.

Does our sitting and standing with an open book in our hands in a room full of done-up versions of "our kind," all facing the same direction, really make a difference in our future? We can't be certain. But on the off chance that it does, we should probably pray, as a community. Just in case there is a God. Just in case he hears us. Just in case he looks beyond the felt hats, the suede shoes, and the respective career paths of the up-and-coming and soon-to-be upstanding young people in the congregation and sees our bared souls, our moral integrity (or lack thereof), our love for our families, our hope that the year will go well and will not hold tragedy or upheaval, our belief that somewhere we will find the strength to get through, that there is a reason for us being here. Just in case.

"Aleinu l'shabayach . . . sh'lo asanu kegoyei ha'artzot." Let us give praise to God, ruler of the universe . . . who did not make us like other nations . . ." This is number one in the High Holiday Hit Parade. We all sing, and even bow at the right time. Such cohesiveness makes everyone smile, especially since we know we're near the end. Those who understand what the prayer means smile ironically. We say we're not like other people. Well, we're not. Look at us, in prayer shawls and skullcaps and doilies for the married women, singing in a languge we ignore 362 days a year.

Shanah Tovah. Now let's eat.

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Rewriting history is immoral and dangerous

By RABBI ROBERT WOLKOFF

There is probably no principle more widely held by the Jewish community than the principle that any attempt to rewrite history is immoral. And dangerous.

Thus the justifiable indignation when Louis Farrakhan distorts the history of Jews and blacks, when Holocaust deniers utter their obscenities, when haters of Israel twist the historical record.

But Jews, too, sometimes betray this principle. We seem to forget that any attempt to rewrite history is immoral. And dangerous. Certainly it is inappropriate to distort the past for the sake of the present. But it is also inappropriate — immoral and dangerous — to distort the present for the sake of the past. And this nearly always happens when the topic of modern Germany arises.

We seem to have trouble distinguishing between "them" then and "them" now. They are not the same. Not even remotely close. And thus, when skinheads attack immigrants, it is a distortion of history to say, "Germans have learned nothing."

Hundreds of thousands of Germans — politicians, academics, clergy (the same professional groups most dedicated to Hitler) — protest against racism and demand justice. They have, indeed, learned. To ignore that, to however vaguely hint that deep down today's Germans are Nazis, is immoral and dangerous. Not only does it demean and dehumanize living human beings, it obfuscates the horriying reality of what the Nazis truly were — a reality which for the world's sake must be understood with crystal clarity.

Several years ago, in the midst of the racist riots, a political cartoon showed two men looking upon Germany. One praised the advanced German society, and said, "What more could you ask?" The other responded, "That they read *The Diary of Anne Frank.*"

As if "they" don't, more than any people in the world. As if "they" need it more than anyone else.

These issues are current now because of a Library of Congress exhibition, assembled by the German government, entitled Against Hitler: German Resistance to National Socialism, 1933-1945. According to Marc Fisher, writing in the *Washington Post*, there are accusations that the German government is "intent on rewriting the past." When, in point of fact, the rewrite seems to be in the other direction: There is an attempt to erase the significance of German resistance, as if a few points of light could somehow eradicate the infinite darkness.

Is it fair, is it moral, to insist that the White Rose student protesters, von Stauffenberg and his co-conspirators, and thousands of nameless politicians, workers, and "little people" who stood up, in ways great and small, against the Nazis — is it fair to insist that these people never be raised above the status of a footnote?

Yes, it is true that it was too little, too late — and too few. Yes, it is true that it was mere thousands compared to millions. Yes, it is true that even the good were less than pristine. There is much that argues for the footnote.

But there is another side. Many of these people gave their lives in the struggle against Hitler. Is their memory never to be allowed a moment in the sun? Should not the German people of today be allowed to build their future on the values they so courageously embodied?

Without doubt, this is a moral minefield. But when Sybil Milton, senior historian at the Holocaust Museum, received "thunderous applause," according to Fisher's report, for claiming at an exhibition seminar that German resistance had been "exploited" in order to blur history, a moral boundary was crossed.

"There were a few Germans with some courage. You're taking the exception and making it the rule," she claimed. "Where is the context?"

"The rule"? Do any German scholars, German government officials, or man-on-the-street-Germans (outside of radical fringe groups) seriously maintain the proposition that resistance to Hitler was "the rule"? None that I have ever heard of.

And is there any German who is unaware of the "the context?"

It is obviously a lie to claim that all Germans except Hitler were 11 years old during the war. But it is also a distortion of history to forget that not one person in today's Germany younger than age 60 could have participated in the war. And these millions of people — innocent people, decent people (at least as decent as anyone else) — have the same right as all other people to build an image of themselves based on their heroes.

To do that, of course, requires knowing who the enemy was the heroes fought against. No one, except Jews, knows that better than the Germans themselves. Several years ago, I spoke at a conference in Germany. There I heard a high school student describe his class history project. Each student was to pick a Jewish family and trace its history. What they did, where they lived — and what happened to them.

As he was speaking, I thought about the insipid project that I did in my history class. It was something about a local Indian tribe. I wrote about how they had lived, but somehow I never got around to asking why they weren't around any more.

The word genocide didn't appear in my term paper.

There are reasons to admire, and to pity, that young student, and the millions of his compatriots, who are forced to ask the terrible questions. It is beneath our dignity to denigrate them as if the Germans as a whole are a nation of murderers. Germany was a nation that once was ruled by murderers. Once, but no longer. To pretend otherwise is to rewrite history.

And any attempt to rewrite history is immoral. And dangerous.

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Why 'political therapy' is necessary in the '90s

By ARNOLD AGES

The first four years of the 1990s have been devoted to parsing the intricacies of political correctness. The next six will be preoccupied with another political phenomenon — this time, political theraphy.

Shifts in the major political spheres of the world are necessitating a re-examination of the views we have lived with so comfortably since the end of World War II. To adjust to the way national reputations have been laundered so quickly and thoroughly requires a healthy dollop of political therapy.

Here are some of the reasons why reasonable people above age 50, especially those with some sense of history and politics, need that political therapy.

For 70 years the atheist Soviet Union was, in our eyes, the incarnation of absolute evil and a menacing military colossus. The horrors of the Gulag seemed to prove this view right.

Today the Soviet Union no longer exists and Russia, the successor state, sees religion flourishing as it strives to raise itself from an international economic basket case to the level of a Third World country. Its once powerful army has been virtually neutered.

From 1945 and the Iron Curtain, communist hegemony ruled Eastern Europe with totalitarian cruelty. In the last decade, former satellite states of the Soviet Union, having thrown off the yoke of the oppressor, now plot their own national destinies and invite western money and expertise.

Unfortunately, ethnic and religious rivalries, mute under repressive rule, have emerged with satanic vigor as Christians and Muslims go at each other with a zeal that recalls medieval crusades.

Arnold Ages

Yugoslavia, the rare exception in the satellite community because of Tito's image and partisan record in the war against Hitler, was always celebrated in the West for its independent-minded government and quasi-rational political system.

Today this "model" has been rent with internecine strife and atrocities not seen since Nazism. It took the Serbs, the victims of Croat incivilities in World War II, to reinvent the concentration camp in the 1990s.

South Africa, since the beginning of this century the devil's own experiment on earth, was the lightning rod for well-deserved condemnation of its immoral apartheid system, the mechanism which disenfranchised and exploited the majority of blacks for the benefit of the "white tribe."

Today, in a bewildering and sudden transformation, a black man now rules South Africa following a democratic election. Whites and blacks are working towards an amicable condominium arrangement.

Japan lost the Pacific war in 1945: its cities were flattened and its economic infrastructure sundered. Millions of its soldiers were killed in its vain attempt to spread its "Greater East Asia Co-Economic Prosperity Sphere," the propagandistic term dreamed up in 1943 by the Japanese imperial bureaucrats.

Today the Japanese phoenix has risen to unimagined heights and its prosperity sphere, along with its heavy yen, are threatening the economic health of the United States, the country that defeated it so decisively 53 years ago.

Germany, the country that gave the world blitzkreig, panzer and Auschwitz and which inflicted 20 million casualties on the Soviet Union alone during World War II, has rehabilitated both its reputation and the economic strength for which it was once pre-eminent.

Perhaps the greatest need for the application of political therapy is in the domain of the Arab-Israeli conflict. People accustomed to viewing Arab and Palestinian leaders through the filter of negative stereotypes now have to adjust their lenses in order to accommodate developments such as the following.

The PLO, since 1964, has been Israel's constant irritant and most implacable enemy. Its cadres were regularly anathematized by successive Israeli governments — whose prime ministers, including the incumbent, regularly promised never to speak with or recognize the PLO.

Today, in the wake of the PLO-Israel accords, Yasser Arafat presides over a nascent Palestinian state in Gaza and Jericho — with the approval, if not the blessing, of the Israel authorities.

King Hussein, whose citizens in Jordan obscenely cheered Saddam Hussein's Scud missiles on their way to wreck havoc in Israel three years ago, has become a mensch and the borders of his country are for the first time open to tourists coming through Israel.

Hafez al-Assad, the Syrian president who rules over a nation once referred to by the late Richard Nixon as a group of "crazies," and who has been adamant in his opposition to Israel, has now apparently had some second thoughts about the Golan Heights and may agree to talks before Israel hands over those majestic mountain ranges.

It is obvious that the modern world is undergoing political seismic shifts of such magnitude that only continual political therapy can assist us in coping with the transformation of enemy into friend, adversary into comrade. The exercise is hard on the nerves because it requires a major rewiring of our prejudices and misconceptions and a broadening of our neural networks. Political therapy will help ease us into the hardest exercise which the human being confronts in life: changing one's mind.

It is also a powerful antidote to the rigidity of our current tracking of perceived foes.

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The Jews of Lodz

In the last week of August a Jewish presence was felt once again on the streets of Lodz, Poland, as 200 former ghetto dwellers of that city reassembled to see each other and commemorate the events that sealed their fate 50 years ago.

Then 220,000 of their comrades were crowded into a pestilential ghetto, there to await transport to Auschwitz and their inevitable death in the gas chambers. By war's end only a tiny number of Jews remained in what had been Poland's second largest agglomeration of Jews.

According to David Margolick, writing in *The New York Times* (August 26), there was always something special about the Jews of Lodz. Second only in number to those of Warsaw, they represented a third of the entire population of the city of Lodz and from them came people like pianist Arthur Rubinstein.

The 200 survivors who returned to Lodz were flooded with bitter memories of a time when the world went mad, memories which were reinforced by the fact that Lodz, unlike Warsaw, was largely spared the physical devastation that the Polish capital experienced under the Nazis.

The Lodz survivors from Sweden, Israel, England and the United States were able to see, among other things, the former headquarters of the Nazis and the offices where Judenrat leader Chaim Rumkowski once compiled lists of Jews to be sent on their last journey.

They also saw another remarkable thing during their visit — a small but vigorous renewed Jewish presence in the city. Lodz now has a new Jewish youth centre, and a small but growing band of young Jewish people, some of whom have only recently discovered their Jewish origins.

During the recent assembly of Lodz Jews, the civic officials went out of their way to welcome the visitors. They have taken steps to restore Jewish properties and fight Holocaust revisionism. They arranged entertainment for the visitors by a klezmer band from Krakow. Worship services were also held in Lodz's newly restored synagogue.

We may hope that the Lodz commemoration signals a new era in the tangled relationships between Poland and the Jewish people. Whether or not that proves to be the case, it was an important act of memory through which some of the martyred Jewish millions can be summoned up, however imperfectly, in the minds of the survivors — so that the victims will not be forgotten.

Iraq's overtures

Iraq has apparently expressed interest in, and support for, the current peace process in the Middle East. Recent reports suggest that an Iraqi diplomat approached Gad Ya'acobi, Israel's ambassador at the United Nations, and that a group of Iraqi businessmen with ties to Iraq's strongman Saddam Hussein met with Uri Lubrani, the Israeli official in charge of coordinating Israel's policy in southern Lebanon.

It doesn't take a genius to understand why Iraq — which rained Scud missiles on Israel only three years ago and is still in the vanguard of the Arab rejectionist front — is suddenly turning dovish.

Suffocated by a United Nations embargo which is throttling the life out of its economy, Iraq is desperately seeking a way out of its self-inflicted travails. The sanctions were imposed shortly after Iraq invaded and annexed Kuwait in August 1990. They will not be lifted until Iraq complies with all UN resolutions, which are basically designed to prevent Iraq from rebuilding a war machine formidable enough to threaten regional stability once again.

In accordance with its transparent Machiavellian principles, Iraq apparently believes it can break the embargo by improving relations with Israel and thus currying favor with the United States, the chief enforcer of the sanctions. It is a ploy that will not work, and Israel was right to reject Iraq's overtures. There is no concrete evidence whatsoever that Iraq has sincerely altered its essentially hostile attitude toward Israel. And as long as Iraq is not in full compliace with UN resolutions, Israel would have nothing to gain by dealing with Saddam Hussein's regime.

Moreover, Iraq has tried this trick before. In the early 1980s, when the Iran-Iraq War was not going well for Baghdad, Saddam Hussein told a visiting American congressman from Brooklyn, Stephen Solarz, that he was not averse to an Arab-Israeli settlement which guaranteed Israel's existence. Within several years, following the end of that war, Iraq disavowed its supposedly good intentions.

It is in Israel's strategic interest to expand the arc of peace in the Middle East, and since Iraq has been and will be a regional power, Baghdad should eventually be included in that equation. But Iraq's participation should be contingent on its unequivocal fulfillment of UN resolutions and its unambiguous acceptance of Israel as a member of the family of nations in the Middle East.

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HOW IT WAS DONE

The heart-rending story of the imprisonment of the Swed brothers in Syria ("Swed brothers flee Syria after years of prison brutality," *CJN* August 25) omitted one very important fact.

During their incarceration and later, it was the money which came from so many contributors to the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands at the Beth Tzedec Congregation, Toronto, which provided essential food, medication, support for their family, legal representation for what turned out to be a mockery of a "trial," and ultimately the cost of the necessary exit permits and airline tickets to leave the country.

The Swed brothers, like so many others who have been able to leave Syria, were the beneficiaries of the generosity of the Canadian Jewish community.

Judy Feld Carr
Toronto

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WALDHEIM'S KNIGHTHOOD

I was shocked and terribly disturbed to learn about the bestowal of "knighthood," by the Pope, upon a Nazi officer suspected of war crimes.

Since 1987, Kurt Waldheim has been barred from entering the U.S.A., because of his "wartime contributions." Indeed, many medals of honor were bestowed upon him by the Nazis for his assistance to their cause.

Does the Pope really think that his actions can overturn and in fact, absolve his past? A more blatant mockery of truth and justice could never be concocted!

Where is the "conscience" of the Catholic Church?

E. Shapero
Toronto

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GENEALOGY THANKS

Thank you for the wonderful article on our cemetery project that appeared in the August 18 edition of *The CJN*. I have only one small correction. I took the photographs that accompanied the article but the gentleman shown is actually Henry Wellisch, the president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada.

Howard Shidlowsky
Cemetery Project Coordinator
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ISRAEL AND IRAQ DIFFER

The fact that Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (CIRB) is being duped by false refugee claimants from Israel and the former Soviet Union is in itself not surprising. While applauding Canada's place as a country with compassion and a regard for the oppressed, some of the decisions of the Board border on the absurd .

What is most troubling about the CIRB and by extension some federally appointed judges who have upheld the Board's rulings is the obvious ignorance of the fact that Israel is a flourishing democracy that does not create refugees. Israel is blessed with a sophisticated legal system; it has an ombudsman and human rights commissions that are on a parallel with any of the recognized democracies in the world. For members of the CIRB and certain Federal Court judges not to know that is a reflection on them as presumably informed individuals who know the difference between Israel and Iraq.

It is incumbent upon the federal goverment to issue some information packets to the CIRB so that their members will recognize the distinction between a country with functioning democratic institutions and one that promotes state sponsored persecution. If that is too sophisticated for Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi to understand then perhaps he should be provided with a simple map of the world designating the good guys from the bad guys.

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ALERT ON NEO-NAZIS

Thank you for the coverage regarding the Nationalist Party's approach to municipalities to proclaim European Heritage Week.

As the only Jewish councillor on Winnipeg's City Council I was approached by a local newspaper on my views. I was horrified that an organization with known linkages to neo-Nazi activities was applying for a proclamation from several Canadian cities.

As a member of the National Race Relations Committee and the City of Winnipeg's Race Relations, I am familiar with the Nationalist Party and its neo-Nazi activities. I was appalled to hear that some cities had issued a proclamation.

The infiltration by such groups into mainstream Canada to promote activities proclaimed by various cities demonstrates how vulnerable we are and how dangerous such endorsements can be,

The Race Relations Office of the Canadian Federation of Municipalities has provided lists of neo-Nazi groups to several cities. Obviously that is not enough. I urge national organizations to forward to all mayors' offices in their respective provinces a list of neo-Nazi groups for them not to sponsor or endorse, nor to support any activities associated with these operations.

(Mrs,) Sandy Hyman
Councillor
The City of Winnipeg

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MA'AVAR'S ROLE

Re: Young Reform Jews launch new group (*CJN* July 21)

On behalf of the members of Temple Har Zion's Ma'avar, we want to congratulate Tamara Fisher and Andrew Consky on creating a new Reform young people's group. We hope that having many such groups will provide young Jews with a place of their own in the community.

However, we would like to clarify several things stated in the article. Ma'avar is not "Temple Har Zion's youth group." Our youth groups are JHAZY and MHARZY, and they are both extremely vibrant, exciting groups of their own accord.

Ma'avar is a group of people from the age of 19 to mid-30s who are interested in getting together for social, educational, religious, and cultural programs. Ma'avar is a vital member of the Temple Har Zion community — we run the Selichot barbecue, the Yom Kippur afternoon service, and the Purim carnival, and have members sitting on every Temple committee.

We cannot, of course, be all things to all people — we simply strive to provide the programming, involvement, and community that our members seek. We hope this newly created group will be able to do the same for its members.

Samantha Bacher, Coordinator
Susie Berg
Toronto

Dry Bones

I'M SORRY FOR ANY WRONG I MAY HAVE DONE TO YOU THIS PAST YEAR
REALLY?
ARE YOU REALLY SORRY OR DO YOU SEE IT AS A RELIGIOUS CHORE?
WELL..
HOW SORRY ARE YOU?
SORT OF SORRY?
VERY SORRY?
I'M SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP!

Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate

To fast or not to fast — there is no question

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

During the dog-days of August we have been cleaning out old cupboards and and file cabinets. A yellowed piece of paper came to hand, a newspaper article I had written many years ago. Entitled *Day of Retreat*, it was published on Oct. 1, 1968.

Its first sentence read:

"Tomorrow, while the government of Quebec appoints a new premier and in St. Louis the World Series gets underway, there will be a quarter of a million people in Canada who, though concerned with either or both of these, will have a previous commitment. They will be in retreat. For tomorrow is the one day on which most or all Jews, whether religious or non-religious, give expression to some sense of selfness."

The day to which I referred was, of course, Yom Kippur, and at least half of the introductory sentence struck me as amusingly coincidental. While certainly this year there will be no World Series played on Yom Kippur, the people of Quebec will once again choose a new premier that very week. Besides, the verities of the Holy Day have remained the same.

Rabbi Plaut

Come Yom Kippur, the observant will spend as much time as they can in the synagogue, the non-observant will pay at least a brief visit to where Dad or Grandpa worship, or perhaps drop in during the afternoon hour when the prayers for the dead are said.

There are of course those Jews who are done with all religious forms, but even they will likely feel the pull of the day and stay away from work — a kind of declaration of historic solidarity.

Our very prayers reveal this, for there are very few of them that speak of "I"; rather, the machzor phrases them in the plural. To say "we" is an essential aspect of our identity. Being a Jew means to be part of a community and share in its resonsibilities.

And then, the fast. In a strange way it is the abstinence from food that unites all observances; it is the rare self-denial that forms the background against which the prayers, the songs, and the remembrances are expressed.

All this is sanctified by age; but now something new has been added. A pill, when taken before Yom Kippur is said to "overwhelmingly relieve the symptoms of fasting." Manufactured in Jerusalem, it has caught on in Great Britain, and its catchy title is Easy Fast. It costs 6 pounds a bottle; the ingredients remain a mystery, doctors are sceptical, and the supply was sold out at once.

I am not much of a pill taker and this one too has no appeal for me. For though it may help people to observe the commandment in form, it robs fasting of one of its important aspects. The Torah says that we are to "afflict" ourselves. Yom Kippur is to encourage the soul to gain ascendancy over the body. We always are in the habit of satisfying our physical needs first and our spiritual needs come lagging behind. Fasting with the use of a pill that makes one forget self-denial is like blowing a trumpet instead of a shofar. One is highly musical with clear and rounded tones, the other brings forth a series of raw and biting sounds. Yom Kippur features the latter, not the former. So let the fast bother you a little, it is good for the soul.

Gemar Tov!

A 'righteous gentile' cares for graves of Vienna Jews

By DAVID BIRNBAUM

In August 1993, I was in Vienna looking for the graves of some of my relatives. My wife and I had only a brief time to spend in Vienna when we turned up unannounced one Friday morning at the main gate of the general section of the Zental Friedhop municipal cemetery.

There are 60,000 Jewish graves in the two Jewish sections of the cemetery: the older section entered from Gate No. 1, and the "newer," still current section entered from Gate 4. The Jewish cemetery is very big, as it once served a large Jewish population that then shrunk to a fraction of its former size prior to World War II and now cannot afford the upkeep. Indeed, few of the Jews in Vienna have family connections with those buried there.

Austria was incorporated into Nazi Germany in 1938. Most of the area devoted to Jewish burial (particularly the older section) became, through neglect, a literal jungle with great numbers of big trees and impenetrable undergrowth. On top of this, Allied bombs, which had missed nearby strategic targets during the war, destroyed parts of the cemetery. Yet within about 40 minutes of our first enquiry we were standing at the graves of some of my ancestors. How did we manage this?

Somebody at the general enquiry office suggested we see Magister Walter Pagler at Gate No. 1. This man, who is not a Jew, has at great cost to his livelihood and his private life devoted himself for some years to putting the neglected parts of the Jewish cemetery to rights. He has now taken two years off from his law practice and set up two portable cabins at the entrance to the older section of the Jewish cemetery, where he can be found almost every day overseeing the work, as well as helping people looking for family tombstones.

His interest in the project began with a news report of an anti-Semitic desecration

The task has been, and continues to be, enormous. Some of the work can only be done with heavy equipment, but other sections must be cleared by hand to preserve the graves and gravestones. Pagler has enlisted the help of university students, local school children and even the army. The educational value for these helpers, particularly in view of the Nazi past, should not be underestimated, and of course Pagler is aware of this. I asked him if he had run into much opposition from the neo-Nazis. "I had much more trouble from the Greens, who wanted to save the trees," he said. "I said to them, 'You don't seem to understand, this is a Jewish cemetery.' " His work depends on volunteer helpers and donations to survive.

His interest in the project began with a news report of desecration and destruction in the Jewish cemetery. He and a few others set up a group, which they named Schalom, to do something about it. They felt outraged by the desecrations, particularly in view of what had happened 50 years ago to the Jews. Things grew from there.

Pagler has entered in his Macintosh computer all the records he has been able to find. (He has had requests from Israelis for the information, but says it would be impracticable for him to print out the 900 pages.) The computer lists the name, home address, place of death and location of each grave by block, row and number.

Armed with a map that he gave us, it all seemed quite simple. But it wasn't. Even after the clean-up, it was still very confusing in the old part of the cemetery, and we found ourselves wandering about muddy paths, looking for old castiron markers that had been lost or misplaced, unsure which block we were in, or even where the boundaries of the block were. Often the gravestones were very worn, or had fallen — or pushed — over, or smashed.

We found one grave, but were not sure where we could find the others, when we heard the sound of a car driving along the paths, and Pagler appeared. In spite of his busy schedule, he had come to help us out.

The first stone we found (that of my maternal great-grandparents) had been knocked over and was lying on its back. Though otherwise undamaged, the soft limestone/marble was very worn. Pagler offered to set it up again and recut the inscription, at cost. Two weeks later, when we were back in Canada, we received a letter from him with some photographs of the job, beautifully completed. Taking into account the time for a letter to reach us, he must have had it repaired right after we were there.

Walter Pagler is a friendly, cheerful, unassuming and caring man. He is also astute, and a real doer. I wanted to take a photo of him at work, but he was unwilling, saying he was just an ordinary Viennese, not worthy of any special attention. But he is. He is one of the chassidei umos ho'olom (Righteous Gentiles).

Further information can be obtained from Herr Walter Pagler, "Schalom," Tor 1, Zentral Friedhof, AZ 1110 Vienna, Austria. (Tel: 76-15-07)

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Yom Kippur: A time of hunger and atonement

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

On Yom Kippur, we pray for forgiveness for our sins. We pray for atonement. We are penitent but hopeful. Even those who observe no other fasts, observe this one.

From sunset on erev Yom Kippur until an hour after sunset the next evening, we do not eat or drink. To us, this is a very big deal. At least it is to me.

Many of us, myself included, fast with great difficulty. I stuff myself with pasta before the fast begins, having learned that carbohydrates fill me up longer and help me fast better. Usually, I make it past lunch time without complaining but by mid-afternoon, I'm headachy and beset with queasy hunger and thirst. My typical solution is to go to bed.

I don't think I have a particularly spiritual attitude about fasting, but I am trying to change. If I can't attach spirituality to my cranky appetite, maybe I can use it to learn empathy instead.

Like the rest of us, I care about world hunger and have written about it, and done what "nice" people do. I have contributed to the homeless, the flood victims, the impoverished third worlders, to CARE and Oxfam. I have gone to meetings and served on committees.

But, I guess I have never drawn a close enough parallel between their hunger and my one day of deliberate deprivation. Well, let me draw it now. Let me absorb in my bones a true understanding of what it is to hunger. Let me sense it truly beyond writing a check, beyond sighing at a news report, let me feel.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

It is erev Yom Kippur. I finish my meal before sunset. That night, I go to bed with a faint wish that I could have my midnight snack. In Brazil, a street orphan curls up under a stairwell, empty, alone, a loser in the day's begging competition.

I wake up and dress for shul. I give my kids breakfast, making sure they know that I'm not having anything. In Haiti, a mother cooks beans for her kids. She takes enough to maintain her own strength. When the pan is empty, they are all still hungry.

I line my kids up in their best clothes and we walk to shul. It's hot here and I'm sort of uncomfortable. After shul, we walk home. By now, I'm pushing the fast. My stomach is rumbling. I'd die for a drink. In Rwanda, people do.

We all watched on television as refugees staggered over the border fleeing to Zaire for their lives, entering cholera-ridden compounds where someone died every minute: some mother who hoped for a better future for her children; some daughter whose parents delighted in her sense of humor; some baby, some grandpa, someone, every minute. At first, the bodies were laid in neat rows, each wrapped in a shroud. By the time the first week of the crisis had passed, corpses were being thrown into trenches.

I wish we could understood why such tragedies are allowed to happen, but that is the unanswerable question, not only for mass calamities, but for family tragedies as well, not only in Rwanda, but throughout time. We have seen bodies thrown into pits before, at other times, for other reasons. The horror does not diminish. The questions remain unanswerable.

By late afternoon, my nap is over. I'm up but lightheaded, foggy from fasting. I feel totally out of sorts. Downtown in this city and in others across the country, dazed homeless families line up outside a soup kitchen, waiting for their one daily meal.

The sun goes down. An hour later, we sit at a table filled with food. We eat until we are sated, and then, perhaps, we eat a little more. Some cake. Some wine. Some coffee. But they are still hungry, and will be tomorrow: the homeless, the refugees, the oppressed, the impoverished.

So fast; be hungry for this single day and think of their hunger. Take the dollars you would have spent on a day of fine eating and spend them to feed the hungry.

The opening prayer on erev Yom Kippur says, "Turn us unto Thee, O Lord, so that we may be at peace with ourselves and with our fellow men."

That does not suggest that you are seeking only peace between yourself and the Lord, nor only peace with your fellow Jews — though that is rare enough — but peace with your fellow humans. That includes everyone, from the Brazilian street urchin to the hopeless man downtown, to a sunken-faced, desperate Rwandan mother.

This year, may we fast with kavanah, depth, heart, compassion. If the minor discomfort we take on deliberately reveals to us one drop of their agony, if it penetrates our inner hearts, then we will be changed . . . perhaps even changed enough to act. And if we do not act, then we will truly need forgiveness, for we will have failed not only as repentant Jews, but as human beings.

Features

Germany's ever-present past

How do Germans perceive the Holocaust? Sheldon Kirshner reports from Berlin, Frankfurt and Bonn.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Call it the ever-present past.

The Holocaust — and particularly Germany's central role in its conception and implementation — haunts the majority of Germans.

For better or worse, it is writ large in their collective consciousness.

The Holocaust is recalled in concentration camp memorials, monuments, schools, books, newspaper and magazine articles, films, television, movies and plays.

And it is never far from the minds of politicians when they evoke the Third Reich.

But how do Germans relate to the Holocaust?

Surveys suggest that many are simply weary of being constantly reminded about it. In 1992, *Der Spiegel* found that 62 per cent would rather not discuss it anymore. A poll released earlier this year by the American Jewish Committee revealed that 56 per cent of Germans in western areas of the country, and 36 per cent in eastern regions, felt that it has been discussed too much.

Jewish leaders in Germany are well aware of this fatigue.

Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, observed: "Unfortunately, the German people — not yet a majority — are tired of hearing about it and would like to forget."

Concurring with Bubis, Jerzy Kanal, chair of the community in Berlin, commented: "After 50 years, most Germans think it's enough."

Non-Jews sympathetic to Jewish concerns detect the same kind of weariness.

Jacqueline Giere, an historian at the Fritz Bauer Institute Auxiliary in Frankfurt, which studies the impact of the Holocaust on German society, noted: "It's hard for Germans to accept the Holocaust as part of Germany's image. Germans are always confronting their ever-present past, and a lot of them don't want to be reminded anymore."

Werner Bergmann, a sociologist at the Centre for Research on anti-Semitism at Berlin's Technical University, pointed to a trend in right-wing intellectual circles which holds that, after almost five decades of endless debate and handwringing, "a line has to be drawn."

Certain figures in this milieu, notably the Berlin historian Ernst Nolte, compare the Holocaust to previous atrocities and thus chip away at its unique character. Their intention is to lift the burden of guilt from Germany's shoulders, Bergmann suggested.

Last year, this theme was sounded by Steffen Heitmann, the minister of justice in the eastern state of Saxony.

Despite such sentiments, the incidence of Holocaust denial in Germany is no higher than it is in Canada or the United States, Bergmann pointed out.

In Germany, however, it is a crime to question the historical fact of the Holocaust, as a recent case illustrates.

At a rally in 1991, Gunter Deckert, head of the extreme right-wing National Democratic party, translated a speech delivered by the American Holocaust denier, Fred Leuchter. Furthermore, he came out in support of Leuchter's theories.

Subsequently, Deckert was convicted of inciting racial hatred and sentenced to one year in prison. Last March, an appeals court overturned the conviction. In April, the Constitutional Court ruled that freedom of speech does not apply to neo-Nazis who claim the Holocaust is a hoax. In June, Deckert received a one-year suspended sentence and was fined DM 10,000.

The upshot of it all was that the Social Democratic party tabled a so-called Auschwitz Lie law. It was designed to bolster existing legislation which classifies Holocaust denial as a crime.

The lower house of parliament approved the proposed bill. The upper house killed it because opponents objected to a provision allowing the federal intelligence agency to tap international phone calls on behalf of prosecutors.

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The Holocaust is remembered in a variety of ways, according to Giere, an American-born Methodist who wrote her doctorate thesis on displaced persons camps in the U.S. zone in Germany.

- There are memorials in former concentration camps (Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, Bergen-Belsen, Dachau, Ravensbruck and Neuengamme), as well as in former labor camps (Breitenau, Hadamar and Emsland.)
- Local communities produce albums and pamphlets about their vanished Jewish communities. These projects were initially undertaken in the early 1980s under the impetus of the American TV series, *Holocaust*, which had an enormous impact in Germany. Several hundred towns have joined this growing trend.
- Communities invite their former Jewish inhabitants, now living abroad, for visits free of charge.
- Cities erect plaques and monuments. In Berlin's Schonberg district, for example, 80 signs graphically remind pedestrians of the horrors of the Holocaust. At the Grunewald train station, from which 35,000 Jews were shipped eastward to their deaths, a monument is to be built.
- Museums put on special exhibitions. The Museum for Transportation and Technology in Berlin mounted an exhibition on the role of German railroads in the Final Solution.
- A flood of books, television programs and plays dissect Nazism and the Holocaust, perhaps more so than in any other country outside Israel.
- Holocaust education in schools. In the immediate post-war period, the topic was taboo, somewhat like sex. For all practical purposes, students in the 1950s and 1960s remained ignorant. Often, they gleaned their information from emotionally intense confrontations with their parents and grandparents.

The seminars, given in cooperation with trade unions, involve railway workers, civil servants and police. "The novelty of our approach is to show, by way of documents and trade journals from the Nazi era, how this or that occupational group took part in carrying out the Final Solution," explained Wolf Kaiser, a House of the Wannsee Conference official.

"It's not just a history lesson," he added. "The idea is to sensitize them to undemocratic attitudes."

The House of the Wannsee Conference — which is situated in a beautiful wooded neighborhood adjacent to an idylic lake — also offers seminars for younger and older students.

"Our task here is to stimulate discussion. Basic data they can get at school."

More often than not, students are jolted into an awareness of the Holocaust by an experience outside the bounds of the classroom, he said. The House of the Wannsee Conference tries to create these conditions with joint field trips for German and Israeli students to former concentration camps in Poland.

In keeping with its austerity drive, the German government has of late reduced subsidies for the upkeep of Holocaust memorials. The House of the Wannsee Conference has been affected by these budget cuts, but not in any fundamental sense.

What most concerns Kaiser is the future. "Drastic reductions are possible, and they would impinge on our programs." Still, Kaiser is sanguine. As he put it, "I have the impression that the government would think twice before making deep cuts. The eyes of the world are on Germany."

Kaiser does not believe that Germany needs a central Holocaust museum. A year ago, a plethora of prominent German politicians, writers, artists and theologians pressed for this in a well-publicized appeal.

"Germany," Kaiser said, "has many Holocaust memorials and monuments. A decentralized approach is preferable."

Werner Bergmann [Frank Schroder]

Nowadays, the Holocaust is an integral component of the curriculum in primary and secondary schools. Nevertheless, teachers set the tone, more or less determining the quantity and quality of knowledge imparted.

Not surprisingly, many students have grown indifferent to the topic, in the opinion of Rolf Ballot, chair of the German Federation of History Teachers. To counter this resistance, German and Israeli educators recently met at a seminar in Wurzberg, sponsored by the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation and the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial-cum-museum.

- Adult education programs. The House of the Wannsee Conference (the site where the Holocaust was systematically formalized in January 1942) in Berlin offers one-day to one-week seminars for occupational groups which participated in the extermination process.

Memorial in Berlin

In Berlin, Sheldon Kirshner discusses a planned Holocaust memorial with a member of the fundraising committee.

It will be a place for mourning and reflection, according to Inge Borck, a Holocaust survivor.

The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, to be built on the very site of Hilter's chancellery near Germany's old parliament building, is expected to cost DM 16 million.

Inge Borck [Frank Schroder]

Half the funds will be donated by the federal government and the state of Brandenburg. The rest will come from a patrons' association. Mercedes and Bosch, companies which employed forced Jewish laborers during World War II, are among the contributors.

Although an architect has yet to be selected, construction is due to start in 1996. More than 1,000 architects and artists from around the world have submitted designs. The winner will be announced in January 1995.

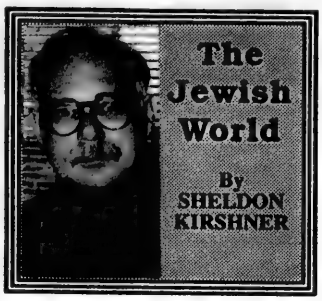
The idea was proposed by Lea Rosh, director of the North German Radio in Hannover, whose grandfather is Jewish, Borck said.

Born in Berlin, Borck survived the Holocaust by the skin of her teeth, eking out a hand-to-mouth underground existence. Christian friends, false documents and her Aryan appearance helped her to survive.

Her parents, Martin David and Paula, were not so fortunate. They tried, without success, to emigrate to Argentina and Thailand. Rounded up and taken to an assembly centre on Grosse Hamburger Street in Berlin, they were shipped to Auschwitz, where they perished in August 1943.

After the war, Borck rebuilt her life, becoming a fashion designer and a factory owner with 400 employees.

Recalling her parents' fate, she hopes that their names and that of other Jews in Berlin who were murdered in the Holocaust will be engraved on the memorial.



Yehoshafat Harkabi was a graduate of the school of realism. By turns a soldier and a scholar, he was a pragmatist who subscribed to the axiom that politics is the art of the possible.

Harkabi — who died on August 26 in Jerusalem at the age of 72 — had a distinguished career. He was chief of military intelligence from 1955 to 1959, a security advisor to several Israeli prime ministers, a professor of international relations and Middle East studies at the Hebrew University, a lecturer at Israel's National Defence College and the author of critically acclaimed books which dissected the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He was also one of the first Israelis to call for direct talks with the PLO — an organization he had studied and analysed thoroughly — and for withdrawal from the territories.

Calling himself a "Machiavellian dove," Harkabi never pretended to possess a monopoly on the truth. "I don't claim my solution is good," he told me during a visit to Toronto in 1989. "I simply say it's better than the status quo. We must choose not between good and bad — but between bad and worse."

A third-generation Sabra from Haifa, Harkabi ardently believed that Israel's withdrawal from the territories was in its own self-interest. He argued that Israel's continued presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would engender further violence, corrupt and coarsen Israeli society, encourage the growth of Islamic fundamentalism and ultimately bring Israel closer to a demographic time bomb.

The last point was of crucial importance. By retaining the territories, with their higher Arab birthrate, Israel's Jewish character would be diluted, and the seeds of an inherently divisive, unstable binational state would be planted.

Soldier and scholar

Harkabi, too, scoffed at the notion, still popular in right-of-centre circles, that Jewish settlements in the territories are of strategic value.

I met Harkabi for the first time in the summer of 1979. We spoke at his spartan apartment in Jerusalem's French Hill quarter. He was busy writing at his desk, piled high with books and documents. He was a compact man with a furrowed brow, clad in short shorts and a jersey. He looked like a typical kibbutznik. Harkabi was laconic and thoughtful. He did not suffer fools gladly.

By then, he was a respected figure in Israeli academia, having written a blizzard of monographs and books. His best-known works, *The Palestinian Covenant and its Meaning*, and *Between Israel and the Arabs* painted a frightening portrait of an Arab world conspiring to destroy Israel.

Known as a hawk on Arab-Israeli affairs, Harkabi gradually altered his philosophy when he detected shifts in the Arab/Palestinian position. Warning against policies driven by zealotry rather than realism, he urged Israel to deal with the PLO and to relinquish the territories.

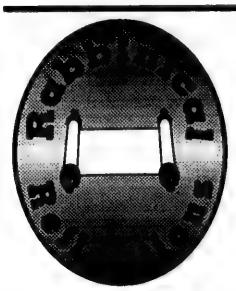
In his penultimate book, *Israel's Fateful Hour*, published in the late 1980s, Harkabi wrote that Israeli efforts to make diplomatic end runs around the PLO would fail. As he put it: "Israel will inevitably have to negotiate with the PLO. There is no hope for a local (Palestinian) leadership distancing itself from the PLO. Any attempt to drive a wedge between the PLO and the Palestinians (of the West Bank and Gaza) is doomed to failure."

Harkabi chided Yitzhak Shamir's government for its refusal to embrace the concept of territorial compromise. "The Zionist side always agreed to a two-state solution," he observed, referring to British and United Nations Palestine partition plans. "The PLO has now accepted the principle of partition... while Shamir says he won't accept two states. Insofar as Israel and the PLO are concerned, there has been a reversal of roles."

In his heart of hearts, Harkabi opposed a Palestinian state. "I'd prefer a big Israel..." he once said, "but we have to consider what is possible."

Neither an idealist nor an ideologue, Harkabi was simply a hard-headed analyst who abhorred the idea of luxuriating in illusions. "I didn't change my views," he said 15 years ago. "The situation has changed."

It is a fitting epitaph for a great man.



By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

This year the Jewish people recall the passing of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. A man who commanded such loyalty and devotion, whose followers number up to a quarter million, whose work is in every corner of the Jewish world, such a man has something to teach through his life.

We liberals can learn from Menachem Mendel Schneerson something to make our new year a better one. Here's what I learned from the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

There are two kinds of chassidic rebbes. Some remove themselves from modern life. Others, like the Lubavitcher Rebbe, prefer to make their presence felt in modern culture. One of the more open chassidic masters said he could learn a Torah thought from anything. "What can you learn from a train?" his disciples wanted to know. He responded, "One hot one can pull many cold ones."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe served as the one hot one for his Chassidim, and thereby did he pull many cold ones along with him, transforming them into troops doing battle for traditional Jewish practices. Just as your automobile tires grow warmer as they roll over the highway, so these mitzvah troops warmed to their task by their daily contact with it.

What a contrast to our contemporary ways! We seem more interested in maintaining our cool than in getting hot. Too often, they've got passion, we've got fashion. They're on the attack, while we're laid back.

I look at the high-tone models in the print advertisements and on TV, and I see in their faces disdain, unconcern, a coolness that bespeaks self-centered uninvolvement, and I fear, eleh elohecha yisrael, these are your gods, O Israel; these are the models we have selected for ourselves. If they're our hot ones, we're not going to be cool. We'll just be fashionably cold and indifferent.

But each of us, warming to one mitzvah that we believe in, can become one of the hot ones. We say we believe in the Ten Commandments. What about number four, Shabbat? In this new year, can we stoke up the heat and warm our souls toward Shabbat with a beautiful Shabbat table where family gathers round, or a day of rest from work or shopping? We each set the temperature for Shabbat, warm or cold to its possibilities for our soul.

In this new year, can we stoke up the heat a little and warm our souls towards the mitzvah of tzedakah? A contribution to your federation says you're hot to do something about Jewish poverty at home and in Israel. A gift to Mazon shares your break-the-fast with hungry Canadians across the nation. How can we not get hot about feeding the hungry?

Something else I learned from Menachem Mendel Schneerson: pay attention to the soul.

Despite our university degrees and our material success, we Jews are still human beings, with a human soul that needs nourishing.

When we were making our way into society, it was great art, and lofty philosophy that uplifted our humble souls. Now that we are sophisticated souls with masters degrees, it is the simple rituals and down-to-earth wisdom that seem to touch us.

Rabbi Schneerson taught that the Jewish soul needs Jewish nourishment, and sometimes that nourishment is simplicity itself. His campaigns tried to touch the Yiddishe Neshamah, the Jewish soul, that pintileh Yid, that small point of Jewish light within every one of us that feels somehow different from our neighbors.

I believe most of us feel the larger world's needs and naturally want to reach in our pocket to provide relief for the entirely non-Jewish population of Rwanda. We naturally feel uncomfortable when homelessness or racial discrimination is ignored in favor of purely Jewish needs, or when some rabbis line up to harass those who favor the right to advertise a bathing suit in Jerusalem. We're not about to unlearn what more liberal Judaisms have taught.

On this Yom Kippur, let us have the flexibility to recognize with Rabbi Schneerson that the Jewish soul has specific needs, even as we participate in a wider world crying for repair. Those needs can only be met through deeds that have their source in Torah.

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Israel's new get bill expected to improve plight of agunot

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A new bill likely to pass the Knesset would strengthen sanctions the rabbinical courts could levy against husbands who refuse to grant divorces to their wives.

The bill reflects an effort to improve the plight of thousands of Israeli agunot (women whose husbands refuse to grant them a get, or Jewish divorce) and who, therefore, are forbidden by Jewish law to remarry. Civil marriage is not performed in Israel.

Given that it was prepared by the Justice and Religious Affairs ministries, with the approval of the rabbinical courts, the legislation will likely have the support of the religious parties in the Knesset and thus, a good chance of passing.

Women's groups say they welcome the legislation as a first step in addressing the problem. They add, however, they would prefer to see the authority over the recalcitrant husbands be in the hands of the civil, rather than religious, courts.

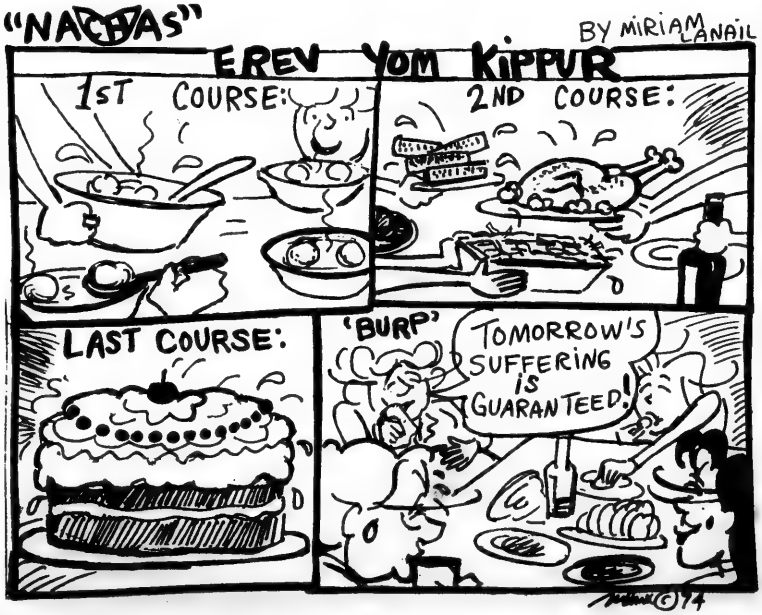
"The religious courts don't use the authority they already have, and we're afraid they won't use the [increased] authority this law gives them," said Gittit Nachliel, a lawyer in the rabbinical courts and the coordinator for the International Coalition for Agunah Rights.

But Nachliel acknowledged that shifting the authority to the civil courts is impossible in the current political climate, which essentially gives the religious parties veto power.

Given the political realities, she said, "We'll give them a chance."

Current law allows for the rabbinical courts to have a man imprisoned in order to force him to grant a get. But for those not imprisoned, the bill would bar these men from getting a passport, opening a bank account, getting a job in the public sector or working in a field that requires a government license.

The bill was discussed last month in a special meeting of the Knesset law committee. The committee is expected to take it up again with judges from the religious courts before it is put before the full Knesset for a vote.



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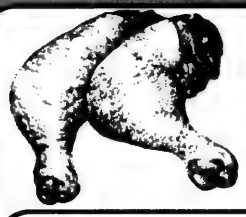

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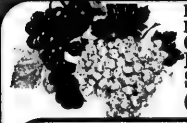

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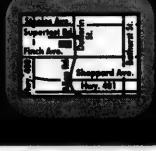


University students to examine key issues at Network conference

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Campus Connections '94, scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, will provide thought-provoking speakers, kosher meals and even a bonfire kumsitz to Jewish university students from across Ontario.

The program is Network Canada's annual central region convention. It follows a national leadership development seminar which took place in late August at Maple Lake. Network Canada is the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students.

Students will be bussed from Toronto on Friday afternoon to Caledon Hills Leisure Village (Camp Reena), where the convention will be held.

Facilities at the centre include nature trails and an indoor sports complex. Accommodation will be in winterized cabins and meals are included.

Speakers include Haim Waxman, vice-consul of Israel, on What Can We Do For Today's Israel?, and Steve Shulman of Canadian Jewish Congress on Racism and Anti-Semitism on Campus.

Other topics to be addressed at the convention include interdating and intermarriage, Israel summer programs, the peace process and the Jewish Federation.

Rabbi Benji Jacoby will be on hand for an open discussion (Rappin with the Rabbi) and to lead services.

"We're looking to get people meeting and connecting from different campuses," said Simon Rucker, central region co-chair along with Sara Bergson.

"It's for all Jewish students and young adults. There's something in it for everyone, and even if you don't know anyone, you'll know people by the time you leave," said Rucker.

Registration fee is $84 ($74 for those registering before Sept. 15) including meals, accommodation and transportation. There is also a $74 "frosh special" for first-year students. Subsidies are available upon request.

For further information contact the Network office at (416) 783-1165 (fax (416) 783-1166), or call Rucker at (905) 731-4743.

Former IDF general backs Middle East peace process

TORONTO — After a 30-year career in the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), General Nathan Sharony knows a thing or two about advancement and retreat.

So when Sharony, the worldwide president of State of Israel Bonds says it is impossible to pull back from the peace process, his declaration is supported by personal experience.

"The peace process is something that is irreversible," Sharony recently told a combined Israel Bonds/UJA breakfast audience in Toronto.

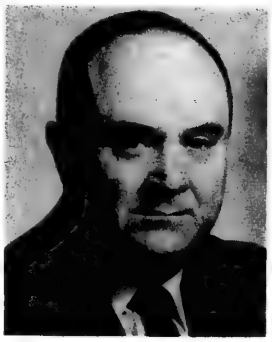
He described current global political conditions as "opportune" for Mideast peace because of the collapse of the Soviet Union and "deteriorating Arab economies."

Even Syria, he predicted, will be bargaining directly with Israel over the Golan Heights in two or three months.

Sharony drew a parallel between negotiations with Syria today and Israel's historic Sinai settlement with Egypt in 1978. "All of the questions raised today are the same," he said. "What will happen if [Hafez al-]Assad is assassinated? Can we really rely on the Syrians? The question is 'Do we take the risk or don't we?' It's a calculated risk, but we have to take it."

Sharony's appeal for Bonds investment was based on the $40 billion required by Israel to support olim from the former Soviet Union through the end of this decade. Bonds proceeds are directed towards immigrant job creation and employment training.

However, "the needs are way beyond $10 billion dollars in U.S. loan guarantees," he noted. "We invest $4 billion in infrastructure, which is well below what we should do. We need to build roads and harbors."



Nathan Sharony

Last year, Bonds investors brought Israel about $1 billion — over $100 million from Canada — which, according to Sharony, does not jeopardize Israel's international credit rating because the funds are raised outside financial markets.

Sharony joined the IDF in 1952 and then fought in three wars before retiring in 1982, with the rank of Major General. He held senior business positions for seven years before heading Israel's Economic Mission to North America between 1989 and 1992. After a short stint as director-general of Israel's Ministry of Trade, he was appointed to his current post last year.

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An artist's conception of the proposed Aish HaTorah campus in Thornhill. The design has since been modified to eliminate the peaked roof.

Vaughan backs construction of new Aish HaTorah Centre

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Aish HaTorah, the global Jewish outreach organization, has cleared a crucial hurdle in constructing its $2-million Dan Family Community Centre in Thornhill.

Vaughan's city council last week voted unanimously to grant Aish HaTorah an exemption that will allow the organization to have 100 fewer parking spaces on its property than by-laws would require.

The vote gives Aish HaTorah the green light to break ground for the facility, to be located on Clark Avenue west of Bathurst Street, immediately west of the Reena Foundation's proposed Toby and Henry Battle day care and drop-in centre for developmentally disabled adults.

Groundbreaking for the Battle Centre is expected later this month, while construction on the two-storey Aish HaTorah building is expected to begin within two months.

City of Vaughan by-laws require the Aish HaTorah building to have roughly 170 parking spaces. But a municipal engineering department study agreed that 71 parking spaces would be adequate, except for three or four occasions per year.

Despite council's 8-0 vote to approve the parking exemption, area residents turned out at last week's public hearing to voice concerns over increased street parking and congestion.

The residents, mainly from surrounding Tansley Road, Millcroft Way and McMorran Crescent, fear users of the Dan Family centre will park on their already-clogged streets.

The ratepayers all said they approve of the centre — some said they look forward to attending lectures and programs there — but feared more cars on their streets would be dangerous for children and make traffic worse.

One resident said Tansley Road "has been a disaster for years." Others argued that a walkway connecting Tansley to Clark would further entice users of the centre to park on side streets.

But residents were reassured that few if any users of the centre would park on their streets.

Murray Nightingale, a lawyer representing Aish HaTorah, told council that the Reena Foundation will allow after-hours parking on its site, and that the Promenade Shopping Centre will allow the centre to use up to 50 parking spaces, five times a year.

Parking is also available at the new Bathurst-Clark library, especially in the evenings, when most Aish HaTorah programs are held, Nightingale said. He pointed out that on Shabbat and most Jewish holidays, the parking lot would be closed and people would walk to the centre.

A northern branch of Aish HaTorah has been in the Promenade Mall for over a year.

Nightingale said there is "a great need" for the new campus because many young Jewish families are moving north of Metro, mostly to Thornhill.

Council agreed, stating the centre would enhance the community and create minimal parking problems.

However, the city will study the parking situation created by the Aish HaTorah building. A community meeting will take place soon after a report is completed.

Coun. Bernie Green said he wants the city to examine permit parking on Tansley Road.

The 17,000-sq. ft. centre will be the largest Aish HaTorah campus in Canada. It is named for the family of Leslie Dan, chair of Novopharm Inc. and supporter of many causes in the Jewish community, including Aish HaTorah.

The centre will house adult educational classes, programs for women and children, public lectures and religious services.

Sotheby's auction planned

TEL AVIV — International auction house Sotheby's is capping 10 years in Israel with a September sale of modern Jewish art and important Judaica.

Paintings by Marc Chagall, Chaim Soutine and Reuven Rubin are up for grabs Sept. 27. The works begin at $8,000 for *The Shepherdess*, by Menashe Kadishman, and go to $450,000 for Chagall's *Prophet with Torah in the Shtetl*.

Among the lots expected to go under the hammer Sept. 29 at the Tel Aviv Hilton is an English silver candelabra presented to philologist Dr. Louis Loewe for his help in rescuing Damascan Jews accused of blood libel in 1840.

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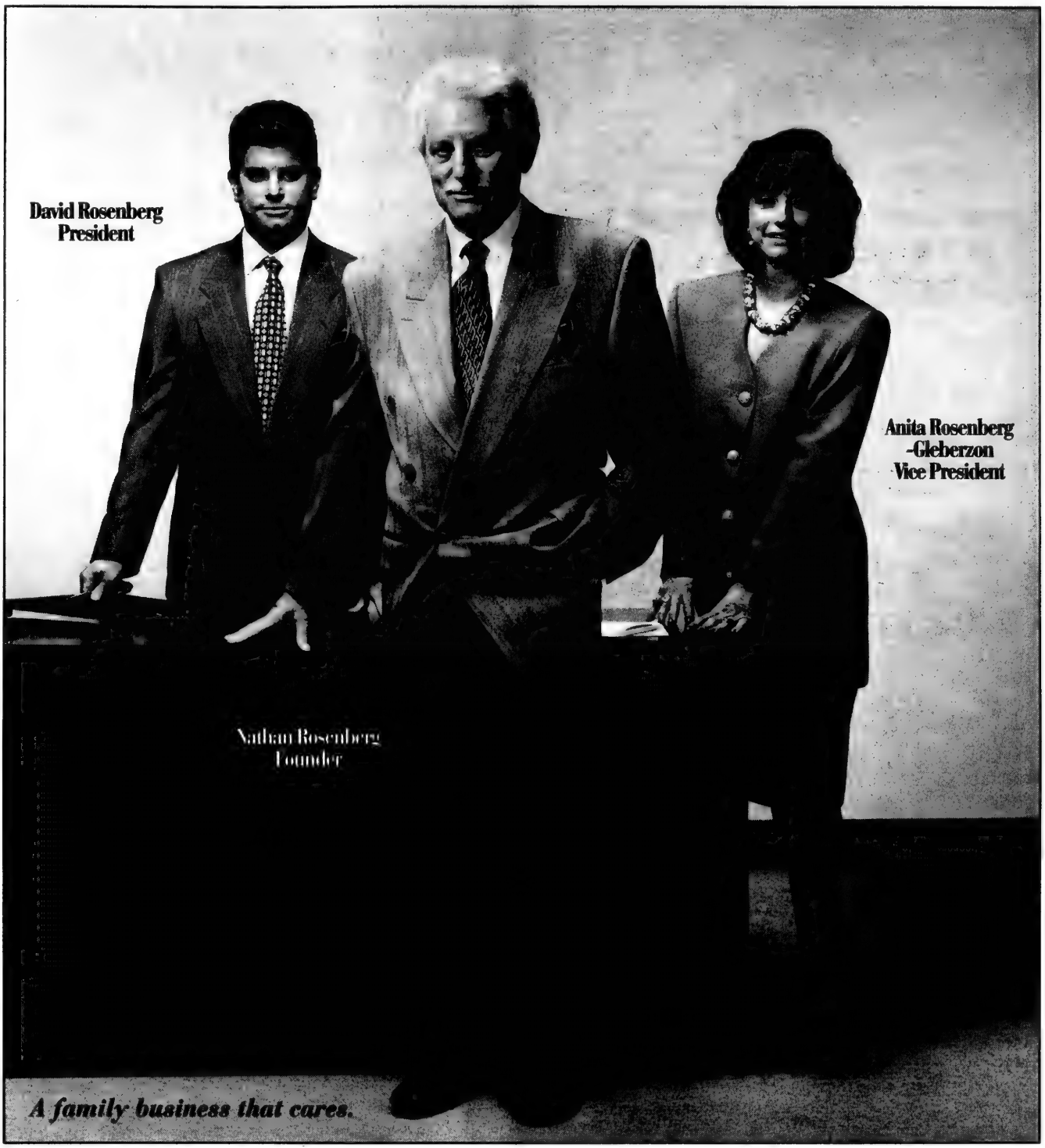

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Feminist Sukkot ceremony planned

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the past two years Jewish women in Toronto have had the opportunity to celebrate Sukkot in a unique feminist ceremony which, so far, is the only one of its kind in North America.

This year the third annual Succah-By-The-Water will be held on Sept. 25 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Harbourfront's Tent in the Square. Participants in the event will include feminist writer Michele Landsberg and Orthodox feminist scholar Norma Joseph of Montreal. Rabbis Elyse Goldstein, Nancy Wechsler, Sharon Sobel and Cheryl Nosan, along with cantorial soloists Phyllis Angel Greenberg and Anna Trubashnik will also participate.

Elaine Todres, deputy provincial cultural minister, will be a featured singer, as will Pam Halpern, Jane Enkin and Batsheva.

A symbolic sukkah will have a prominent on-stage position. Each year local Jewish woman artists create the striking silk panels which form its walls. (Following this year's event, the panels from all three years will be on display at the Koffler Gallery from Sept. 27 until Oct. 29.)

Succah-By-The-Water gives a feminist twist to traditional sukkot ceremonies such as the Ushpizin, in which symbolic guests are invited to enter the sukkah. Last year, they included heroines of Jewish history as well as agunot (women whose husbands won't give them a Jewish divorce).

Each woman is encouraged to participate in the celebration and to bless the lulav and etrog individually. Light refreshments appropriate to the harvest festival are served.

The event is run by a group of volunteers in support of the New Israel Fund (NIF) of Canada, to underwrite its women's projects in Israel. The NIF is a joint Israeli-North American venture established in 1979 to address social and economic issues in Israel. Last year Succah-By-The-Water raised $25,000 for projects such as battered women's shelters and rape crisis centres.

Tickets are $18 and must be purchased in advance. Succah Supporter tickets, which benefit a student or senior unable to afford a ticket, are $36.

Tax receipted categories are "Succah Sister," a donation of $180; "Succah Mama," $360; and "Succah Bubbie," $720. The latter two categories were created this year at the request of donors.

For further information, or to order tickets, call the NIF office at (416) 515-0507.

Free Torah High School operates in four locations

For several years, Free Torah High School (FTHS) has provided hundreds of public school students with the unique opportunity to strengthen and develop their Jewish identity.

FTHS classes for the coming year will be held in four different locations: Our northern branch will meet every Monday and Wednesday evening from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, 613 Clark Avenue, Thornhill.

The southern branch will meet Monday evenings from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the NCSY Centre, 3524 Bathurst Street.

Our eastern branch will meet at Kehillat Shaarei Torah which is located at 2640 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale. Classes will be held on Monday evenings between 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Our Richmond Hill chapter has been established at the Country Shul, which is located at the Bathurst and Carville Plaza. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Classes begin at all four Branches on Monday, Oct. 3, 1994.

Registration will take place on Monday, Sept. 12 at all branches, and at BAYT on Tuesday, Sept. 13 between 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Making Judaism relevant, vibrant and free to Jewish youth is the main objective of FTHS, a non-profit afternoon program for students of all backgrounds.

FTHS offers challenging courses of Judaic studies to students from all segments of the Jewish community: Sephardi, Ashkenazi, affiliated and non-affiliated.

With an emphasis on the individual needs of the participants, the FTHS staff and administration have created an open and comfortable atmosphere which allows for a comprehensive Jewish educational experience. Through the combined use of traditional texts, innovative teaching methods and discussions, students learn to examine source material.

Throughout the year, students are invited to participate in an array of special events, such as holiday celebrations, weekend retreats, trips, dinners, special presentations and lectures.

The FTHS offers a wide variety of programs specifically designed to meet the needs of all participants. The Machon program, designed for Grades 7-8 focuses on preparing students for their bar/bat mitzvah years. The Grade 9-12 program is extensive and caters to students' needs and interests.

The diverse course curriculum includes Jewish History, Roles in Judaism, Chumash, and a Hebrew Language course for all levels. For the more advanced student, FTHS offers a chavruta and a Kollel program.

The staff at FTHS have varied educational backgrounds and individual talents; they share a common dedication to Jewish Education and a genuine sensitivity to the needs of the individual high school students.

What attracts many students to FTHS is its unique informal setting, which not only creates a comfortable learning environment, but also serves as a social centre for Jewish Teens from the various areas of Toronto.

For more information, contact Marni Katz at (416) 782-4426 or visit the NCSY Centre at 3542 Bathurst St.

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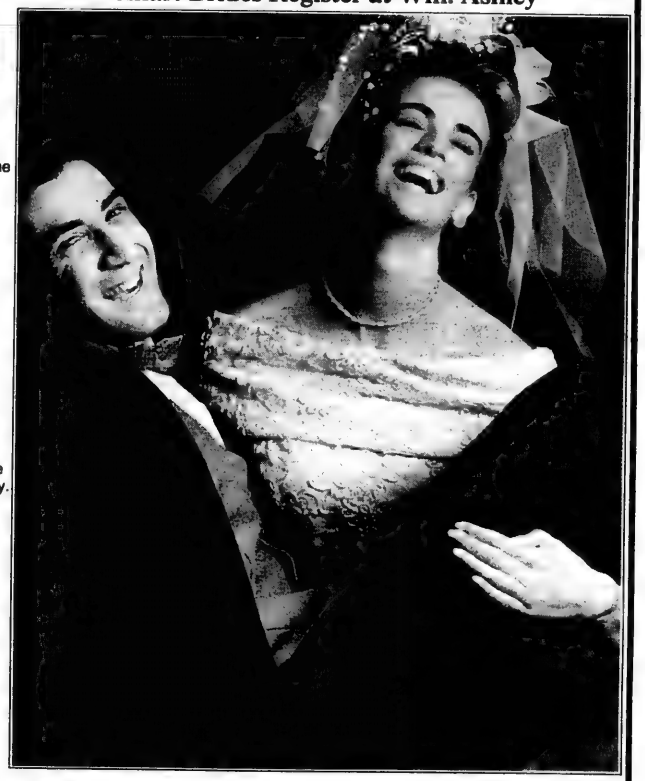

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

There *is* a better way

The biggest single problem in family law is that litigating often makes matters worse. Rather than attempting to mediate a settlement of the dispute, many spouses unfortunately rush to the courts. Recently, litigating a Jewish divorce in Ontario has become particularly unmanageable. Regrettably, several Jewish families are in serious trouble and, when it comes to issues of divorce, there is often no legal service to which they can turn, except to litigate.

Issues which Jewish families must face, particularly traditional or Orthodox ones, include:

1. How to provide for the Jewish Holy Days after separation;
2. Which Jewish schools the children should attend or whether one or more of the children should attend public schools;
3. How to obtain the consent of one or the other spouse to a "get" (a Jewish divorce);
4. Transportation of the children before or after the Sabbath and, in certain cases, during the Sabbath; and,
5. The embarrassment of dealing with divorce in a public forum.

Services such as the Jewish Family and Child Service in Toronto have able social workers who are currently overburdened. They help individuals and groups in dealing with such subjects as anger control, wife and child abuse, as well as general marriage counselling. However, at the moment, if someone needs an urgent means of dealing with the issues arising from marital separation, that person goes through a family law lawyer who is usually, by training, not skilled in the art of mediation, but in the rigors of litigation.

Mediation is a process whereby an impartial, neutral third party (the mediator) is retained to effect a resolution of issues between a couple in conflict. The process used is meetings – together and separately with the mediator. Resolution means the ultimate signing of a written agreement. Mediation is not marriage counselling. Mediation is a way for spouses to continue to work together to solve the new issues that come with separation.

In answer to the need for sensible intervention which can help resolve matters, hopefully without the need for courts, a group of lawyers in Toronto have formed the *Jewish Family Mediation Service*. The panel members are highly experienced family law lawyers who are trained in mediation. They open channels of communication, help each spouse to articulate his/her needs, help to identify the issues and obtain, in appropriate situations, input of other important individuals such as children, teachers, grandparents and rabbis. They do not give advice on Jewish law and refer spouses to their own rabbis for such advice.

The lawyer-mediator can make recommendations to both spouses and will prepare a draft memorandum which summarizes the agreements reached. This memorandum is forwarded to each spouse's legal counsel. Remember, spouses do need their own lawyers. The mediator simply helps to facilitate an agreement which will hopefully dramatically reduce the legal expenses involved in arriving at a resolution.

The mediator does not act as either spouse's lawyer, does not decide cases and will not take sides. However, the panel members will provide some educated input in areas which can be technically quite complex. The mediators are available to assist separating spouses to reach agreements in such areas as support, property and care of children.

For further information, phone the Jewish Family Mediation Service, attention Gene C. Colman (416) 665-9111, extension 224 or Jeffrey W. Goldman (416) 787-1818.

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Fired Leah Posluns, JCC employees launch protest outside UJA event

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The anger of 32 fired Jewish Community Centre (JCC) and Leah Poslun Theatre employees fuelled a protest last week outside the United Jewish Appeal campaign launch.

More than 50 protesters gathered peacefully outside the Inn on the Park hotel last Tuesday, where UJA campaign workers were attending training sessions. The $40-million UJA fundraising campaign is run by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the group behind the rescue of the insolvent centre.

The 26 full-time and six part-time workers claim they were let go without sufficient notice or severance packages.

They were laid off August 25. The next day, the JCC filed a notice of intention to settle with creditors under the Bankrupty Act, making the staff part of the pool of unsecured creditors.

"To fire people right before the High Holidays, what kind of shande is that?" asked JCC volunteer Andrea Bricks.

Bricks and her fellow protesters said they were hoping to raise awareness amongst UJA workers about the firings. Many of the staff, after decades of JCC service, are now nearing retirement age. "I don't know what's out there for a person my age," said one staffer, a widow in her late 50s.

UJA volunteer Varda Bernstein paused to read the placards on her way into the hotel. "It's awful," she said. "We have quite a rich Jewish community and this should never have happened."

Federation spokesman Howard English watched the protest from a distance. He said the UJA volunteers inside the hotel had nothing to do with the JCC, which was forced to fire the staff because of its $17-million debt.

"We're not closing our eyes to their personal circumstances, but what was done was done to save [the 276 other jobs] and save the facilities," he said.

English said the Federation was not planning to dedicate special funding for the employees' severance packages, which could run up to 34 weeks of pay depending on the number of employment years.

But interim JCC director Sharon Bacal said the following day that she is fighting to make sure the employees are duly compensated.

While their status as unsecured creditors may prevent a full settlement, "I feel very strongly that the JCC has a legal duty with respect to this amount and it should be paid in full," Bacal said.

"We owe them that money. It's their fair entitlement and they're not asking for anything more."

That view may be welcome news. Reva Stern, artistic director of the Leah Posluns Theatre for 20 years, said at the protest she is launching a joint court action on behalf of the fired staffers.

"We belong to a Jewish centre, for God's sake," she said. "Even in the corporate world we wouldn't be treated this way, and we tend to think of the corporate world as heartless. This is sick."

New Leo Baeck campus set to open

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With just eight days to go before the start of school, things were a bit hectic last Wednesday at the spanking new Leo Baeck Day School campus in Thornhill.

Stepping around unpacked storage boxes and busy tradesmen, school administrator Rhona Birenbaum said she was sure the new building would be finished before its Sept. 8 opening.

That is when 425 students, from kindergarten to Grade 8, will move into their new classrooms — classrooms that even last week still lacked furniture, books and, in some cases, finished floors.

"I'm not nervous," said school director Zita Gardner. "Like anyone who has renovated a home knows, something always holds you up."

Most area residents know that the Atkinson Avenue school is no renovation. The 55,000-sq.ft. building was built from scratch over 11 months at a cost of $5 million. It was supposed to be completed before last week.

The new building was brought in within budget, said project manager Mark Nightingale of Makrimichalos Cugini Architects. He pointed to the lavender and aqua walls as an example.

"With schools, we try to make them fun, and color is a cost-effective way to have fun," he said.

Gardner and Birenbaum said another $1 million was spent on replacing upholstery, curtains, office equipment and other items brought from the former Kenton Drive campus. That building is now occupied by another tenant.

School treasurer Jerry Leiderman said $3 million was raised through a parent-initiated tuition levy of roughly $400 per year. The Dan and Koffler families contributed $1.25 million, he said, but the school needs to raise another $1 million to pay off the mortgage.

The Atkinson Avenue building is also home to the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, the 100-family Temple Kol Ami and Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

The Leo Baeck campus at Holy Blossom Temple has 60 students from kindergarten to Grade 3. Gardner said the combined enrolment is up by 100 this year.

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Photography exhibit captures heart of Jewish life.

A young girl joins the procession on Simchat Torah in the Beach Hebrew Institute.

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A young girl cradles a Torah in her arms during a synagogue procession, her face touched with pride and reverence.

The picture is part of *Home and Homeland: Jewish Images from Toronto to Israel*, a solo exhibit by photographer Tobi Asmoucha.

Originally from Vancouver, Asmoucha, a photo arts graduate of Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnic University, is the daughter of an Ashkenazi mother born in Wales and a Sephardi father from Iraq. Recently returned from Jerusalem, northern Italy, Budapest, Prague and Britain — her Hasselblad carried in a supermarket shopping bag — she brings a wide understanding to her work.

The show is principally black and white. "It's more direct," she says. The images are of synagogues and shops in Toronto to Israeli villages and urban neighborhoods. Look at her photo of a saleswoman leaning over the counter in a local kosher butcher store and you're about to place an order. Watch an old man slowly retreating down a stepped alley in Jerusalem and you want to help him.

The black-and-white pictures cut to the core. At a Purim play in a Toronto synagogue, the laughter of one child and the wonder of another are almost palpable. Far away in a quiet quarter of Jerusalem, the silhouette of a bearded man against a stone wall is timeless.

Patterns and the play of light and darkness intrigue Asmoucha. Again in Jerusalem, shadows of hydro wires criss-cross a sunlit shuttered window.

She photographs strangers wherever she goes. A white-shawled woman leaning on her cane in a Druze village is wary at first, but she pauses for the camera. People seem to feel that Asmoucha is "trustable," and she adds, "They even offer me diet Cokes and cake!"

In the past year she has been busy mounting her own shows and assisting commercial photographers. When she was in Britain she was able to work legally because of her mother's background. "I could even get health care coverage," she notes.

During 1994 she has exhibited at the Ryerson Gallery, the Zack Gallery and Station Street Art Centre in Vancouver and the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition in Nathan Phillips Square.

Her ultimate goal, and she is confident that it is approaching, is to have her own studio. Obviously empathetic with the enthusiasms and whimsies of childhood, she wants to photograph youngsters, "not the serious portraits, but something unique about your child, showing his or her personality — not just the proper posed picture."

Home and Homeland is at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., until Sept. 28. Hours are Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (416) 465-0956.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please note these deadline dates for What's New and About People:

Thursday, Sept. 8, is deadline for Sept. 22 issue.

Monday, Sept. 12, is deadline for Sept. 29.

Thursday, Sept. 22, is deadline for Oct. 6 issue (back to regular schedule).

I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, Sept. 11

THE ZIONIST IMPERATIVE TODAY

World renowned author, philosopher and theologian **Prof. Emil Fackenheim** will address the community on The Zionist Imperative Today, 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Event is sponsored by the Toronto Zionist Council, Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education Committee, and Herut-Likud. Admission free. For information, 781-35671.

MASHIACH FEVER

Lubavitch Women's Meshei Chabad is presenting writer/lecturer **Rabbi Hershel Greenberg** speaking on Mashiach Fever: Dangerous or Imperative? at 8 p.m. at the Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate. Charge $5 per person.

MEMORIAL PARADE

The General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, is holding its annual Memorial Parade and Service at the cenotaph, Mount Sinai Cemetery. Fall-in time for the parade is 10 a.m. from Keele and Wilson. All veterans are welcome to participate.

Monday, Sept. 12

BOND WITH ISRAEL DINNER

The Stashiver Young Men's Society and Ladies Auxiliary annual Bond With Israel dinner is set for 6 p.m. at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

RABBI BEREL WEIN

Aish HaTorah invites the public to a lecture given by renowned author and historian, **Rabbi Berel Wein** from Monsey, N.Y. who will speak on Yom Kippur: A Time to Forgive — Renewing Our Relationship with Humanity and G-d, at 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303. Cost $5 in advance, $8 at the door. To register, 636-7530.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR!

At the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood open general meeting, **Dr. Al Green** will be speaking on So You Want to be a Doctor! Time is 8 p.m. Hostess is **Myrna Lambert**.

OPENING DINNER MEETING

Sha'aron chapter, B'nai Brith Women's, opening dinner meeting begins 7:30 p.m. at Sonny Langers Restaurant, with the meeting following at 8:45. A guest speaker will discuss Astrology. This promises to be an interesting and fun-filled evening. Cost is $20. RSVP by calling **Vicki Stern**, (905) 889-8076.

DECADENT LOW CALORIE DESSERTS

Tikvah chapter of B'nai Brith Women, a group of single and young married women in their 20s and early 30s, invites you to a cooking demonstration at 7:30 p.m. by chef and cooking instructor **Nancy Henly** of Basil, Bellyfish and Black-Bottomed Pie, who will prepare and speak on Decadent Low Calorie Desserts. For information, **Debbie Simon**, 398-2899. Chapter members $2, non-members $5. Advance registration suggested.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

REPORT ON CONTINUITY

The Association for Jewish Continuity invites you to hear community leaders discuss Community Report on Continuity: Where Do We Go From Here? Participants are **Aaron Brotman**, chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage Task Force, and **Norm Grafstein**, community leader and executive vice-president of Premier Capital Management. Moderator is **Julia Koschitzky**, a Federation officer and chair of Keren Hayesod. Time is noon in the 24th-floor boardroom of BBN James Capel Inc., 1 Adelaide St. E. A light lunch will be served. Admission $5. RSVP before Sept. 9 to 789-4148.

Thursday, Sept. 15

COMMUNITY BREAK FAST

A community break fast, following Yom Kippur services, is arranged for 8:15 p.m. at a Bloor-St. George location. This pot luck (dairy) meal is co-sponsored by Kavannah and the Downtown Reform Minyan and is open to the entire downtown Jewish community. To RSVP or contribute, call 485-5975.

And What Else Is New...

ISRAEL KIBBUTZ CHOIR

The Israel Kibbutz Choir will begin its North American tour in Toronto! This award-winning choir, under the musical direction of **Avner Itai**, includes 45 members from kibbutzim across Israel and performs regularly with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Included in the choir's repertoire are the best of the European choral works. Israeli and Jewish music receive special emphasis.

The choir will perform, under the sponsorship of Na'amat Toronto, Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7:45 p.m., Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E. For information, 636-5425.

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is offering the following social services programs:

Preconception Seminar — Monday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Prenatal Classes with a Jewish Twist — For individuals whose due date is March 1, 1995 or beyond, Tuesdays, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 7:30 p.m.

Starting Out — For parents of children up to 12 months of age. Potential topics: sick child, immunization, routines, crying, role adjustment, infant development, home safety and women's health issues. Mondays, Oct. 14, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Toddler Talk — For parents of children 1-4 years of age. Potential topics include health concerns, nutrition, growth and development; toilet training, limit setting and discipline, and creating a positive environment.

To register for any of these programs, call **Debbie Dash** at synagogue office, 633-5500.

KOLEL REGISTRATION

Registration is now on for fall classes at Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Subjects include Jewish history, Siddur, Talmud, theology, introduction to Judaism, introduction to Torah and more. Daytime and evening classes are offered in several locations around Toronto. Some classes begin the week of Sept. 21. For a brochure or more information, call Kolel, (905) 709-1900.

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Experience the joy of volunteering. Touch the life of a fellow Jew. Chaplaincy Services needs visitors at downtown hospitals and numerous nursing homes. Be part of the community and the Chaplaincy Services team of volunteers. For information, call **Toby Maskowitz**, coordinator, Chaplaincy Services of Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 287.

DOWNTOWN HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

The Downtown Jewish Community School is now accepting registration for its unique Jewish high school program, Judaism 101 — What is Judaism About? Issues of Jewish Identity in the Modern World. Classes for Grades 8-9 and 10-13 students begin in the fall and run Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the JCC Bloor Y. Topics are developed from the individual interests of students, which in the past have included Jewish attitudes on black magic; anti-Semitism in Canada; dating and marrying Jewish only — is it racist?; and Heaven, hell and reincarnation in Judaism. No writing assignments, tests or papers required. Phone **Joan Schoenfeld**, 924-6211.

HOME AND HOMELAND

Home and Homeland: Jewish Images from Toronto to Israel, with photography by **Tobi Asmoucha**, opened Sept. 4 at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., and will be on view through Sept. 28. Hours, Tuesdays 3-9 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m. (excluding High Holidays). For information, 465-0956.

CONGREGATION SHAAREI ZION

Congregation Shaarei Zion, an Orthodox congregation in northeast Metro Toronto, is holding High Holy Day services at the chapel located at Associated Hebrew School, Danilack building, 6100 Leslie St. For information, 756-9246.

STORYTIME & TALES FOR TWO

Bathurst Clark Public Library announces that registration begins Sept. 12 for Tales for Two (2-year-olds and parent/caregivers) Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., and for Storytime (ages 3-5) Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Sessions run Oct. 5-Dec. 7. Registration fee is $20 per child for 10-week session. Call (905) 709-1103.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group studying the Book of Kings in English, with attention to the Hebrew text, resumes Thursday, Oct. 6, 9:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, led by **Aaron Nussbaum**. This group has been meeting for the past year and the approach includes review of the text, modern and ancient exegesis and archeological background. The group is open for newcomers. Just show up. No registration necessary.

BOWLING LEAGUES

The Judean Bowling League has been in existence for 70 years and would like to be around for another 70 . So, new members are urgently needed — all types of bowlers aged 15 to 115. This 5-pin league meets at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave., Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Social events and weekly draws are included. The year begins Sept. 11. New members are welcome anytime. Amalgamations with other leagues are welcome. For information, call **Sid**, 222-7828 (or leave a message).

Attention newlyweds and soon-to-be-married Jewish couples! Come out and join the fun for bowling and socials. Call **Janice**, (905) 472-8521.

50 Plus Ladies 10-Pin Bowling League meets every Wednesday afternoon at Wilson Pro Bowl on Wilson Avenue. Phone **Dolores**, (905) 731-9522 or **Ruth**, 636-1052.

CHANGING THE GUARD

Lionel Bergman (right), elected president at Beth Torah's recent executive and board meeting, accepts the gavel from outgoing president Jack Kates who served as president for two alternate 2-year terms. Also elected were Jack Greenberg and Steven Turk as vice-presidents; Jacques (Isaac) Lallouz as treasurer; Nathan Naymark as secretary; Zoltan Mandell as gabbai; and Irving Mueller and Lou Lukofsky as assistant gabboim. Nominations chair was past-president Mollie Rothman. [Mollie Rothman photo].

CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

This week's events planned by Congregation Keshet Shalom, a progressive congregation serving the needs of the Greater Toronto gay and lesbian community: Rosh Hashanah/Shabbat Shuvah Oneg Shabbat, Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, main floor lounge; and a Yom Kippur Break Fast, Thursday, Sept. 15 at 8:15 p.m., The 519 Community Centre, 519 Church St., Room 23 (bring a dairy or parve dish or dessert). For information, the Rainbow Line, 925-1408.

EARL BALES PLAYGROUP

Earl Bales Playgroup offers two programs at Earl Bales Park: Parent and Tot, and Nursery Program, starting Monday, Sept. 12. For information, **Rachel**, (905) 731-7216.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH

B'nai Shalom North Congregation, 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill, is holding High Holy Day services in the main auditorium of Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Sermons and cantorial renditions conducted by **Rabbi Solomon Domb**, who will be leading the services.

Those aged 6 to 17 may attend the main service with their parents or a separate youth service held in an adjacent room. A nursery program is also offered for children 2-5 years during the services.

B'nai Shalom Day Nursery, 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill, for children 18 months to 5 years, offers kosher meals and snacks, Hebrew and English curriculum including music and Jewish holidays. New, starting this September, is a junior kindergarten program. Full- or part-time registration available.

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School classes, kindergarten to Grade 7, are held at Yorkhill Elementary School, 350 Hilda Ave., Thornhill. Affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education, the Hebrew school offers Hebrew, holidays, prayers, Bible, history, music and Israeli folkdancing, plus a bar/bat mitzvah program. Educational director is **Joseph Klinger**.

For information on all programs, call **Sadie Domb**, (905) 731-2797.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups:

Separation and Divorce — discuss anger, loneliness and looking ahead, beginning Oct. 4.

Widows/Widowers — discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and new beginnings, beginning Oct. 5.

Young Adults (18-26) Losing a Parent — discuss feelings around your loss and how to cope effectively, beginning Oct. 13.

For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

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els, mornings or afternoons, will be held at Associated Hebrew School, Neptune branch, and at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Evening classes in the intermediate and advanced levels will be held Mondays at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.) and Wednesdays at the JCC North (8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.)

All classes start the week of Oct. 3. For information and registration, call **Yael** at 225-6151.

CAMP NEW MOON REUNION

Camp New Moon's 35th year grand reunion for former staff and campers takes place Sept. 10 and 11 at the camp in Baysville. For information, 787-4461.

THE BARNES EXHIBIT

On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) is hosting a gala/reception to preview the Barnes Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Barnes Exhibit consists of 80 rare masterpieces of impressionist and post-impressionist art by **Matisse, Cezanne, Monet, van Gogh, Renoir** and **Picasso**.

Co-chairs of this evening are **Carole Herman Zucker** and **Gloria Lepofsky**. Tickets are now on sale at $125 each (tax deductible receipt). Proceeds go to cancer research.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Israeli folkdancing with **Marco Ben-Shimon** will be held in two Thornhill locations — Tuesday evenings starting Sept. 13 at L.H. Frechette School, 40 New Westminster Dr., and Thursday evenings starting Sept. 22 at Yorkhill Public School, 350 Hilda Ave. Classes are 7:30 p.m. for beginners, 8:30 p.m. intermediate and advanced. Admission $5 each evening. For information, (905) 771-0363.

DVI MUSICAL SOIREE

Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) is dedicating its 10th annual Musical Soiree to the memory of co-founder and director **Dr. Max Florence**. This concert is in support of the DVI Clinic in Jerusalem which provides essential dental services for all of Jerusalem's underprivileged children.

Dr. Max Florence

The concert features celebrated musicians **Shaya Petroff**, musical director/pianist; and the Rembrandt Trio with **Valerie Tryon**, pianist; **Gerard Kantarjian**, violinist; and **Conrad Bloemendal**, cellist. It takes place Sunday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at McDonald's Head Office, McDonald Place. Reception follows.

Tickets are $50 minimum, $175 Friend, $350 Donor, $500 Patron, $1,000 Benefactor. Donations are tax deductible and should be mailed to **Dr. Alfred Intrator**, Jerusalem Foundation DVI, 212 Dunvegan Rd., Toronto, M5P 2P2.

for seniors

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch offers the following fall classes, starting the week of Sept. 19— Ballroom, Monday, 9:30-11 a.m.; Yoga, Thursday, noon to 1:30 p.m.; Tai Chi (advanced), Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Tai Chi (beginners), Thursday, 10:45-11:45 a.m.; Line Dancing, Friday, 1-3 p.m. These cocurses are co-sponsored by North York Board of Education and the JCC. Registration is done at the first class. For information, **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453. No meeting Yom Kippur, Sept. 15.

Daytime Hebrew classes with **Yael Lev** for seniors in two levels, beginners III and intermediate, will be held Friday mornings at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. For information, **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events— Oct. 12, Stage West to see *Pyjama Tops*; Oct. 17, Atlantic City casino trip; Oct. 19, the musical **Show Boat**; Saturday night dances in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m.; bingo every Tuesday, 1 p.m.; shuffleboard in the Community Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. For information, 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is accepting reservations for the Oct. 31-Nov. 21 Israeli trip. Tickets are available for *Twelfth Night* at Stratford Sept. 29. A fall color cruise is planned for early October to Bobcageon with visit to Weitung Indian Gallery, kosher lunch included. For information on trips and activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami. A trip to Washington, D.C., to the Holocaust Memorial and other interesting sights with professional guide takes place Oct. 30-Nov. 3, package deal $484 Canadian, double occupancy, includes bus and four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the Ladies Folkdancing, Tuesdays 1 p.m., continues after the holidays at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Sunrise Group upcoming events— The Pines Hotel in the Catskills, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, $495 Canadian; *Show Boat*, Oct. 12, $70 with lunch, $60 without lunch; Washington Holocaust Memorial and city tour, Oct. 2-6. $450. For information, **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Ida**, 636-8696.

Young at Heart Seniors Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour with professional guide takes place Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal $484 Canadian, double occupancy, includes bus and four nights at Holiday Inn. Will be going to kosher restaurants for three meals daily. Call **Helen** or **Doreen**, 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre, the Awareness Project for Abuse of the Elderly, and Jewish Family & Child Service are offering Working Together For Change, a group for women over 55 who have been or are in relationships that hurt. Learn how to understand your situation better, how to keep yourself safe and get your needs met. Sessions will run Tuesdays beginning Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, from 3:15 p.m. and 5 p.m. All enquiries in strict confidence. For information, **Sheila Zane** or **Sharon Zeller**, 225-2112.

My Russian Relatives, a video presentation with producer **Cayle Chernin**, takes place Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 10:15 a.m. No charge.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, is holding a fifth anniversary party Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., with dinner and entertainment. Members $14, non-members $16. Tickets at the Centre. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie, *Funny Girl*, will be screened Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, April 11 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

About People

TECHNION APPOINTMENT

Gerald Enchin has been appointed executive vice-president of the Canadian Technion Society, replacing **Mannie Shimoni** who is returning to Israel after eight successful years with the Canadian organization.

Gerald Enchin

Enchin, executive director of the London, Ont. Jewish Federation for the past eight years, returns to Toronto after a 14-year absence. He and his wife **Brenda** and their children **Adam, Joshua** and **Samara** have made their home in Thompson, Man.; Saskatoon, Sask.; and London.

Along with his experience in many forms of community service, Enchin has a degree and background in town planning, which also ties in well with the work being done by the Technion's Architecture and Town Planning Department, the only faculty of its kind in Israel.

UCS EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

United Congregational Schools of Greater Toronto has announced the appointment of **Edmond Y. Lipsitz** as educational director. The former director of education of the Canadian Jewish Congress has many years of experience in Jewish education and administration and brings to UCS a strong commitment to Jewish continuity through education.

HONORARY DEGREE

Gerald Freed, past president of the Windsor Jewish Federation, was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at the recent graduation ceremonies of the University of Windsor. Freed was cited for his philanthropy and service to both the Jewish and Windsor communities. Among his many activities, Freed has been president or chairman of the United Way, Metropolitan Hospital, Windsor Chamber of Commerce, the Lung Association, Windsor Essex Development Commission and the United Jewish Appeal. He is currently vice-president of the Greater Windsor Foundation. In adddition, Freed has chaired several important building campaigns including the I.L. Peretz Senior Citizens Building and the recently completed Freed Orman Conference Centre at Assumption University, his alma mater.

MEMORY LOSS EXAMINED

The Canadian Weizmann League, the young leadership division of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, recently held a special program entitled Memory Loss in the Elderly: What's the Cause? Dr. Morris Freedman, director of behavioral neurology at the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre, was guest speaker. The evening was hosted by Morris and Miriam Kerzner. From left are Morris Kerzner, national vice-president; Dr. Freedman; Miriam Kerzner, national board member; Lisa S.K. Winston and Allan J. Stitt, Weizmann League co-chairs.

DINNER DANCE

A tribute dinner was recently held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in honor of Helen and Joe Morgan by Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Circle Lodge B'nai Brith prior to a gala dinner dance in conjunction with Israel Bonds to be held on Oct. 2. Shown (from left) Michael Rosenberg, dinner co-chair; Joe and Helen Morgan, honorees; Yehuda Ben-Meir, guest speaker; Alex Grossman, chairman of the board, Canada-Israel Securities; and Ralph Snow, dinner co-chair.

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Israeli athlete's success makes dad feel proud

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An Israeli businessman who got a new heart last year took home four gold medals in an international olympics for heart-transplant recipients held recently in Helsinki, Finland.

"First I was worried, but then I became very proud," said Robert Vardi of his son Bracja.

Vardi explained that he worried when he heard of his son's achievement this past July, as he feared that the strain of swimming competitively might have injured his son's health.

When the Toronto resident learned that his son's participation had been okayed by the Israeli heart surgeon who had performed his operation, he was relieved. "Then he must be in good shape," said Vardi.

Bracja, who lives in Ramat haSharon, got his new heart last August at Belinson Hospital in Petah Tikva after waiting four agonizing years. At 38 he was the youngest person ever to have a heart transplant in Israel.

Bracja's last bout of heart problems began five years ago when a pacemaker he had received at the age of 19 started giving him problems. Eventually his condition deteriorated so much that he could hardly walk ten paces.

"He had to change his place of living to a place where there was an elevator," recalled Vardi, "because he couldn't go upstairs."

When the long-awaited call from the hospital arrived — it was finally Bracja's turn for a transplant — a friend was ready to drive him there. The two of them got stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic and Bracja panicked.

"He was petrified that he wouldn't get the heart if he did not arrive on time," said Vardi.

They called ahead on the car phone, to tell the hospital they were on the way. But when they arrived, they learned a heart patient in worse condition than Bracja was at the top of the list for the operation. The other patient, however, got cold feet at the last minute and Vardi's son went in for the operation.

At the start of the operation, the heart surgeon, told Bracja that he would wake up in about 10 hours. He would either have a new heart or, if his body rejected the heart, he would be on a cardiopulmonary bypass machine awaiting another one.

Happily, the operation was a success and "right away he felt that he could breathe freely and everything was functioning like he was a newborn," said his father.

Bracja recovered quickly and in six weeks he was back at work again, running his successful import business.

Vardi sings praises of the Belinson Hospital staff, their professionalism and the quality of medical care his son received.

"I had a feeling that nothing bad could happen to my son in the hospital. The constant loving care from highest doctor down to the cleaning staff could be an example to any civilized country with much more financial resources than the little country of Israel," he said.

This past June, Bracja remarried and, as Vardi put it, his son got "a new heart and a new wife" in the short space of a year. His daughter-in-law Segal carried the Israeli flag at the awards ceremony in Helsinki. She gives Bracja "the loving care and happiness that he never had in his life," said Vardi.

He added that Jiftach, his 12-year-old grandson, "is a wonderful and devoted son to his father."

Vardi is a Holocaust survivor who arrived in Israel in 1949, after leaving Hungary. From 1950 to 1952, he was a member of one of the first groups of Israeli paratroopers. He immigrated to Canada in 1971, while Bracja, his only child, stayed behind in Israel. An electrician by trade, Vardi was forced to stop working three years ago after he himself had a quadruple bypass.

He stays in constant touch with his son. "The connection between us," he said, "is very tight."

Israel Bonds to honor couple

TORONTO — You won't find his name in any textbook about Israel. But, the quiet contribution of Martin Markus and his wife Judith to Israel's growth has made a loud impact.

That's why State of Israel Bonds will be honoring Markus at a tribute dinner, Sept. 17, just after his 75th birthday.

"I love Israel," Markus declares emphatically.

"I get tears in my eyes every time I land there," adds his wife.

However, the Markus family commitment is more than mere emotion. The couple holds untold amounts in Israel Bonds because they have invested since Bonds began over 40 years ago.

When their son Norman announced that he was going to volunteer in Israel during the Yom Kippur War, his father simply said "G-d bless you."

Martin and Judith Markus were on the first commercial flight to Israel after the Yom Kippur War, and their most recent trip to celebrate their grandson's bar mitzvah was number 50.

Freedom to travel is something that Martin Markus, a World War II survivor, never takes for granted. In December 1940, he and thousands of other Romanian Jews were ordered to perform forced labor. His assignment was to pick up live land mines on the road. "A lot of us died," he remembers sadly.

In February 1943, Markus escaped and was eventually picked up by partisans, with whom he walked for two weeks day and night under the most bitter winter conditions. There was no food and no shelter. Many of his fellow marchers resorted to eating rats or anything else that could be captured.

He arrived in Canada, penniless and rootless, on the day before Rosh Hashanah three years after the war was over. Alone for the holiday, he found his way to Toronto's Romanian shul, which later became Adath Israel, where the Markus tribute dinner is taking place.

From Markus' early poverty to his eventual success as a Toronto store owner, the Markus family association with Adath Israel has been lifelong.

You'll never hear Martin Markus boasting about his survival skills or his attachment to Jewish life. His reaction to being honored is typically low key.

Martin and Judith Markus have two children and six grandchildren.

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Makeup of Jewish families in Vancouver seen as changing

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Out of a total Jewish population of 19,375 in Greater Vancouver, 14,755 live in "economic families." Thirty-two per cent of these are intermarried families, which is more than double the percentage of intermarried Jewish families nationally.

These are some of the figures established by an analysis of the 1991 census by the Jewish Federation in Vancouver.

Statistics Canada (Statscan) regards the economic family as a household with two or more members related by blood, marriage, common law or adoption. Individuals living alone or in other arrangements are, by Statscan definition, not "families."

While 85 per cent of all Jews in Canada live in economic families, the figure for Greater Vancouver is only 80 per cent.

The Federation report estimates that 20 per cent of the Vancouverites live alone in non-family situations; 10.5 per cent are single-parent families of which 80 per cent are headed by women.

"We know," says Federation, "that many young single Jews moved to Vancouver and we know that older Jews, especially women, often live alone. But only one in five living alone are elderly. The remainder represent a young single population — and 15 per cent of them arrived between 1986 and 1991."

The husband-wife Jewish family is no longer the stereotypical one with two parents, two children, two pets. Over 30 per cent of couples have no children in the household; another 18 per cent have one. But 33 per cent do have two children and nearly 14 per cent have three. The small remaining group have more than three.

The Vancouver percentage of Jewish seniors is a little lower than the national figure. In the total Canadian Jewish population, 17.3 per cent are over 65; in Greater Vancouver, the figure is 13.1 per cent. Nationally, 9.6 per cent of seniors are between 65 and 74; Vancouver's figures are 6.9 per cent with 6.2 per cent of seniors over 75.

Of elderly Jews living alone in Vancouver, 42 per cent are females and 13 per cent are men. Those who live alone often have lower incomes and may experience greater isolation from community life, says Federation.

To cope with this, Federation is setting up a non-profit housing society; one of its mandates is to prepare a registry of housing options including home renovations, mortgages, home safety and congregate living.

In the matter of employment, Federation says Jews remain longer in the labor force; 22 per cent of all Canadian Jews over 65 were in the 1991 labor force; the figures for all Canadians was nine per cent.

Jewish women are a major factor in the work force. Of the national Jewish population, 75 per cent of Jewish women 40 to 64 years old were working in 1991, compared with 63 per cent of all Canadian women.

"Astonishingly," says Federation, "12 per cent of Jewish women over 65 were in the labor force compared with only five per cent of all Canadian women."

Looking at the overall Jewish picture, the report says Canadian Jews are three times more likely than Canadians as a whole to be in professions such as law, medicine or accounting. There is a large gap in the manual trades — only 13 per cent of Jews listed this occupational category in the census, compared to 41 per cent of Canadians generally.

Other favored Jewish occupations are management, administration, human service professions and sales.

The report states that poverty affects one in six Jews in Canada, or 15.7 per cent who live below the poverty line; Vancouver ranks third in levels of Jewish poverty among all Jewish centres, or 17.2 per cent. In the general population, 20 per cent live in poverty.

The Federation report estimates that since the census was taken in 1991, the Jewish population of Greater Vancouver has grown from 19,375 to 21,170.

WIZO Month, drive planned for Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For the first time in a decade or more, Hadassah-WIZO of Canada is launching WIZO Month and a new national drive in Winnipeg.

The new campaign is called Women for Women. According to Theresa Rosenberg, Winnipeg WIZO Month chair, it is a concentrated effort to help battered women — in Israel and Canada — by establishing hotlines, shelters, self-help groups, a half-way house, family counselling and legal advice.

"It's a serious situation," says Rosenberg of the matter of battered women in Israel. We will also be helping to furnish a home for battered women in Winnipeg."

The project will be introduced to the Hadassah-WIZO membership at a non-fundraising dinner on Oct. 6 at the Westin Hotel. The guest speaker will be Sheila Finestone, secretary of state for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women.

Pearl McGonigal, a former Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, the first woman ever appointed to the position, will be named the Hadassah-WIZO of Canada's Woman of the Year.

McGonigal has also served as a Winnipeg city councillor and deputy mayor.

Rosenberg sees the dinner and the Women to Women project as an opportunity to further boost Hadassah-WIZO membership and support in Winnipeg. The evening will also feature highlights of other WIZO projects in Israel, door prizes and musical entertainment.

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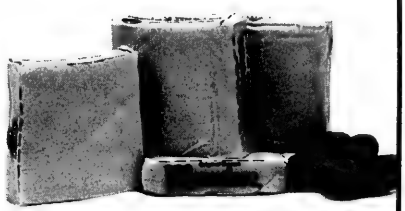

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Tap dancers from the Beverly Segal Dance School perform to Thoroughly Modern Millie at Reena Fun Day. [Frances Kraft photo]

Reena Fun Day delights kids

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From the time CITY-TV's *Breakfast Television* started broadcasting at 7 a.m. until the 10 p.m. 1994 Ford Mustang draw, the Promenade Shopping Centre in Thornhill was the place to be last Monday.

Reena Fun Day — the eighth annual such event — featured a kid-oriented smorgasbord of daytime activities and entertainment preceding an evening auction.

Entertainers included singer Jack Grunsky; Ronald McDonald live; cast members of *Crazy for You;* the Beverly Segal Dancers; Chef Pasquale; mentalist Mike Mandel; the Simple Tones, a teenage a capella group; and Cornilla Luna, star of *Miss Saigon*.

The mall corridors were filled with young children playing carnival games, having their faces painted, trying out the Velcro Wall, or playing virtual reality soccer.

A brief noon-hour ceremony brought together Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, a co-founder of the Reena Foundation; mayors William Bell of Richmond Hill, Lorna Jackson of Vaughan, Frank Scarpitti of Markham and Tom Walsh of Ajala; councillors Mario Racco Gino Rosatti; and Bernie Green of Vaughan and regional councillor Michael di Biasi of Vaughan with corporate sponsored Cadillac Fairview, Gateway Lincoln Mercury, Northtown and Ford, Cott Beverages and HOJ Leasing.

The ceremony included the unveiling of a scale model of the Toby and Henry Battle Development Centre to be built on Clark Avenue. The centre will offer social and recreational programs for about 200 developmentally handicapped adults and their families.

Jackson welcomed the centre "with open arms." Ground-breaking for the 50,000-sq. ft. building is scheduled for this fall.

"The Battle Centre will be another way the Reena Foundation will live up to its name by being a fun place, a happy place," said Rabbi Kelman.

"We ask for blessings of peace, health and dignity on Rosh Hashanah. The Reena Foundation has given dignity to so many people."

Funds raised at the event, including a percentage of the day's sales by over 50 participating Promenade merchants, will be put towards the Reena Foundation's $250,000, three-year pledge to support a wing in the Battle Centre.

The Reena Foundation is a non-profit agency dedicated to integrating developmentally handicapped adults into mainstream society.

Canadian volunteers help with Project Renewal camp

KFAR YONA — Four Canadian volunteers recently helped run an English-language summer camp in this community, Vancouver's Project Renewal twin.

The July camp for grade school students, or kefiada, is part of a nationwide system.

Nicola Anzarut, 24, Vanessa Lurie, 21, Lisa Romalis, 23, and Jody Schloss, 21, were chosed by the Greater Vancouver Jewish Federation to work in Kfar Yona. It is the second year for the camp, which had 45 students this year as compared to 33 last year.

"There is no doubt the kefiada has caught on, thanks to our Vancouver connection," said Betty Peleg, director of the Kfar Yona Community Centre.

Anzarut and Romalis are from Vancouver. Lurie and Schloss are Torontonians studying at the University of British Columbia.

The four were paired with host families and worked with Chaya Meron, a local teacher. "Everybody benefits," they said about the experience. "Local people don't ususally get to know people our age. The host families appreciate it. The kids get a lot from the experience. So do we — we love it."

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Birnboim celebrates 90th birthday

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Menashe (Max) Birnboim is active in business and at his synagogue. He drives a car and prepares and hosts Shabbat meals for his children, grandchildren and friends — a tradition he began many years ago.

Birnboim, who lives alone, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. (Some members of his family say he may be 91 or more.) For his birthday celebration, his three sons, Meyer, Chaim, and Roy and their wives, his seven grandchildren (three are married) and four great grandchildren hosted a festive party for 55 people.

As part of the celebration, the patriarch did the readings of the week — parshah and Haftorah — at the B'nai Torah Synagogue where he is an active member.

The party was held at Roy and Ronny Birnboim's home in Toronto. Nieces and nephews and other family members from Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa and New York joined their Toronto family to celebrate Birnboim's birthday and to pay tribute to the spirit of this unusual man whom his family members describe as "kind hearted with positive attitudes — a man who treats everyone with respect which is first and foremost."

He was born in Kosiva, Poland, where his childhood and adolescence were steeped in family values and religious studies. His education was interrupted by World War I.

As a teenager, he was a leader in the Zionist movement and planned to make aliyah. When his passport was revoked because of controversial practices in his aliyah activities, he missed his boat to Palestine.

In 1929, he married Shifrah (Sophie) Garfinkel from the neighboring town of Komenicz in White Russia. His wife's brother lived in Canada and in 1930, Birnboim left for Canada. The following year, he brought his wife and infant son.

Menashe (Max) Birnboim

During the Depression, the Birnboims moved to Portage La Prairie, a small town 50 miles west of Winnipeg where he worked as a melamed (Hebrew teacher).

The family moved to Winnipeg in 1935 and he continued teaching Hebrew privately and worked as a shochet. When World War II broke out, he took a job in an airplane factory.

After the war, Birnboim purchased two small houses, renovated them and embarked on a new career in residential real estate.

He was involved in the Talmud Torah in Winnipeg and when a baal koreh (Torah reader) was needed at the synagogue, he was drafted and voluntarily served in this capacity for 27 years.

Throughout the interview with *The CJN*, the sprightly and animated Birnboim, whose modesty made it difficult for him to speak of himself, answered each question with quotations from the Bible and from parables.

Slipping from English to Yiddish and Hebrew, he spoke of the importance of his shul involvement and his joy in the friendly debates at the synagogue.

"I think that the essence of my father is how he conducts himself," says Roy. "My father's business accomplishments, whether in Poland or in Canada, were predicated on making a living for himself and his family, and he prided himself in doing so through an honest day's work.

Menashe Birnboim's spirit and youthful outlook on life defy the image of aging.

He lives concurrently in two worlds — the world of Talmud and religious studies and the world of commerce. Positive and optimistic, Birnboim's life is filled with joy and accomplishment.

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Pride of Israel Synagogue dedicates Smith Library

By MILDRED WYMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Pride of Israel Synagogue last month dedicated a memorial library in honor of former synagogue president and devoted member Ben Smith.

The Pride of Israel Synagogue began as a mutual benefit society in 1905. Smith's father was one of the original members, and Smith grew with the shul.

Smith regularly attended Sabbath services with his father, absorbing the traditions and ritual of Judaism that remained with him all his life. As a young man he moved away, returning to Toronto in 1968. When his father died soon after, Smith arranged a minyan each morning and evening. At the end of that year of Kaddish, he was comitted to maintaining a permanent minyan. This paved the way for the religious program as it exists today.

In the following years, he acted whenever the need arose as shammas, baal tefillah, counsellor or procurer of supplies. He chaired the Annual Draw, often selling the most tickets, and was honored with wife Sally at the Israel Bond dinner in 1970.

He also conducted the auxiliary High Holiday services and was synagogue president from 1973 to 1974. He introduced the Tree of Life fundraising project, which now is mounted in the Bathurst Street synagogue's lobby.

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Organizations and People

Canadian group aims to help Ukrainian orphans

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It is estimated that there are more than 50,000 children living in orphanages in Ukraine.

A group of Canadians is raising money and materials to help these orphans, many of whom are children who have been abandoned due to birth defects or because their parents are unable to support them. Other children were placed in orphanages by court order, victims of domestic violence, crime or parental alcohol addiction.

Help Us Help the Children, an affiliate of the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund, recently completed its sixth humanitarian aid mission to the Ukraine.

Ruslana Wrzesnewskyj, a Toronto volunteer with the organization, told *The CJN* that Help Us Help the Children is a voluntary non-profit charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children living in orphanages.

In 1992, two Canadian couples arrived in Ukraine in the hope of adopting a child. In their visits to orphanages, they discovered that these institutions, although orderly, clean and staffed with attentive and kind caregivers, suffered from severe shortages of food, clothing, and medication. These visits marked the beginning of Help Us Help the Children.

Throughout North America, Help Us Help the Children began collecting funds, infant formula, medications, food, clothing, medical and rehabilitation equipment, educational materials and toys.

In March, May and July, six groups of 10 people travelled a combined distance of 30,000 km to visit more than 35,000 children in 100 orphanages and 15 children's hospitals, rehabilitation centres and clinics. The institutions visited were supplied with primary medications, food, clothing, educational materials and toys. A grassroots approach to the delivery of humanitarian aid has been adopted, says Wrzesnewskyj.

"Over the past year we have personally delivered goods with a retail value of over $2.4 million Canadian," she says. A major trip is scheduled for November that will push that figure well over the $3 million mark.

She notes that in addition to private, institutional and corporate donations, Help Us Help the Children has received a $152,000 grant from the Canadian government and $32,000 from the Lyons Club in Geneva, Switzerland.

"This broader base of international support enables our group to continue providing humanitarian aid to the developing democratic state in a time of great need," she said.

She added that Ukrainian citizens face many economic hardships as a result of previous government policies and current demands on restructuring. "Children are particularly helpless in this situation," she said.

The Dnipropetrovsk Orphanage in Ukraine.

She added that a $1 donation is turned into $3 of purchasing power, and $15 supplies one child with medicine for one year.

An organization based in Ukraine, run by Ukrainian citizens, is responsible for needs assessment, distribution and inventory control. This has already been initiated.

"On our return visit, we noticed that the odor of diarrhea was absent, an indication that the children had become healthier," says Wrzesnewskyj. She notes that not one child has died in the last year.

For more information or to support the Help Us Help the Children fund, write to them c/o Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund, 1555 Bloor St. West, Toronto M6P 1A5 or call (416) 532-2223.

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Renaissance Hotel celebrates 10th year

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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JERUSALEM — This year, the Jerusalem Renaissance Hotel is 10 years old.

Over the years, guest rooms were added and a Grand Ballroom was opened. It seats 1,200 people banquet seating and 1,800 theatre style — the largest banqueting facility in any Israeli hotel.

Today, the Renaissance is the largest hotel in Israel with 650 guest rooms, 13 banquet rooms, a synagogue, a health club with professional Nautilus equipment, sauna, steam bath, huge Jacuzzi, the largest indoor hotel swimming pool in Jerusalem, a landscaped outdoor pool and children's pool, and a tennis court.

It is a conference centre which has become a favorite place for small and large simchahs.

The staff of 725 represents 29 countries, as well as sabras. Through a creative training program, the hotel gives new immigrants an opportunity to learn hotel skills. Recently, the hotel presented a course to train discharged soldiers in the theory and practice of skills needed to become a waiter.

For tourists as well as Israelis, it is an oasis of comfort and relaxation. The hotel provides meeting areas, facilities for business people and a place to relax after a busy day. To catch up on the news, there are a variety of cable television programs including CNN news in English.

The hotel also welcomes children. The staff are constantly on the lookout for programs and treats for the youngsters.

From the elegant Israeli buffet breakfast in a dining room that looks out to the pool area to the snack bar at the pool, throughout the building, the hotel is designed for people of all ages and religious persuasions.

For most visitors who traditionally stay in the downtown Jerusalem area, the Jerusalem Renaissance Hotel seems a bit out of the way. Located on Wolfson Street, it is a short walk to the Central Bus Station, the Knesset, the Israel Museum, the Bible Lands Museum and the Supreme Court. The hotel provides shuttle service to the Old City.

For those who drive, there is a convenient parking area for more than 400 cars, and there is no charge for parking.

During my recent visit, the Renaissance was filled with excitement as people arrived from around the world to attend a bar mitzvah in the hotel, while a wedding was taking place in the outside pool area.

Executive chef, Eli Fadida is famous for his superb presentations. The hotel features a rich variety of Jewish culinary food from different countries to symbolize the kibbutz galuyot in Israel — delicious food decorated as works of art. His menus include cosmopolitan, Chinese, Italian, French, Mediterranean, American and almost any kind of exotic cuisine.

Many extra features including table tennis, entertainment, lectures and fashion shows are planned throughout the year. And during the evening, guests enjoy a pianist playing background music that creates a mood of intimacy in the hotel's large spaces.

Package rates are available and Yiki Mula, the public relations manager says, "The longer you stay, the less you pay." She also notes that the program is flexible and the stay may be interrupted to allow side trips.

Ogopogo welcomes visitors to the Okanagan Valley

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

OKANAGAN VALLEY — Partially devastated by forest fires this summer, the Okanagan Valley is normally a lush paradise of blossoming orchards, scenic lakes and mountains, and idyllic weather.

Located in the south-central interior of British Columbia, the region is hemmed in by the majestic Cascade Mountains that block most rainclouds from penetrating. As a result, it has more hours of clear blue skies than almost anywhere else in Canada.

September, for example, traditionally brings less than one inch of rainfall. Most of the valley is a richly fertile fruitbelt that produces apricots, apples, cherries, grapes, peaches and plums, but so scarce are rainclouds that desert-like conditions prevail in the southern extreme (near Vaseux Lake). In this area, prickly pear cactus and painted turtles are found.

Wine lovers appreciate the region's 17 wineries, which employ some 1,000 people and produce a variety of wines that are exported worldwide.

Like Scotland's fabled Loch Ness, the valley's Lake Okanagan is glacier-carved, and both lakes are long, deep and narrow, with roughly a north-south orientation. Another feature the two have in common is that both are home to legendary sea monsters.

Ogopogo is the name of the sea serpent that allegedly swims in Lake Okanagan. Over the years, witnesses have painted a composite portrait of a beast that is snake-like, greenish with brown spots, flat-headed (some have said the head is horse-like), and five to 25 meters in length. No such living animal is known to zoological science.

Not as internationally famous as the Loch Ness monster, Ogopogo has been making great strides since a local resident claimed to have caught it on videotape about five years ago.

Although the four-minute home video is inconclusive (is that an otter, beaver or serpent?), it has generated renewed interest in the decades-old legend of Ogopogo and inspired visits from TV crews as far away as Japan.

While Ogopogo's existence may never be satisfactorily demonstrated, its legend has grown large as life. Indeed, the serpent has become a sort of unofficial mascot for the valley, and is often depicted on maps as a contented creature swimming in plain view on the lake. Over the years, Ogopogo has likewise swum into the affections of residents and visitors alike.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Mysteries of the Wall Revealed: For the first time in more than 2,000 years, Jerusalem's entire Western Wall is available for viewing.

The wall, Judaism's holiest site, is the only surviving remnant of the Second Temple. There's both an exposed portion of the Wall and a hidden section that experts have been uncovering since 1967.

Now, visitors may trek beside all 490 meters of the wall, and inspect sections of an 8-metre tall water tunnel the ancient Israelites carved out of solid rock more than two millenia ago. The tunnel runs from a pool near the Damascus Gate to the northern corner of the Temple Mount, a distance of about 80 meters. It was excavated a century ago by a British archaeologist, then resealed. Israeli experts recently found it by accident during some routine digging.

In recent years excavators have developed fresh insights into some Western Wall mysteries, but continue to grope for answers to others. No one yet understands, for example, how enormous stones, each weighing more than 300 tons, were transported to the Temple site.

Several companies offer tours of the Western Wall tunnels; these must be booked well in advance. For further information, call 011-972-2-271333, or contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, (416) 964-3784, fax (416) 964-2420, toll-free 1-800-669-2369.

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Travel Scams: Uniglobe Advantage Travel Group, which claims to be the world's largest travel franchise organization, recently conducted a three-month investigation into various types of travel fraud.

"Travel fraud is a $12-billion a year industry dedicated to separating consumers from their hard-earned cash and providing nothing in return," said Uniglobe owner Michael Merrithew.

He said a typical scam is convincing victims to pay a deposit of several hundred dollars for their trip. The date of the trip is postponed several times and "by the time the victim catches on, the scammer is long gone with his or her money."

Travel scams

Some 500 companies offer sophisticated vacation schemes in Ontario alone, according to Merrithew. Travel fraud operators may hide behind bankruptcy laws to keep their companies afloat, he said, or avoid detection by slightly altering their corporate names. He said senior citizens and youth are prime targets for scams, and victims of prior scams may be approached and told their lost money is recoverable for a small fee.

The easiest way to avoid being ripped-off is to deal with a legitimate travel agent you trust, Merrithew advised. If you are offered a vacation as a prize, ask for written material that sets out costs you will have to bear. These could include deposits, registration fees, membership fees and port taxes. Beware of vague promises, such as "major hotels" or "major airlines." If you're still unsure after receiving written material, ask your travel agent for advice.

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The former Mrs. Tom Arnold intends to "set the record straight" regarding her childhood, her father's abuse, her rise to stardom and her controversial relationships. If you appreciate Roseanne's irreverent, self-deprecating wit, you may enjoy her Toronto appearance at Roy Thomson Hall on Sunday Oct. 23 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets ($20 to $45) are available through the box office or by calling (416) 872-4255.

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Sculptor's Society of Canada: This organization's 1994 exhibition opens Thursday Sept. 8, 7 p.m. at the John B. Aird Gallery, Macdonald Block, Queen's Park, Toronto (900 Bay St. at Wellesley). Plastic surgeon Robert Stubbs is scheduled to open the exhibit.

Featured artists are Barbara Bender, Andrew Benyei, Leah Berenstein, Patricia Brennan, Yeon-Tak Chang, Mari Rahmer de Nagay, Andrew DeVries, Mavis Ehlert, Herman Falke, Barb Fletcher, Pat Foss, Rusdi Genest, Molly Gersho, Teena Tarantour Goldberg, Ben Goodman, Al Green, Joyce Honsberger, Robert Hume, Eugene Janiss, Maryon Kantaroff, Morton Katz, Attila J. Keszei, Helen Kirzner, Jacqueline Delaney Kniewasser, Oleh Lesiuk, Janine Lindgren, Ora Markstein, Jean Massey, Jay D. McLennen, Phyllis Mendell, Elizabeth Merei, Fernando Mofreita, Betty Moss, Paula O'Connor, Andrew Pawlowski, Desmond Scott, Gena Tenenbaum, Diana Wollman, Judi Young.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 1, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. tp 6 p.m.

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Paintings Inspired by Scripture: This is the title of a collection of paintings by Judy Singer currently on view in the Philip Smith Foyer of the Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto. Until Oct 2.

Father's tragedy spurs author on

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When radiologist Peter Samu's father committed suicide several years ago, he decided to deliver the eulogy himself and describe his father's life and the events leading to the tragedy. He was asked by friends to put his story on paper.

When a friend, Thomas Verny, a Toronto psychiatrist and author of five books including the best-selling *Secret Life of The Unborn Child*, read the story, Verny recalls, "It brought tears to my eyes several times."

When Verny suggested that Samu look for a publisher for his short story, Samu replied, "No, who would ever want to read it?"

Verny says he couldn't put Samu's story out of his mind and finally decided to publish a book of short stories about fathers and grandfathers written by their own sons and daughters.

The idea led to the recent publication of the anthology, *Gifts of Our Fathers: Heartfelt Remembrances of Fathers and Grandfathers*, published in Canada by Fitzhenry & Whiteside.

The short stories and poems tell of good relationships, painful relationships, unrequited love, and soul wrenching revelations from now-grown children using remembrance to come to grips with the actions and motivations that drove them towards or apart from their fathers and grandfathers.

"Fathers and grandfathers seem to bestow upon their children both precious gifts and painful wounds," notes Verny. He says that men have been getting a lot of bad press lately. And deservedly so.

"However," he adds, "it seems to me that for every man who abuses children, violates women and pollutes the environment, there are countless others who love, nurture and support their families, friends and fellow human beings. Perhaps it's time men and women be reminded of that."

Verny, 58, father of two and grandfather of one, focuses on the positive aspects of these relationships.

When Verny advertised in Canadian and U.S. publications last year, inviting writers to submit short stories and poems focusing on their fathers and grandfathers, he was overwhelmed by the hundreds of submissions he received. He narrowed them down to 35 and his California publisher, Crossing Press, chose 28.

Some of those selected are by experience writers such as Robert Bly, Maria Mazziotti Gillan and Peter Such, while others have not been published before.

Reading the stories and poems in *Gifts* helps the reader sort out many of the mysteries that people try to unravel in complex relationships. The book gives new, honest insights into each person's own history — males and females — and it stirs almost-forgotten memories.

Many mysteries

These tales of fathers and grandfathers also reveal a great deal about the writers. Threaded through Samu's well-written reflections and his search for the reason for his father's jump from a balcony at age 88, are glimpses of the son whose life has been strewn with upheaval and wandering. In 13 pages, Samu unfolds the intertwining characters who shaped his life.

Born in Cluj, Romania, (Transylvania), Samu lived in Budapest, hid on a farm in Gyomro, Hungary, during the war, then lived in Prague; the family got out as Catholics, moved to Venezuela, then to Barbados, and finally came to Canada.

Samu received a medical degree at the University of Toronto, did a radiology residency at Stanford University in California, and is presently in private practice in radiology.

Verny says he hopes that one of the results of this anthology will be to help children heal their wounds and come to grips with their past by bringing understanding of fathers and grandfathers.

Vision TV plans shows on High Holy Days

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Vision TV says it will try to avoid airing programs of Jewish interest at times when observant Jews cannot watch them — just as it has done for September.

Vision has scheduled several programs this month on Jewish themes, but all fall on religious days, preventing their viewing by shomer Shabbat Jews.

Both Sides of the Wire, a documentary on European Jews who were interned at a special camp near Fredericton during World War II, was slated to air Friday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m., eastern time (Shabbat). The program was scheduled for rebroadcast on Monday, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., eastern time.

Forgiving Harry, the story of two brothers who end a long feud on Yom Kippur, was scheduled to air Sept. 6 at 10:30 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah falls on those two days.

What is a Jew?, a look at the Lubavitch movement, was also slated for broadcast Sept. 6 and 7.

The observant would also not be able to view *Ritual: Three Portraits of Jewish Life*, a documentary on the origins of prayerbooks, Sukkot and the bris, because it will be aired Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. (Shemini Atzeret) and on Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Simchat Torah).

Vision TV is aware of the scheduling conflicts and is "very sensitive to this sort of thing," spokeswoman Ellie Skrow told *The CJN*.

Skrow said all the shows in question have aired before and will be broadcast again in the future.

It was Vision TV's intent to "highlight" September's Jewish holidays by going heavy on Jewish content. "Because there are so many holy days, it was very hard to program without hitting one of them," she added.

Vision is hoping non-observant Jews will watch the shows, while for the observant, "taping is an option," Skrow said.

She said the network "will try to avoid" similar conflicts in the future.

In the meantime, Vision is scheduling more programs on Jewish themes, Skrow noted.

The Longest Hatred, an acclaimed three-part series on anti-Semitism, will air Oct. 11, 18 and 27 at 8 p.m.

In Search of Holy England, a five-part series tracing the personal spiritual development of Britain's Rabbi Lionel Blue, will be broadcast on successive Tuesdays at 9 p.m., starting Oct. 11.

'66 Was a Good Year for Tourism, a hit at this year's Jewish Film Festival, will air Friday Oct. 21 at 9 p.m. and Monday Oct. 24, time TBA.

And the BBC feature film *Bar Mitzvah Boy* will be broadcast Dec. 1 at 9 p.m.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Reviewer's Task

With the new year 5755 I look back with unfeigned astonishment at 26 (or is it 27?) years of continuous reviewing of books for *The CJN* and its predecessor.

From time to time I am asked how I regard my task and function. Some persons hold that the primary purpose of reviews is to provide consumer information on the content and quality of books so that readers can make decisions about whether to buy — or at least to read them.

Naturally, reviews must summarize the contents of the book and based on that report, a reader may decide to purchase or not. But this is very much a secondary concern of mine. I know from long experience that the vast majority of book review readers are not going to be purchasers. This truth is quickly confirmed from my discussion with book sellers. Of course, reviews do sell some books — and Jews, in proportion buy more books than any other group — but not to a large or encouraging degree.

If this is the case, then the review has another reason for being. It stands as an independent piece of writing. Indeed, my aim has always been to emphasize information or ideas contained in the book — apart from the quality of the writing or other literary concerns — so that the reader may be informed, edified and entertained.

During the past month, for example, readers of this column learned about some aspects of Jewish mysticism, the life and contributions of Albert Einstein, the abortive Franklin expedition to Canada and the singularity of Oscar Levant.

The reviewer's work then, properly understood, is no less original than that of the writer he is reviewing.

More books are being published today than ever before in history and more reasonably good books have been published in our time than in all previous times together. That is what is so exciting — and so baffling — about trying to sort them out. Which book shall be reviewed? Which ones should we read? With so many worthwhile books available it is inevitable that others are ignored or shunted aside. What is happening today is akin to what happened in Renaissance Europe which produced — believe it or not — 300,000 sonnets.

One would think that the proliferation of good books would force inferior ones into oblivion. Unhappily, this is not the case. Gersham's Law seems to prevail with books as with money: bad books drive out the good. Our age provides more and better books to choose from and it produces more educated people, but it has not yet provided a better average of general taste. Moreover, the space that is devoted to information about books is usually extremely limited — and this is true for *The CJN* and most similar publications.

There is also the growing fear that sophisticated technology will soon render the book obsolete, Is the book as an object on its last legs? Is its demise demise inevitable?

Only time will tell, but meanwhile the new year is a good time to reflect on our Jewish kinship to the book. Cecil Roth wrote: "To an extent unequalled among other sections of humanity, Jews have been interested in books . . . (The Jew) copied books. He owned books. He patronized literature. He was interested in intellectual life and . . . and movements. Even in the most soul-destroying period of oppression, it might be assumed that almost every ghetto Jew, however humble his circumstances and however lowly his calling, was likely to have his modest library. A book was not to him, as to his neighbor, an object of veneration, of mystery, of distrust. It was sheer necessity of everyday life."

Books remain the gateway to wisdom and as the Midrash reminds us, "If you acquire wisdom, what do you lack; if you lack wisdom, what do you have?"

Documentary looks at concentration camps

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Harriet Wichin's "landscapes of inhumanity" leave a viewer sad and sober.

Her poetic documentary, *Silent Witness*, which will be screened at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sept. 11 and 12, is a meditation on two concentration camps transformed into memorials, Dachau and Auschwitz.

The overarching issue is how these places of degradation and death can best be preserved for future generations.

Should they be left in their original state? Or should they be so prettified that they conceal the horror of the Holocaust?

In Dachau's case, the question already has been settled. Dachau, the first German concentration camp, is a pale replica of its former self, as Wichin ruefully suggests. Only a small part of the original camp is open to visitors, and what is shown has been sanitized.

Auschwitz and particularly its annex, Birkenau, present a more realistic and graphic picture of the satanic camp culture.

Mounds of shoes, suitcases and eye glasses — the detrius of the dead — confront visitors as they pass through on their pilgrimages.

And who can forget the stagnant pond grey with the ashes of the murdered?

Wichin interviews the curators of memory, the people who work at the memorials, a Polish survivor, a Jewish survivor, an ethnic German living in Poland and Carmelite nuns.

With considerable skill, she integrates their poignant observations and commentaries with sombre views of Dachau and Auschwitz on grey, foggy days.

The Pole, a man who has come to terms with his mortality, never really left Auschwitz. Imprisoned there during the war, he has worked in its museum from the beginning.

Auschwitz, for him, is not just a memorial, but an "experience." Auschwitz, he warns, should not be changed, else history will be falsified and Holocaust deniers will win a victory.

The camera follows him to the site of a warehouse which once bulged with the possessions of doomed inmates. It was known as Kanada. The Nazis blew it up, leaving nothing but a charred tree on the spot. It is a perfect metaphor.

In Auschwitz, Wichin also speaks to a tour guide who's worked there for more than two decades. She is a German woman, married to a Pole, who remained in Silesia after the war.

She is ashamed of the crimes Germany perpetrated. She leads us to what she feel is the saddest place in Auschwitz — the children's barrack. Words are not enough. One can imagine the heartrending scenes which unfolded after these innocent victims were torn from their parents' grasp.

Will be screened at International Film Festival

In Dachau, Wichin talks with a Hungarian Jewish woman who settled in Munich after the war. She is an immensely sensitive person, as befits someone who relates her story of survival to young German visitors in organized discussions.

Rightly or wrongly, she doubts whether the powers-that-be really want to preserve Dachau. For them, she claims, a plain stone monument would be sufficient.

Wichin seems ambivalent about the Carmelite nuns in Dachau. They pray for the dead and are clearly sincere, dedicated souls. But in a sense, their presence obscures the Vatican's virtual silence during the Holocaust.

And the Carmelite sisters who built a chapel in Auschwitz, before being forced to vacate it by the Pope himself, did more harm than good.

Wichin's observations transcend the bounds of Dachau and Auschwitz. They pose pertinent and unsettling questions about the nature of preservation and memory. *Silent Witness*, which is dedicated to her mother and father, speaks the language of eloquence.

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Henry's is focusing on current prosperity

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Henry's has attracted photo enthusiasts for over 30 years. This third-generation family business is the largest independent photographic retailer in the country. And business is booming.

During the past recession, sales actually increased. Last year the store did a major renovation, expanding the retail space from 6,000 to 11,000 square feet.

The company's current prosperity belies its troubled past.

Henry's didn't start out as a camera store . . . it didn't even start out as Henry's. In 1909 Harry Stein opened a jewelry store in the west end of Toronto. His customers kept confusing the name Harry with Henry and the name stuck.

Harry's son, Gerry, went into the family business, which was also a pawn shop, but by the late '50s Gerry Stein no longer saw a future in jewelry. When the Japanese started making cameras he had a hunch there would be a big market for them.

He began selling cameras in 1958. By the mid '60s, photographic supplies had become the mainstay of the business.

When Gerry Stein's health deteriorated in the late 60s — he died in 1975 — he asked his son, Andy, and his future son-in-law, Mark Wolfson, to run the business.

The two bought it in 1971 and moved it to its present location at Queen and Church, in 1974.

"The store was an instant success," said Wolfson.

They expanded, opening five more retail locations and a wholesale distributing division. They also purchased a photo finishing company with 50 retail outlets. It (buying this company) was a bad business decision, said Andy Stein, the president of Henry's. "We overexpanded when the first recession hit."

They tried to scale back their operations, but they couldn't downsize fast enough, Wolfson said, and the company went bankrupt.

Henry's was located at 113 Queen Street from 1944 to 1963.

"We were devastated by the bankruptcy," he said. "It still hurts me to talk about it."

After the bankruptcy, Wolfson opened Steeles Camera, a retail outlet at Steeles and Yonge.

Stein said the bankruptcy was a very important learning experience. When he re-opened the store, he decided to keep the operation simple by focusing on retail. His suppliers gave him credit; he started small and with "a lot of hard work" he was able to get the business back on track.

Stein told *The CJN* he also bought back the name "Henry's" from the trustee because it was the store's main asset. "The store and the name had a following," he said.

Retail, which includes new, used and refurbished equipment, continues to be the backbone of the business. But the industrial department — it supplies camera and video equipment to corporations and institutions — makes up about 25 to 30 per cent of Henry's annual sales.

Digital imaging, the latest in photographic technology is a new area of business. The new generation of cameras captures the image on a computer chip instead of film.

"It's just starting to become a consumer product," Stein said. He expects sales in digital imaging products to parallel those in video.

Henry's stocked video equipment in the late '70s, but they only sold one or two cameras a month — they were over $3,000 each — because they were expensive, he said. But with today's lower prices they sell thousands. Video equipment now makes up 30 per cent of sales, he said.

Today, Stein spends most of his time buying. He said he keeps in close touch with his suppliers so he can get extra special deals. "We try to find merchandise that's different or end of the line. Something we can offer at exceptional values."

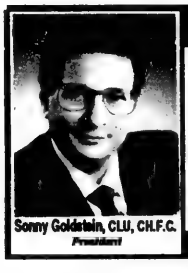
He said business is going well because he learned from his past mistakes. "You control your costs carefully; you don't pull back on advertising, you turn your inventory quickly and move anything that's not selling," he said.

"We can make fast decisions because we're concentrated in only two locations," but Henry's is also big enough to get good deals from suppliers, he said. "That's the reason for staying at this size."

By 1986 there was enough money in Henry's coffers for Stein to repurchase the 16,000-square-foot building which houses the store and warehouse.

But Steeles Camera never really took off. It was converted to a Henry's in 1991 when Stein bought out his brother-in-law.

Today, Wolfson manages the downtown store. "When we had the Steeles sign up people drove by and didn't notice us," he said. "But once the Henry's sign went up the traffic increased because of the magic of the name."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U.S. Bonds' president outlines expansion plans

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

NEW YORK — After closing 15 offices in the United States in recent years, the new president of State of Israel Bonds now plans to expand operations.

"Step by step, within the existing resources, we are going to move into areas that were closed up," said Nathan Sharony, who became president and chief executive officer of the organization earlier this year.

This shift exemplifies the dual nature of Israel Bonds, as both an agent of the Israeli Finance Ministry and as a Jewish organization.

It was fiscally prudent to close offices that had overheads of as much as eight per cent of the amount they raised. But expanding the links between Israel and the Diaspora, said Sharony, is worth the cost, "way beyond the dollars and cents.

"I don't know how to quantify the weight of it, but I do know it carries some weight — sometimes very little, sometimes a lot."

Gary Tobin, director of the Cohen Centre for Jewish Studies of Brandeis University, agreed that building the connection was important.

"What does it mean for an 18-year-old or a 16-year-old to buy a $25 or $50 or $100 bond? Its value is more than just the dollar amount purchased," said Tobin, who has written extensively on Jewish philanthropy.

Sharony, who is based in New York, said the increased emphasis on promoting a Jewish connection to Israel will be reflected in the mix of investment vehicles that Bonds will be selling.

Last year, about 60 per cent of the $1 billion raised by Bonds was in the form of notes, high-denomination private placement of Israeli debts.

This year, that will decline to 40 per cent, as the Bonds organization pushes the lower-denomination bonds with hopes of reaching "many more Jews," said Sharony.

"We are pushing our people in the field to do more sales to individuals," he said.

And as part of this thrust, Sharony has reopened an office in western Florida and plans to open another office in the United States this year.

The new branches will be financed by redirecting his existing budget.

But to open as many offices as Sharony would like will require the Israeli government "to increase our allocation of the budget," he said — a process he believes will happen gradually.

But Sharony's expansion plans come against a backdrop of calls in Israel for major reform of the Bonds organization.

Bonds has been coming under increasing scrutiny for how it spends its money, and whether the money the government allocates it is the most cost-effective way to raise capital.

In response to a recent increase in the Bonds' interest rate, the Israeli daily newspaper *Hatzofeh* last month again raised questions about the organization.

The connection between the Bonds and Israel is important, said the paper in an editorial, but this does not mean the Israeli government should pay higher interest for notes sold through the organization when it could raise the money at lower cost.

To prevent spending too much on the capital raised by Bonds, the Israeli Treasury last year put a cap on Bonds sales. It authorized the sale of about $1 billion's worth annually. After raising $1.2 billion in 1992, Bonds raised $1.06 billion in 1993.

A bill introduced by Likud Knesset member Meir Shetreet to reform and possibly eliminate the Bonds organization passed its first reading in the Knesset last year. It now awaits deliberation in the Knesset Finance Committee.

"I really don't know what pushes him to say what he says," said Sharony of Shetreet. "Because I think if you do a thorough analysis of what takes place here, he will change much of what he says here. Whether he did a thorough analysis or not, I have a tendency to believe he did not."

Sharony came to Israel Bonds after a typically Israeli career in the military, in industry and in government service. He concluded 30 years in the Israel Defense Force in 1982 as a major general, having headed the planning division.

Yogen Früz goes public to obtain expansion funds

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Sam Serruya thought his sons would work for him and eventually take over his typesetting company.

Michael, 30, had even trained in computer graphics to prepare himself for the family business. But he got side-tracked and, with his brother Aaron, 28, started Yogen Früz, a chain of frozen yogurt outlets. They opened their first store in 1986. Two years later there were 30 stores.

Today, there are 360 outlets worldwide. The company's annual sales for 1993 was $70 million. And now it's on the verge of going public.

With the success of Yogen Früz there was no need for Sam Serruya to hold on to his printing business. He sold it and retired. But his sons needed his expertise on the international front so now he works for them.

A $300,000 loan from their father gave Michael and Aaron the start-up capital for Yogen Früz. They opened up their first store in The Promenade in Thornhill. "We waited a long time to get a mall location," Aaron told *The CJN*.

He said a mall was the best venue for selling frozen yogurt all year round. Michael said that from the start they planned to franchise Yogen Früz.

They sold master or territorial franchises for all the provinces outside of Ontario, some Northeastern states, and for individual countries once they expanded their international operations. They have since bought back all but one of the Canadian master-franchises. For every dollar sold, the Serruyas make six cents on royalties from franchises and two cents from master-franchises.

The first Yogen Früz store opened about a year before Zacks and TCBY, two big American frozen yogurt chains, set up in Canada. Baskin-Robbins also got on the frozen yogurt band wagon with Yogurty's.

Yogen Früz was up against some heavyweight competition. But when the dust settled it was the only major frozen yogurt chain in Canada to survive. "We won the yogurt wars," Aaron said.

In 1985 when the Serruyas were first interested in selling frozen yogurt, they approached TCBY and Zacks about bringing their product to Canada. But they were turned down. The big companies weren't ready to expand here. And that turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the Serruyas.

Both TCBY and Zacks bombed in Canada. They didn't understand the Canadian market, Aaron said. They wanted strip mall locations like they had in the United States, but selling a frozen product in outdoor stores during the winter was disastrous for them. There are no Zacks and very few TCBYs left in Ontario.

Two years ago the Serruyas bought out Yogurty's, their remaining competitor. "We made our money back in a year. They lost [Baskin-Robbins] $8 million," Aaron said.

The company has since expanded into non-traditional locations by "piggy backing" — setting up a shop within a shop — with Country Style Donuts. "We don't really like a street location. But this is a joint venture," Aaron said.

The coffee and donuts are a good match for the yogurt business, Michael said. "It levels out the sales for the store for the entire day. Sixty per cent of their (donut and coffee) business is done in the morning. When they slack off we pick up."

But it's the international operations that have really put Yogen Früz on the map. Michael said they had initially planned to expand their U.S. operations, but they couldn't get choice locations because Yogen Früz had not built up a reputation in the U.S. So they turned their attention to Europe and Latin America.

The Serruyas made important international contacts when they attended several international food trade shows with their father whose experience and linguistic skills were invaluable, they said.

Aaron and Michael have carved up the globe: Aaron is responsible for Latin America and Asia, and Michael takes care of Europe. Before they go to a particular country they work with the foreign affairs department to find sources to manufacture their product. Most of their franchisees get their products locally.

The Serruyas have also introduced frozen yogurt in many Asian countries. "When we first opened in Jakarta we couldn't give it away," Aaron said. But he said Indonesia is now one of the "hottest" franchises — they've opened 12 shops in less than two years and each averages $300,000 in annual sales.

He said Yogen Früz is even more popular in Latin America where the stores sell three times the volume of their Canadian counterparts. He attributes this to the warmer weather year round, and lack of competition. In Asia, Yogen Früz stores do twice the volume of the Canadian stores, he added.

The Serruyas said the master franchisees in these countries tend to be wealthy members of the establishment. For example, the master franchisee in Thailand is spending millions of dollars just to purchase the real estate for the stores in Bangkok, because there are no retail rental properties. The Serruyas said the master franchisees do a better job than they could do because they're on their own turf; they know their own market.

The Serruyas see their master franchisees as a base for expanding other food franchises worldwide. Michael said that he and Aaron have the contacts and the know-how to put other Canadian fast food franchises on the internal map. (He wouldn't say which ones).

That's why Yogen Früz is going public. The company is debt-free, but the Serruyas need the infusion of capital for acquisitions, he said. When the shares go on the market the family will retain 67 per cent of the company. "This company is poised for major growth, Aaron said. "We're opening two or three stores every week somewhere around the world."

When asked what Sam Serruya thinks of his sons' accomplishments Michael said his father is a man of few words, but he's proud of them.

He said, "There's a certain satisfaction that you derive as an entire family when you build a successful business together."

Aaron (left) and Michael Serruya. Above is an example of the firm's free-standing store design.

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Tips From Pros

By MURRAY KASH
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Do you like the sound of your voice? If not, what are you doing about it? Very often people will say, "What can I do? I can't change it." Yes, you can.

Voices that are too loud or too soft, nasal, breathy, gutteral, monotone, or hoarse; speech that is slurred or flat or uses careless diction and pronunciation; even speech with an unfamiliar accent — all can be improved.

By following a set of exercises and diligently practising them, you can improve your speech and become more successful in both your business and social relationships.

No matter what your vocation, good oral communication is vital for advancement, be it in sales, teaching, the professions, on the shop floor or in upper management.

Similarly, in your personal life — among family and friends, at PTA meetings, at social gatherings or in romantic situations — the ability to speak with clarity and confidence will enable you to make the kind of vocal impact you always wanted to, but thought was exclusive to others like stage, film and television performers.

The formula for improving the quality of your voice and speech includes relaxation, abdominal or deep breathing, physical exercises and posture. A relaxed body means there is no constriction in the stomach, chest, throat, jaws and lips.

Deep breathing makes full use of the lungs when inhaling oxygen and at the same time flexes the diaphragm muscle. In contrast, shallow breathing causes the individual to breathe from the chest, working twice as hard raising and lowering the chest when inhaling and exhaling.

Shallow breathers often have high-pitched thin voices, whereas deep breathers will have low-pitched mellow voices. Shallow breathers are more prone to sore throats, hoarseness, and voice loss.

Babies are natural deep breathers. That is why they are able to yell and scream for hours with their tiny lungs without having laryngitis, unlike adults who do the same at sports events or in noisy discos.

The physical exercises are designed so that the rib cage moves freely with the expansion of the lungs, and the neck, jaws, lips, tongue and soft palate are strong and flexible for crystal-clear articulation.

Straight body posture is not only important for appearance, but a correct spinal alignment permits the vocal organs freedom of movement within the torso and head.

Once the mechanics of voice production have been perfected, you can begin to concentrate on the other building blocks for speech improvement: pronunciation, resonance, pitch, projection, intonation, word rate, phrasing, and expression. An awareness and careful use of these elements when speaking will be of inestimable value to your self-esteem.

In addition, a good vocabulary and avoidance of repetitious words (okay, y'know, y'see) and sound fillers (umm, ahhh) will make for a more colorful speech.

Correct pronounciation of words is another factor in making a good impression with your speech (Toronto, not Tarana or Torono; library, not libary; February, not Febry). Don't omit the letters in the middle or end of a word (goin', comin').

Caring people always want to make a good visual impression. If you also make a good impression vocally and verbally, it will be three times as valuable. Go for it!

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Business & Finance

Ontario and Israeli officials sign a pact of economic cooperation

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — A small step towards improving Canadian-Israeli trade was taken this month with the signing of a memorandum of understanding on economic cooperation between Israel and Ontario.

The agreement, signed by Ontario Premier Bob Rae and Israeli Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, is intended to identify potential areas for bilateral trade and increase awareness of business opportunities in Ontario and Israel.

Meanwhile, Canadian officials arrived in Israel last week to determine the feasability of a fullfledged Canada-Israel free trade agreement. Officials will report their findings to cabinet, which is to discuss the issue in mid-September.

Bilateral trade — which totalled about $200 million in 1993 — is hampered by high tariffs which make Canadian exports to Israel uneconomical. Israel already has free trade agreements with the United States and European Community, putting Canadian products at a disadvantage.

The memorandum of understanding — the first such agreement between Israel and a Canadian province — undertakes to promote a free trade agreement, but does not in itself remove any trade barriers. However, it may help overcome a second obstacle to bilateral trade: lack of awareness.

Encourages joint ventures

"Israelis know what the United States has to offer. But they know very little about Canada," said an official at Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade. "Simply acquainting Israelis with the Canadian market may encourage joint ventures."

Towards that end, the agreement calls for a Doing Business in Ontario seminar for Israeli companies to be held later this year. The memorandum also commits both sides to exchange information on business opportunities, identify cooperative projects for small- and medium-sized companies, and locate partners for high-tech ventures in energy, telecommunications, medical equipment, aviation, space and construction, as well as agricultural, hydro and environmental projects.

"The memorandum is one way of showing Canadian business people that the governments of Ontario and Canada support trade with Israel," said Sarah Hradecky, trade commissioner at the Canadian Embassy in Israel.

The agreement was drafted following Rae's visit to Israel in December. Rae, a firm proponent of free trade with Israel, led a delegation of Ontario business representatives in a bid to promote closer economic links.

Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade is exploring the possibility of signing similar trade agreements with other provinces, said a ministry official.

Canadian exports to Israel rose by 33 per cent in the first half of 1994, reaching $66.4 million. Pulp and paper, metals, machinery and mineral products were the major Canadian items imported by Israel. Israeli exports to Canada — mainly diamonds, agricultural products and machinery — totalled $47 million during the same period — a slight drop over the preceding year.

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This week The CJN features . . . Rick Levine Band

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When planning a party or simchah, choosing the right band is of the utmost importance, says Rick Levine who formed the **Rick Levine Band** in 1982.

"Musical tastes can be very subjective, and what sounds good to one person may sound different to another."

Levine's advice to anyone planning an event is that if your experience in music is limited. "It would be a good idea to find a person with some musical knowledge who is willing to help you in making the musical selection."

He notes that some bands offer a special selection of show type material which is usually performed during the dinner portion of the evening.

The size of the band is important and should be chosen according to the size of the guest list.

Whenever possible, a minimum of two performers should be engaged for versatility. To achieve a true musical dimension, a minimum dance combination should be comprised of bass guitar, drums and a piano.

"A vocalist adds variety and personality to music," says Levine. "And if you are planning to have more than 100 guests, you should consider a fifth piece — and six to eight musicians with 150 people or more.

"In most cases, a good band doesn't come cheap," he says. The going rate should reflect the size, quality, and reputation of the band.

He suggests that it is wise to shop around. Before selecting your musical group, try to hear the band at a function or go to a rehearsal where the band can spend more time going through a variety of tunes just for you.

The Rick Levine Band recently played at the Tu b'Av Festival at the Jewish Community Centre and Levine will be featured at the annual Terry Fox Run in September. Along with numerous other community events, Levine organizes and promotes the annual We're Having a Party event which takes place at Temple Sinai every January.

Levine believes the band leader is the key to your musical direction. "Find a person who has the experience, confidence and desire to make your party a success — someone you can trust," he advises.

He says that often it is the music that can make or break the party. "Like a good location, the number of good bands around is limited; therefore it is advisable to start looking early."

He emphasizes that you should be suspicious of a band that constantly plays extremely loud music.

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TEL AVIV — High-class prostitutes who until now have enjoyed tax-free earnings may be forced to declare their income to authorities, tax sources said.

One such woman, who said she has worked for Tel Aviv escort agencies for the past three years, complained that if she had to register with tax authorities she would also demand social benefits.

"If I have to pay tax on my earnings, then authorities should also ensure I get proper health care services and other social benefits," said Rahel, who added she earns from NIS 200 - NIS 500 ($65 - $165) per client, usually visiting them in their hotel rooms.

The move follows recent raids by tax officials on Tel Aviv escort agencies. Owners of such agencies, said investigators, have defrauded tax authorities out of millions of shekels.

"Every escort agency in the city will be investigated, and owners will have to start paying taxes, just as other companies do," said a tax official.

Border Produce Market Proposed

JERUSALEM — The Agriculture Ministry has presented Jordanian representatives at the peace talks with a proposal to establish an $82.4 million produce market at one of the planned Israel-Jordan border crossings.

Agriculture Ministry director Yonatan Basi said the Beit She'an area would be given priority as the location for the project, one of several proposals presented to the Jordanians for joint agricultural projects. Beit She'an is halfway between Haifa in Israel and Irbid in Jordan.

Israel has further suggested the establishment of a training farm for demonstration of Israeli-developed agricultural methods and technologies. The estimated cost of establishing the facility is $10 million.

Also on the table are joint projects in soil erosion management, waste water irrigation, flood control, veterinary activity, and environmental protection projects. The estimated cost of the joint projects is $100 million.

The Manufacturers' Association has suggested that trade stations be established alongside Israel-Jordan border crossings in order to encourage joint economic activity. The proposed stations would be outfitted with exhibition space, a database and information network, and a distribution and transport centre including duty areas and other services.

Imports Consumption Surge

JERUSALEM — The Treasury updated its import and consumption estimates for this year, following the surge in imports and the significant rise in private consumption during the first half of the year.

According to the Treasury's economic department, imports will increase 10 per cent, instead of 5.9 per cent, as it previously estimated, and private consumption will grow five per cent instead of four per cent.

Imports, excluding military goods, jumped 14 per cent during the first half of the year and were 15 per cent higher than last year's average.

During the second quarter of the year, imports rose 10 per cent, following a 7.5 per cent increase in the previous quarter. The jump in the second quarter mostly reflects rising fuel, diamond, ship and airplane imports, as well as a surge in tourism abroad.

Private consumption rose seven per cent during the first half and was nine per cent higher than last year's average, representing a seven per cent increase per capita. In the first quarter, private consumption expanded 5.4 per cent, followed by an 1.3 per cent increase in the second quarter.

Treasury economists note that despite the jump in consumer spending, private consumption is not the engine driving the economy forward. Rather exports and investments are pushing the economy ahead.

During the first half of the year, investments shot up 16 per cent. Investment in machinery and equipment increased 17 per cent and investment on land transportation rose 24 per cent.

Unemployment Down

JERUSALEM — Unemployment fell to 7.8 per cent in the second quarter of the year, compared with 8.2 per cent in the previous quarter, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

Male unemployment dropped to six per cent from 6.3 per cent in the previous quarter, while female unemployment was significantly higher at 10.2 per cent.

The number of new jobs jumped by 136,000, and the number of unemployed dropped by 37,000. The increase in new jobs represents a 7.9 per cent rise over new jobs created in the second quarter of last year, while the number of the jobless fell dramatically by 19.8 per cent during the same period.

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Markus, Simon on August 29, 1994
Reznik, Philip on August 31, 1994, late of 113 Elgin Mills Rd. W.
Shapiro, Charles on August 29, 1994, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home
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Zajac, Max Henlek on August 30, 1994, late of 78 McAllister Rd.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Nadzia Green (Greenkraut) ז"ל
will take place
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Zaglembier Section
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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Workmans Circle Section
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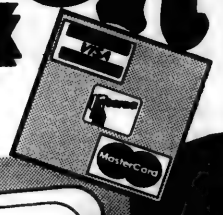

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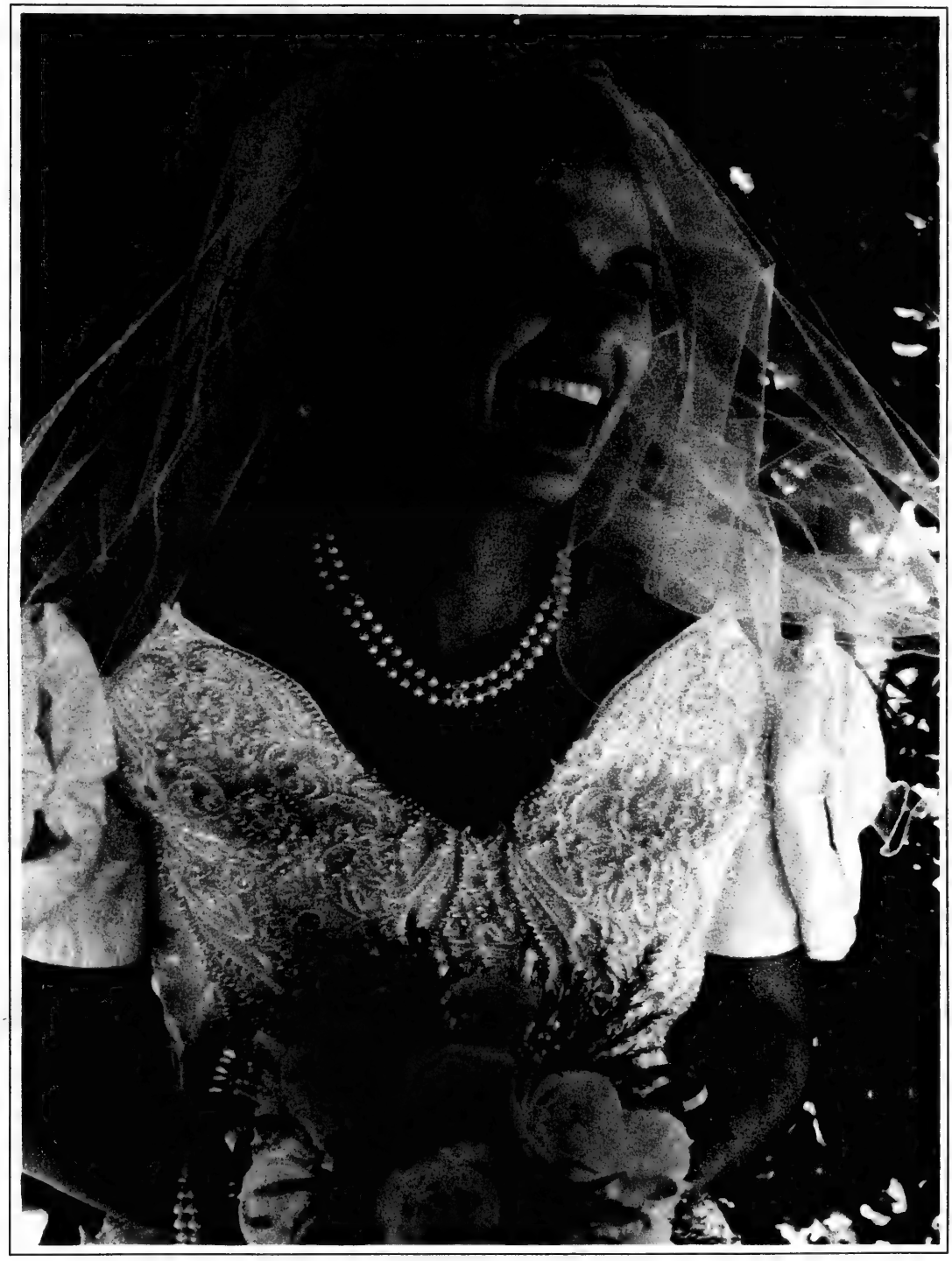

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Sun always shines on Joy Cherry bridal parade

If you've never walked on Cloud Nine, a visit to Joy Cherry's bridal salon will get you airborne in a hurry. Just bring a vision of your dream dress; airfare and other amenities are Joy-ously supplied.

The steps to Joy's second-floor salon are a staircase to bridal heaven. Decorated in dreamy peach and salmon tones, the room is awash in natural light thanks to a massive skylight. Uplifting on a dreary day, breathtaking on a sunny one, the room also offers a distinct advantage: you can view your dress under both natural and artificial light.

In this tastefully appointed and comfortably furnished "living room environment", bridal consultant Carol Gold will take as much time as needed to help you translate your vision into a reality. You'll choose from collections by Vera Wang, Christos, Priscilla of Boston, and Jim Helm. Most gowns can be ordered in a wide range of sizes, and fuller cuts are available. Two expert bridal-only seamstresses are on the premises at all times to ensure a perfect fit.

When your gown is ready for fitting, you'll try it on in the oversized dressing room. Almost boudoirish in comfort, this room's ample mirrors and padded bench (with a baker's dozen bridal shoes tucked underneath) allow you to enjoy your first impressions in exquisite privacy while your fiancé, mother and – oh why not, your bubie – wait outside with baited breath.

When you're good and ready, you'll emerge into the natural light and mount a few steps to a small stage flanked by floor-to-ceiling mirrors which give you an all-angles view of your dress.

Once you and your entourage are satisfied that this is, indeed, your dream dress, it's time to accessorize; and here, there's an embarrassment of riches. Lovely veils, hand-made porcelain headpieces, porcelain jewellery, gloves, shoes and handbags help you complete the vision from head to toe.

In wedding dresses, Joy Cherry diverges boldly from the bridal mainstream with a simple, understated elegance devoid of unnecessary frills. "People should see you first and your gown second," says Gold. "You are the exclamation mark." Brides of today, aged 32 on average, seek a more sophisticated look than their counterparts of yesteryear, and that's just what Joy Cherry provides.

Priscilla of Boston for Joy Cherry: Venise lace bodice elegantly offsets silk skirt with Venise lace trim on bottom

Vera Wang: less is more

Front and centre in this less-is-more movement are the internationally acclaimed designs of Vera Wang, and they're available in Canada only at Joy Cherry.

For 16 years a senior editor at Vogue Magazine, and later a design director at Ralph Lauren, Wang turned her talents to bridal wear in 1990. Her ready-to-wear collection took Barneys New York by storm in 1993, and the rest is history. She's dressed actress Sharon Stone for the Academy Awards, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan for the Olympics . . . and now you.

In Wang's words, her client wants "minimal clothes for evening, yet they must be intricately designed and still glamorous." Her fall '94 collection is distinguished by the use of lamé and the layering of fabrics to create an irridescent look as a more modern alternative to beading. Also new are the bridal accessories – armlets, the bolero, and the tulle cage, worn with or over a sheath for an innovative look of transparency and drama.

Romantic touches abound, from designs with subtle hints of lace for brides who love lace but find traditional styles too conventional – to long, voluminous veils layered over tulle trains – to the extraordinary couture details like handmade bows and bias cut ties. Even the most tailored wedding dress in the collection has a modern yet extremely feminine edge, with impeccable detailing and the unmistakable touches that have come to represent the Vera Wang sense of style.

Much more than bridal

But the bridal salon is only a part of the Joy Cherry experience. Downstairs on the main floor, you'll find all the special occasion wear one needs. Designs by Eavis & Brown, Thierry Mugler, Angel Sanchez, Louis Féraud, Peter Keppler, and Vera Wang are hand-picked by Joy with you in mind. An icon in the Canadian fashion industry, Joy can be found on the floor serving her customers, just as her mother Esther did in what is now a multi-year legacy. From general sales manager Rodger Evans on, the staff is knowledgeable, gracious, and **long-lived**; people who work here just never seem to leave!

Vera Wang for Joy Cherry: making every detail count

Like the salon, the main floor is abundantly skylit, offering the same delicious duality of natural and artificial light. Renovated ten years ago, the shop's the architectural equal of New York and Milan's finest.

Given the store's compelling environment and reputation, you'd think that some might be intimidated to shop here. Indeed, some are. One visit, however, should dispel any notion that it's only for the rich and famous; bridal gowns start at $1,000, designer ready-to-wear at $300. And the quality of service and expertise you'll get will make each purchase money in the bank.

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Ritché Wins Gold!

All the staff at Ritché's were delighted when the store was selected as The Gold Medal Winner in the Toronto Sun Peoples Choice Awards. Sun readers chose Ritché as their Number One favorite bridal store in Toronto.

Why Ritché? Ritché has been serving Canadian brides and their families for over forty years. Their staff is friendly and extremely knowledgeable and they have one of the largest selections of bridal wear available.

Wedding gowns range from simple and elegant to ornate and avant garde.

The Imported and Canadian gown collections feature designers such as Alfred Sung, Mori Lee, Paloma blanca, Alfred Angelo, Jai International, Bianci, Jessica McClintock and more. But what sets Ritché aside from all other stores is the original Ritché bridal collection and the custom design service.

Extensive selection

Mr. Ritché is still creating fabulous, custom-designed gowns exceeding brides' desires and imagination.

Mothers of the bride and groom can choose from a wide selection of suits, evening wear and beaded dresses at the Avenue Road store. The Avenue Road store also features a large selection of the latest flowergirl dresses, bridesmaids dresses, evening wear, party dresses and bridal accessories including jewelry and shoes.

Brides searching for a bargain should visit Ritché's Factory Clearance Store on Spadina Avenue (at Richmond Street west). They have a large selection of specially-priced wedding gowns at great savings. These special clearance dresses are marked down 20 percent to 70 percent off retail prices and are available in a wide range of sizes and styles.

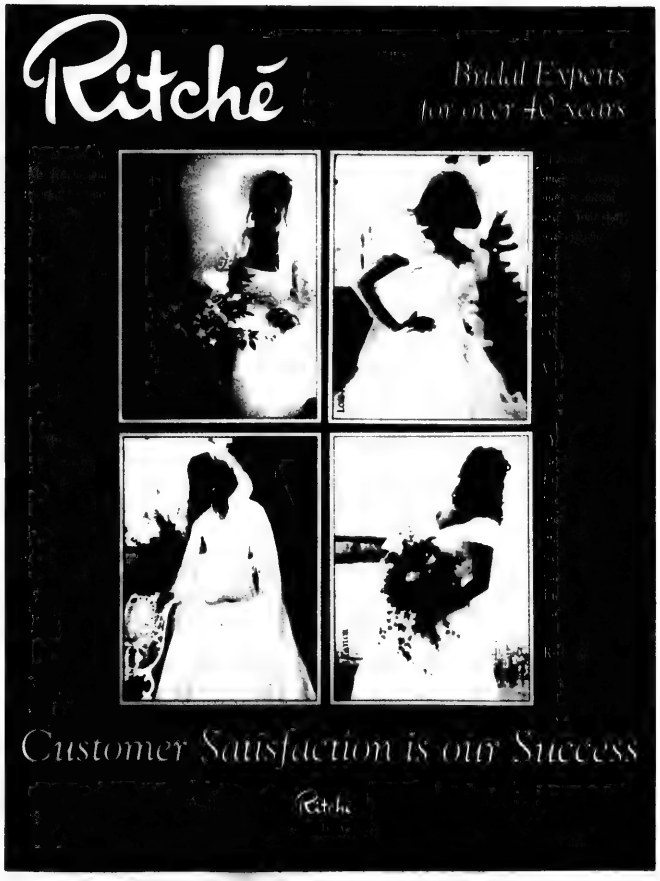
This fall Ritché is planning a spectacular fashion show.

Couture Collection

Exciting new 1995 bridal gowns will be premiered from many bridal designers as well as the new Ritché's Couture Collection. Ritché's previous sold-out shows were fashion extravaganzas and this upcoming event will be one not to miss! Details are soon to be announced.

Come see for yourself why Ritché was awarded first prize and received their Gold Medal service.

Ritché is located at 1662 Avenue Road (south of 401) **(416) 789-4378** (bridal appointments preferred) and 423 Richmond Street West (at Spadina Avenue) **(416) 362-2349**, no appointment necessary.



Lina's attention to detail pays off in award

How do you enjoy a quarter century of success in the bridal business and win customer satisfaction awards in the process?

Start with a fabulous showroom that offers four separate and distinct salons – one for each type of gown. Maintain an in-house alterations department with five to ten seamstresses. Employ five full-time bridal consultants. Service your customers to such an extent that no detail is too small, no request too insignificant. (You'll even add lace to a bra to increase under-the-dress comfort). Price your gowns affordably (from $700). Carry a fabulous selection of suits and party dresses, up to size 20 in stock and up to size 26 by special order. Last but not least, keep things in the family as much as possible, from founders Lina and Tony Pollari to son Sam and daughter Pat (if that's not *familia*, what is?)

Though the business was built on Lina's custom work (which is still available to customers who want it), clients can now choose from an impressive selection of designer gowns from Scaasi, Milady, Sposabella, Mori Lee, and others. Once your gown has arrived it can be extensively altered as needed. Gloves can be custom designed to match your dress, and a full range of other accessories (headpieces, shoes and jewellery) is also available. Crystal jewellery can be custom coloured.

A tour of the shop reveals many of the simple, modern styles currently in vogue, but the traditional look is here too if you prefer it. The Silk Room offers a range of gowns from simple to ornate (priced from $850) with matching silk flower girl dresses. A second room features off-the-shoulder and straight styles (from $700), some with short sleeves and/or tulle skirts. The Large Room has the fuller-skirted tulle and organza dresses. Finally, the Traditional Room (for the romantic in you) offers high-necked and open-necked styles.

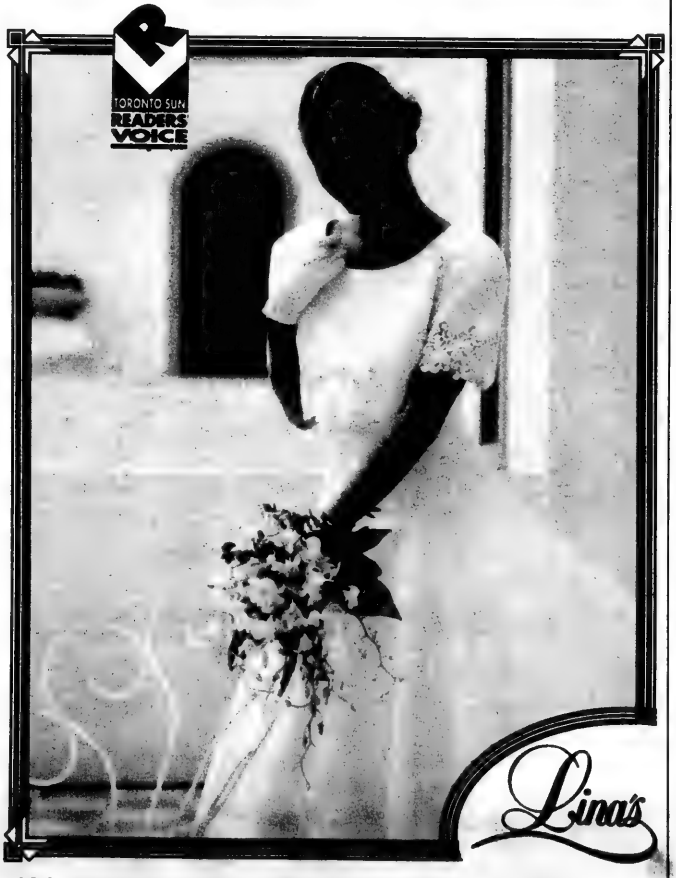
The store is large but cozy, since each room is fully enclosed and offers total privacy.

It's this kind of service and dedication to excellence that has garnered Lina's two Retail Council of Canada Awards and the 1994 Toronto Sun Readers' Voice Award as Toronto's favourite bridal shop.

The latter award is especially significant since it's based on a Toronto-wide survey. Pat emphasizes that the Pollaris "work daily" to earn these accolades. And they look forward to doing so "for the next 25 years and beyond," says Sam.

In celebration of their Silver Anniversary, Lina's is offering clients a chance to win their dream gown and a honeymoon vacation at the Radisson Cable Beach resort in the Bahamas (details in store).

Up-to-the-minute gowns and old-fashioned family values. It adds up to a very satisfying bridal experience, and Lina's looks forward to sharing it with you.



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Sam Firestone Caterers has threefold agenda: quality, quality and quality

In his thirty plus years in the catering business, Sam Firestone has presided over more bar mitzvahs and weddings than most people witness in a lifetime. As Catering Manager, son Leslie now has the opportunity to carry on a family catering tradition whose hallmark is quality. Does it ever get boring?

"Never", says Les. "Making people happy is our biggest reward. If we can put smiles on our customers' faces, we've done our job."

If catering was baseball and smiles were wins, Sam Firestone would undoubtedly be in the hall of fame today; but he and Les will settle for their reputation as a kosher caterer you can rely on for quality, service, and realistic prices. "We give extra but we don't charge extra", says Sam.

Non-members welcome

The banquet room at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, where Sam Firestone Caterers is located, is available to members and non-members alike. Like the people who cater it, the facilities are warm and inviting. Sam and Les pride themselves on a low-key, no-nonsense approach. They are there to put you at ease and offer their expertise to make your simcha a success.

Under strict supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (C.O.R.), Sam Firestone Caterers has a full-time mashgiach on the premises.

Innovative menus are another Sam Firestone forte, and Les takes great pains to ensure that along with the quality comes a fresh approach. Part of his role with the company has been to develop new simplified menus offering customers the latest food trends and a broader range of price options. Most families have moved from traditional Jewish menus to a more upscale modern kosher. Children's menus once dominated by hot dogs and fries have "graduated" to fajitas and Chinese food. "Creating original menus customized to your individual needs is what we do best", says Les.

The name of Sam Firestone Caterers has been linked with that of Congregation Shaarei Shomayim for over thirty years. It's been an integral part of synagogue life, involved in its largest ceremonial dinners, its religious celebrations and the milestone events that mark the lives of the individuals and families of the congregation. Sam Firestone, son Leslie and staff take pride in offering the same quality of service to the community at large.

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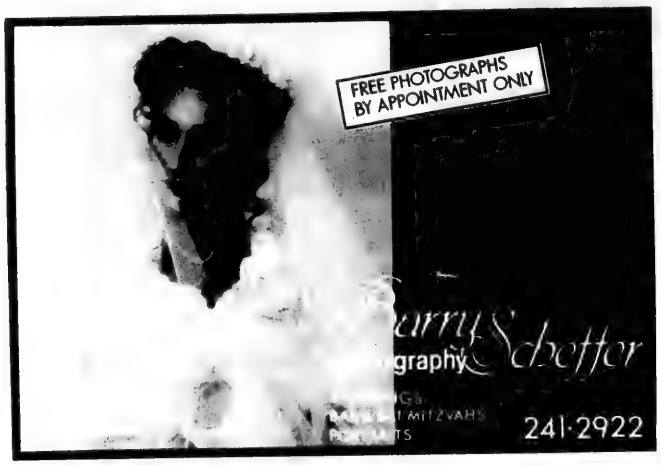

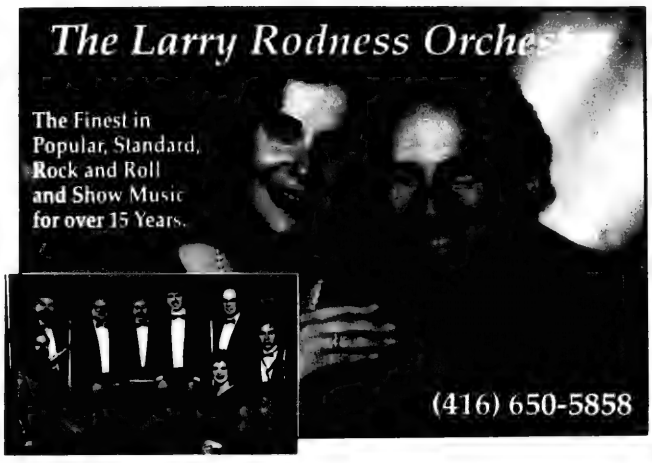

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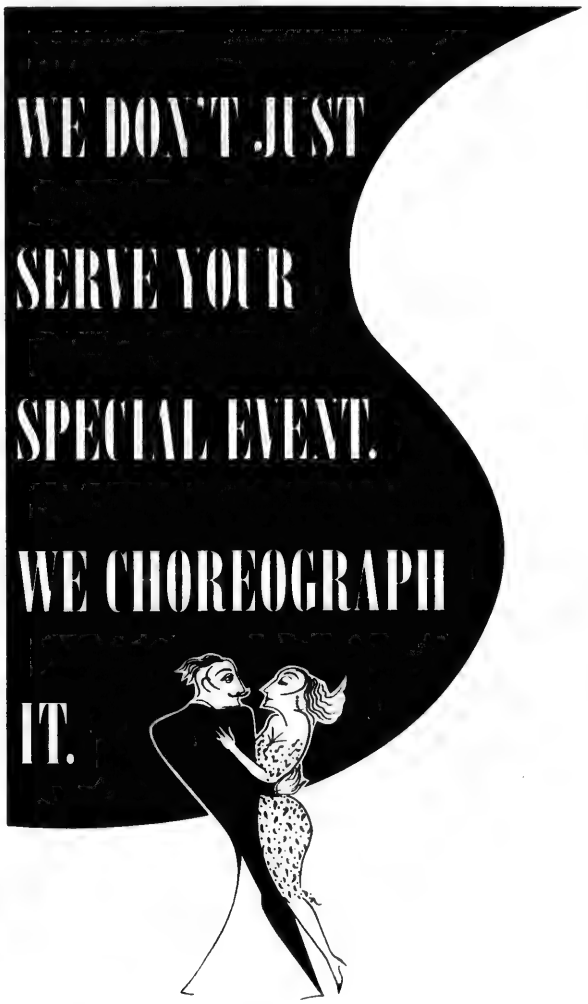

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Joanne Katz earns kudos at Regal Kosher Caterers

Regal Kosher Caterers, a front-runner in both innovative and traditional Kosher catering, is under the exclusive direction of partners Joe Elmaleh, C.A., Rabbi A.J. Eisenberger, and Mendy Goldman. So are **King Solomon's Table**, a full-service Glatt Kosher restaurant, and **The Wok 'N Deli** Glatt Kosher restaurant.

In March 1994, catering manager Joanne Katz joined the team at Regal. Since coming aboard, she has been kept busy booking weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other special occasions. She was already well known in the community, having served in the Kosher catering field for 12 years; she brings to her position both experience and a conscientious attitude. Now that she has settled in at Regal, she enjoys taking pride in the results of her work.

Regal's policy is that quality is achieved through attention to detail, and to all the needs of the individual customer. This approach is paying off, with a long list of satisfied customers and a growing number of referrals.

Joanne has been given full authority in the catering department. She is a bubbly personality who exudes high energy and enthusiasm. Joanne finds it refreshing to work with Elmaleh, Eisenberger and Goldman. She says that like her customers, the partners have become friends and supporters. "A positive attitude is easy," she reflects, "when you enjoy success, and are appreciated both by principals and clients."

Now, she believes, is a good time for her to thank both the many customers and the principals who have contributed so much to the success of Regal Kosher Caterers.

Bookings brisk

The best advertising, Joanne insists, is referral from a satisfied customer – and she's pleased to report that Regal is heavily booked for the coming months. Those bookings include Joanne's son Steven (wedding, May 1995) and it's reasonable to assume that word of mouth weighed heavily in his choice of caterers.

Regal offers a varied menu, and quality of preparation is paramount. Selection is important, says Joanne, but to make it meaningful, you have to have the talent in the kitchen.

Once and for all, Regal disproves the old stereotype of Kosher food. Along with tried-and-true standards like prime rib, there are many delicious Oriental, Middle Eastern and Continental dishes. Moreover, Regal has incredibly talented chefs to fulfill all catering and restaurant cuisine requirements.

Among their creations, *Penne al Salto* (pasta tossed with olive oil, garlic, fresh tomato, basil and rappini) is a light, lively burst of Italian sunshine. Chicken Sorentina (scallopini of chicken breast topped with eggplant, tomato and oregano) shows an exciting new way to serve chicken. *Veal Marango* (stewed veal with mushrooms, demiglace, tomatoes and herbs, served with steamed rice and vegetables) will make you a veal lover if you aren't one already.

As always, Regal is committed to making quality Kosher food accessible to everyone. At King Solomon's Table, the all-you-can-eat Chinese dinner buffet is only $14.95 (on Sundays and holidays, $16.95). At lunch, a version of this buffet with fewer items, but still all you can eat, is available for $7.95.

Regal's offices and permanent Kosher kitchen, as well as King Solomon's Table, are located in the Montecassino Place Hotel at 3710 Chesswood Drive in Downsview. King Solomon's is available for business luncheons as well as private parties. The Montecassino Place Hotel offers elegant ballrooms for simchas and comfortable suites for guests, with attractive group rates and weekend and overnight packages.

Delicious dilemma

The Wok 'N Deli in Thornhill offers an innovative Chinese, Delicatessen, and full Continental menu, which enjoys ongoing popularity at lunch and dinner. Here, the world's most delicious dilemma (do you wok or do you deli?) continues to intrigue the patrons. Even during peak hours, lineups are brief, and the service is friendly and efficient. The Wok 'N Deli is located at 441 Clark Ave. West, at the corner of Hilda Ave.

The management and staff of Regal Kosher Caterers are unanimous in expressing their gratitude both to the community, for its ongoing support of all three establishments, and to Joanne Katz, for pleasing Regal's existing and growing clientele.

Joanne asserts that working with her clients is "a privilege and a pleasure", and invites you to contact her at Regal Kosher Caterers. She will take care to ensure that your function is a success. To book your special occasion, call Joanne Katz at (416) 630-0303.

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"Whether it's a wedding, bar mitzvah, anniversary, engagement, birthday or corporate function, we know and understand just how important these special events are for both you and your guests," says Shelley.

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He will also inform the camera crew when something important or special is about to happen--like the horah or the bride dancing with her father--so they can capture the moment on video.

Shelley says: "We try to encourage family and friends to sing special songs at these parties, but we do appreciate advance notice, so that we can rehearse with them prior to the event. We really enjoy making everyone's dreams come true.

"It is important that you see and hear for yourself what you are about to buy. That's why we offer our clients the opportunity to come to one of the events we are playing at, while keeping in mind that the music is customized to meet the desires and needs of each party."

If you are unable to attend one of the parties the band is playing for, Shelley has audio and video demonstration tapes available for when he meets you to discuss the planning of your party.

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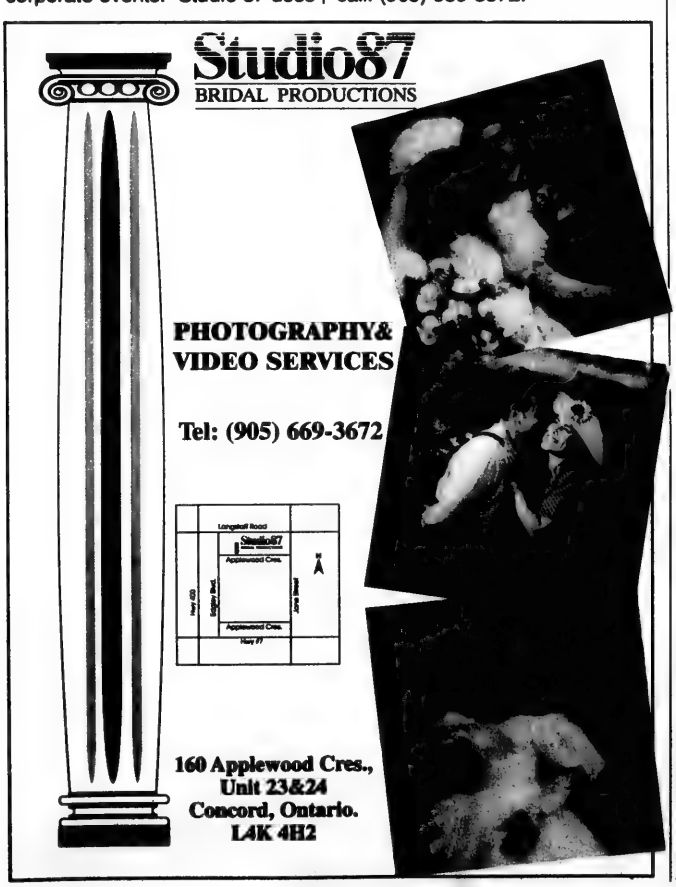

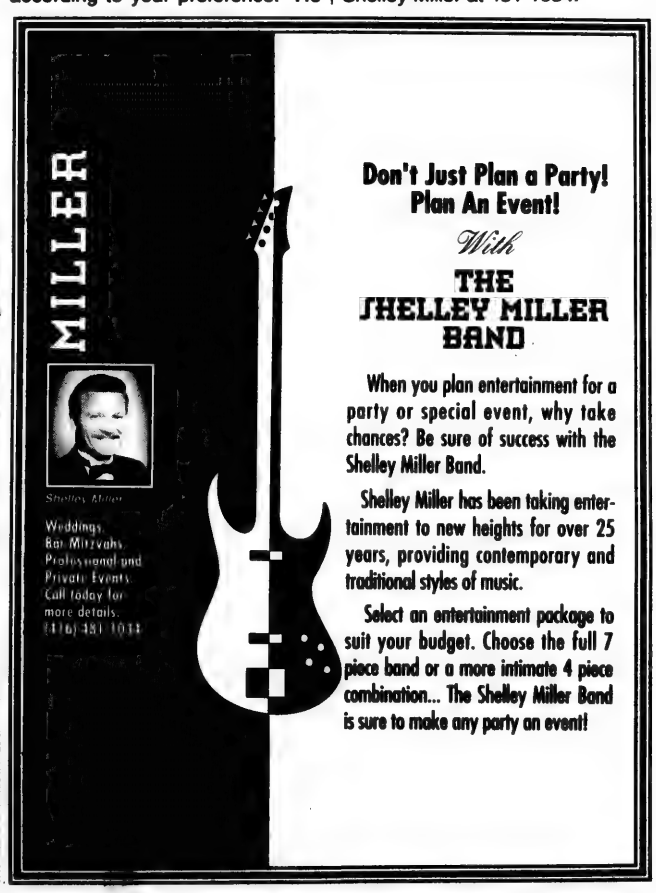
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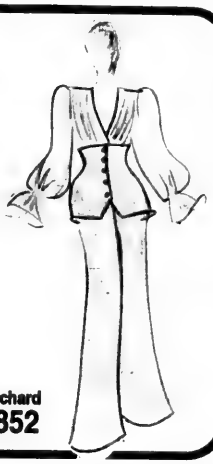

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Rather than discarding her early background in knits and coordinates, Wechsler (now celebrating her 12th anniversary as a designer) built on it and incorporated many of its delightful accents into her bridal and special occasion wear. Indeed, the transition was born of a demand by clients to get married in the same type of outfits she creates for regular day and evening wear.

You can see the results in her two-piece designs for informal weddings. With an emphasis on knits and chiffons, these outfits are a perfect understatement for the second time bride or any bride who prefers a low-key approach. After the wedding, they can be worn again, along with the pleasant memories to which they give rise.

If you prefer a more traditional gown, Wechsler's designs are characterized by a clean, contemporary look with all of the glamour you want and none of the clutter you don't. Making strong use of silk crepes, crepe-backed satins and similar fabrics, Wechsler favours a streamlined look – perhaps with a bias cut – having a bit of a swing to it as opposed to a full look. White and ivory are ongoing colour favourites.

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Thirty-three years at the same location speaks volumes about the kind of quality and service offered at Margo's. Before buying the business five years ago, present owner Effie Xynnis-Hall (also known as Margo) apprenticed under former owner Lillian Fletcher because it was "the only place in Canada" where she could learn the finer points of hatmaking.

With an extensive background in fashion and costume design (some of it with the National Ballet of Canada), Effie found the world of hats provided a natural outlet for her creative talents. Those talents are now in demand by the entertainment industry; Effie is often asked to create elaborate hats for theatrical and motion picture productions. On a more down-to-earth note, she also designs headware for women suffering from cancer to help them maintain their dignity and elegance during this difficult period.

Surprisingly, Margo's custom work is often less expensive than ready-made hats sold elsewhere. For example, Margo's custom-made bridal veils (noted for their fullness) start at only $69. Her ready-to-wear prices are equally reasonable: winter hats range from $40 to $170, summer hats from $12 to $170. And the selection is endless; you'll find hats in every conceivable fabric and style. Bring in your own fabric (wool, leather, fur, almost anything except the skins of protected species, which Effie won't touch), and she'll custom-make a hat in the style of your choice. If you have a picture of a hat that captures your fancy, Effie can create your hat from the picture.

Weddings, bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, and the high holidays provide much of Margo's business. Bridal headpieces are a specialty, and anything from the simple to the ornate can be designed to match your wedding dress.

Buying a hat at Margo's means receiving the kind of expert service and advice you won't get in a department store. The hat needs to compliment the shape of your face, your bone structure, and other features; if it doesn't, Effie will tell you and advise an alternative. The hat needs to fit perfectly; if it doesn't, Effie will alter it as needed. You can bring in your old hats for expert repair or retrimming, and she'll advise you whether it's worthwhile to do so.

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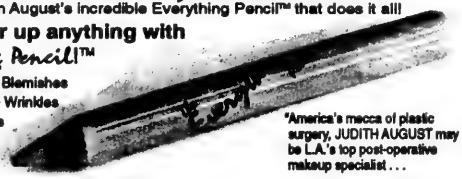

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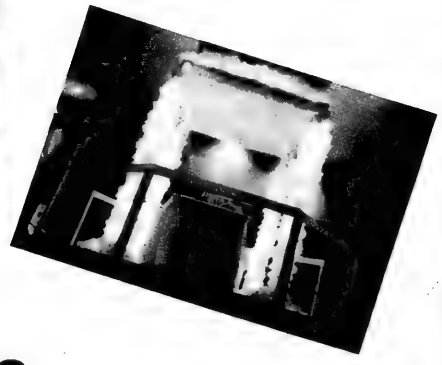

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Moschino of Italy is well known for its couture, and "cheap and chic" line. The Versace line features a casual, dressy look with many different styles for almost any occasion, and Alberta Ferretti, both of Italy, feature suits which go well in the office, but can also, with a change of blouse and shoes, be worn as evening or dinner dress. Mariella Burani, a diverse, well-established Italian line, offers daywear, suits, coats and evening wear. From Paris, Lolita Lempicka features an avant-garde line for younger women. As for accessories like shoes and bags--especially a good selection of well-made, comfortable, stylish shoes--there is Armando Polini of Italy.

In 1982, Nello bought and renovated the building where his store is located. Since then, Christian Boutique has occupied the entire ground floor. It is a big store with 36 feet frontage and 3,500 square feet inside, with a large selection; a good product deserves a good ambience.

Alterations are done free on the premises by expert seamstresses, on the same or the next day. Nello, who is also a designer, does custom design on the premises, and will supply everything including fabric.

For Nello, the most satisfying aspect of the business is to see people who buy a good product and good service come back for more. Good materials and work, last longer, and in the long run, they are what brings the customer back.

This has always been true; but in the past few years, the insistence on quality has increased. People want clothes which last, and which can be worn in more than one situation. With the increasing number of women in business and the professions, this trend has accelerated.

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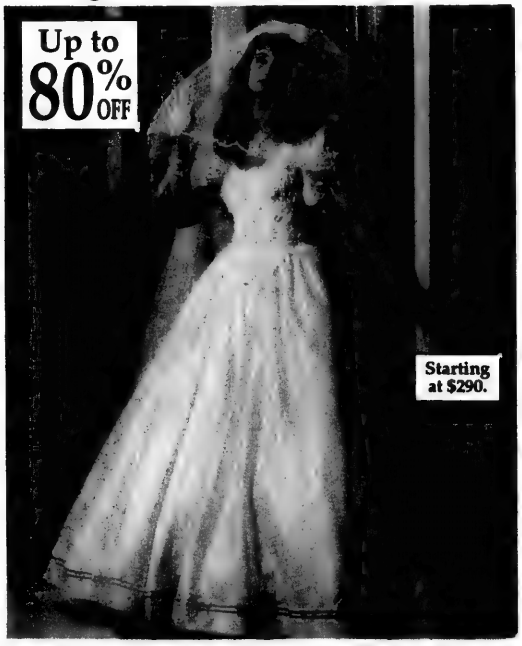

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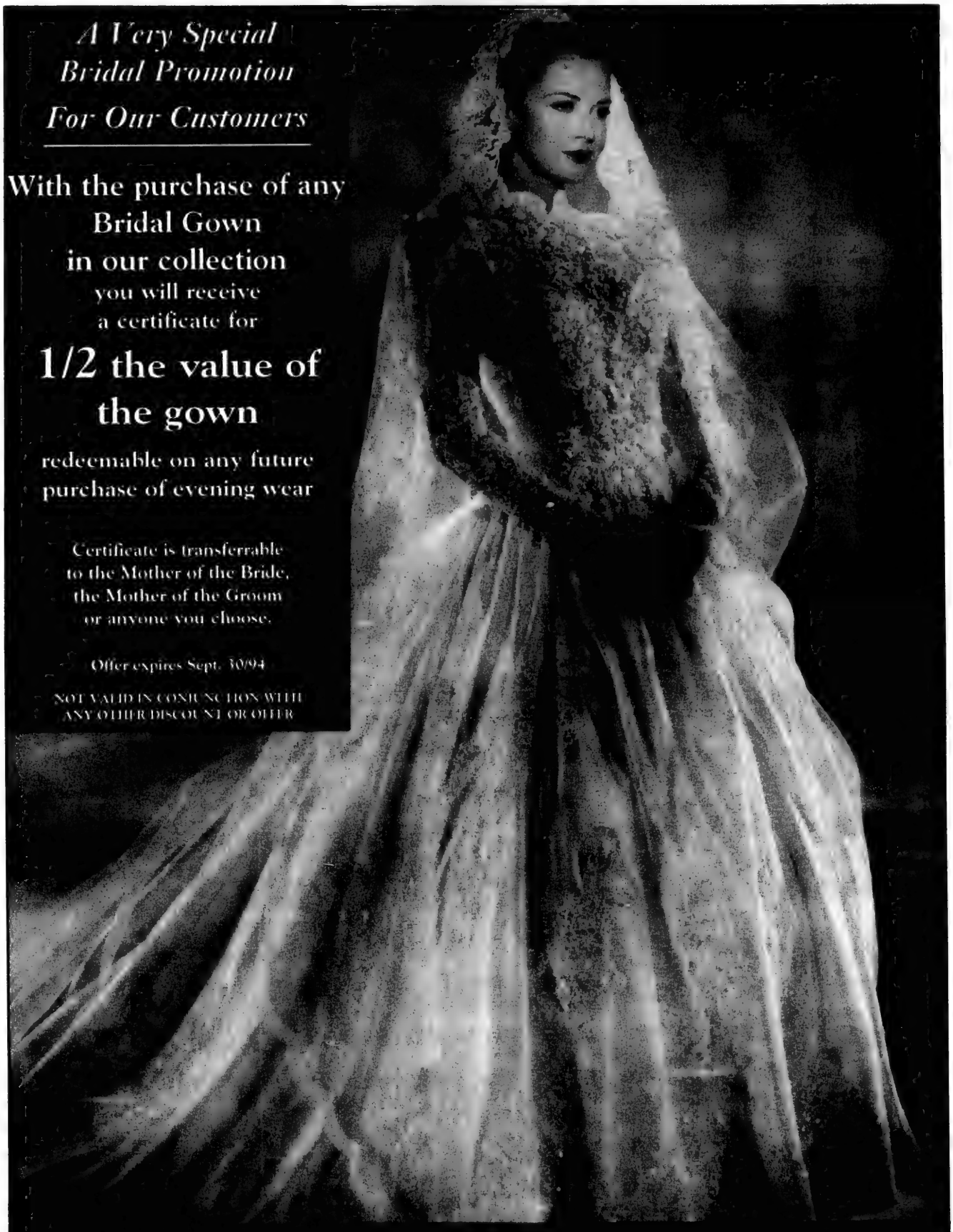

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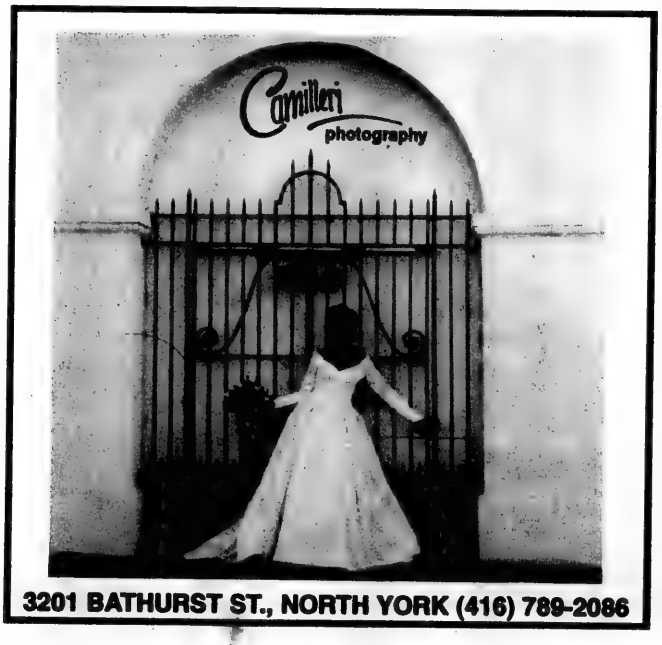

Store's bridal registry offers quality, service and affordable prices

At Bronson's China & Gifts, dedication to service has been a significant factor in creating their reputation for excellence.

"This is a customer-oriented store," says owner Ilene Bronsteter, who has been serving brides for over 15 years now at the spacious location in Thornhill.

Many of her clients have heard about Bronson's through word of mouth, from the glowing recommendations of their friends and relatives.

Ilene prides herself on having one of the best bridal registries in the country and she says it caters to any budget.

The friendly staff of Bronson's helps brides pick out their patterns and assists them in co-ordinating their tabletops from the store's huge selection of high quality dinnerware, flatware, stemware and giftware.

The atmosphere in the store is relaxed and unintimidating. Specializing in catering to brides, the knowledgeable staff are there to supply helpful service.

The huge selection of quality items at Bronson's means the store has something for every bride.

Bronson's offers modern and contemporary designs, as well as traditional patterns from around the world.

The international brand names Bronson's carries include Rosenthal, Mikasa, Noritake, Wedgewood, Fitz & Floyd, Villeroy & Boch and many others. Beautiful handpainted Italian designs are available too.

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The 7,000-sq. ft. store also offers a full range of kitchen and decorative giftware. Stock is constantly updated, so customers are sure to find the latest in home-decorating items.

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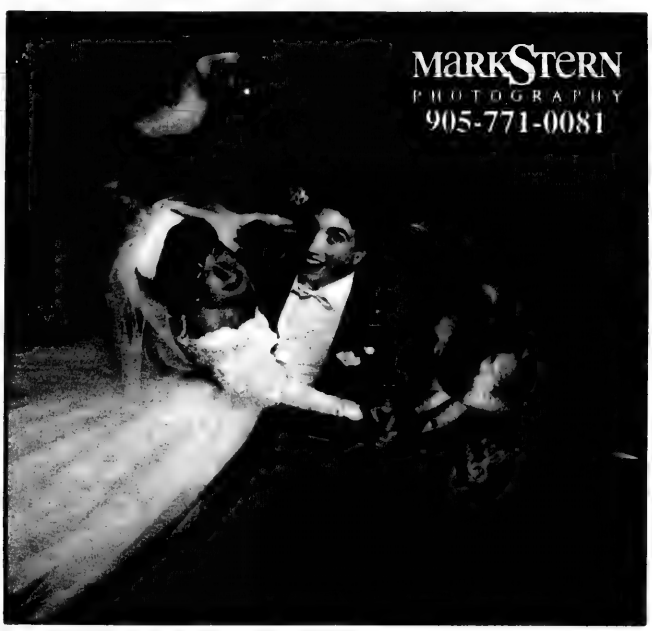

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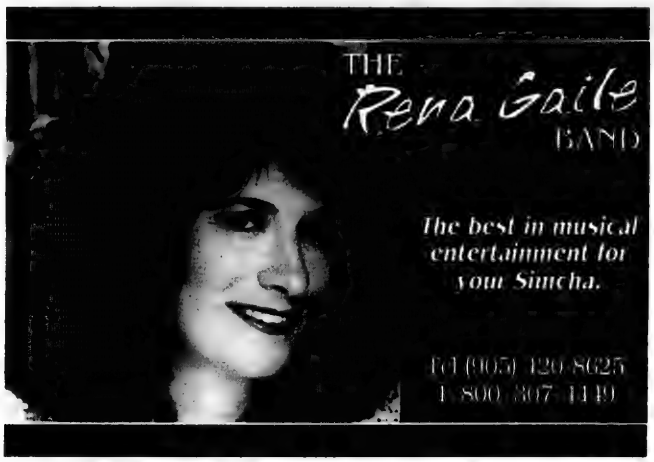

Stavros takes tuxedos and suits to new level

Stavros Theodoropoulos, the master tailor, doesn't just love his business – he's *in* love with it.

This is, perhaps, a fitting factor when you realize that Stavros has been outfitting bridegrooms and groom's men with custom-made, hand-tailored tuxedos and suits for the past 40 years.

Asked if he made the tuxedo for his own wedding in 1968, Stavros replies proudly, "Yes! Of course!"

For today's bridegrooms, Stavros offers the best – be it raw materials ($250 a yard for pure silk), customer service and comfort (a refreshment bar and sitting room), or the latest in styling. It all adds up to a top-of-the-line tuxedo or suit that will look great for years.

"People spend so much on pictures when they get married!" Stavros comments.

He stresses the point that many keepsake portraits have been ruined because grooms opt to buy or rent garments that don't offer the quality styling and attention to detail a Stavros creation does.

He admits that it costs money to purchase his kind of quality but he asks, "If the bride can pay up to $3,000 for a dress she will wear once, why shouldn't the groom invest in a garment that costs about the same as the dress, but is one that he will be able to wear again?"

Good question.

For added practicality, Stavros offers to convert the tuxedo into a business suit by removing the silk detailing from the lapel and pockets after the wedding.

Some of the detailed work that grooms have come to expect on Stavros' tuxedos include pure silk facing and silk covered buttons. On suits, quality is seen in the hand-stitched button holes and a flower slit that has a notch stitched inside to accommodate the flower stem.

At Stavros's Yorkville boutique, grooms can also choose between custom or ready-made shirts and a full selection of wedding attire accessories.

Stavros has one complaint about his business – it's a dying trade. Young people today don't have the patience, he laments.

As the last of Toronto's tailors from the 'old school', Stavros enjoys the reputation he has developed over the years.

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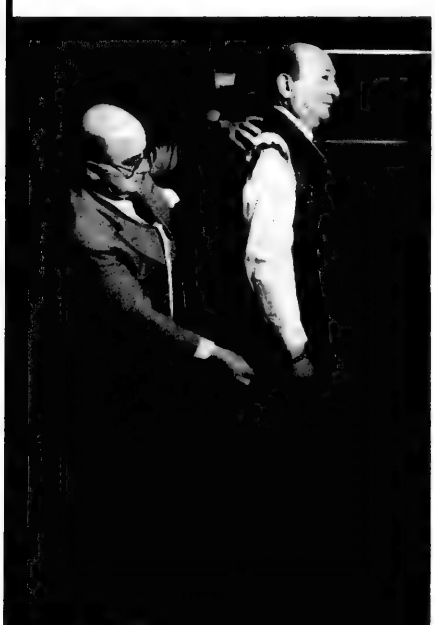

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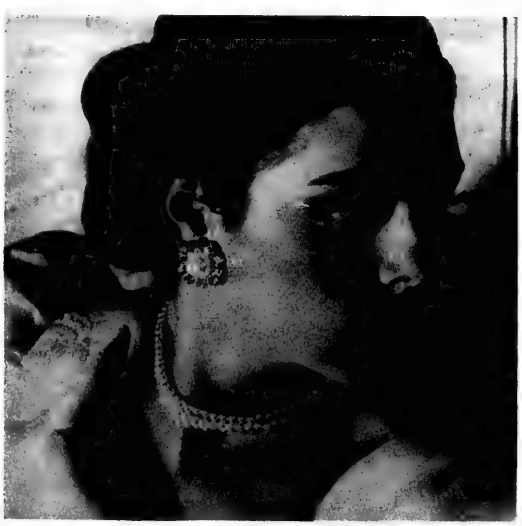

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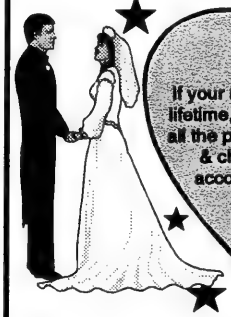

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The Delta's two beautifully appointed ballrooms have unique details like antique chandeliers, a marble fireplace and cherry wood trim and can accommodate from 50 to 200 people. Guests that have held Kosher functions at the Delta Armouries include the London Jewish Federation Board Dinner, Haddasah-Wizo Youth Aliyah Reception and the Jewish Student Union of Western Ontario Graduation.

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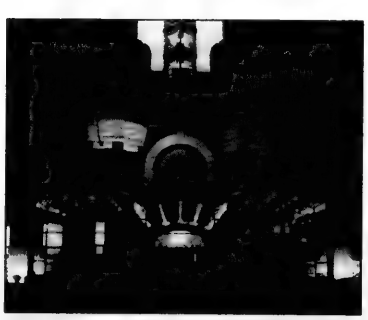

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Baycrest Hospitality Services has an elegant new look. The facilities of the kosher service, which accommodates and caters groups from ten to 500, have been fully redecorated. "We've renovated all our rooms so that we can offer the perfect setting for any event," says manager Sharon Bizouati, "from personal celebrations like bar mitzvahs and weddings to professional conferences and seminars." Bizouati and her staff, who have more than 20 years' experience serving the Jewish community, are pleased with the added amenities the renovations help them to provide.

Launched in April 1993, Baycrest Hospitality offers quality catering in varied surroundings and atmosphere, from the cozy Fireside Lounge with its walkout patio onto landscaped grounds with full-grown trees, to the sophisticated ambience of the main dining room.

"In our main hall," says Bizouati, "we've created the warm, intimate look of a dining room in an elegant home, with soft pastels, chandeliers and tasteful art. A new, sophisticated system provides a full range of lighting, from bright illumination to soft candlelight, and can focus on a specific area such as a head table. Our new sound system, along with acoustic coverings for walls and hard floors, provides improved audio capabilities."

All rooms are air-conditioned and equipped for audio-visual services. Besides families celebrating special events, Baycrest Hospitality is attracting a growing clientele of community and professional associations, who will find that the lobby areas offer ample space for exhibits and demonstrations.

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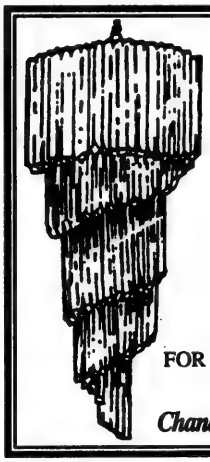

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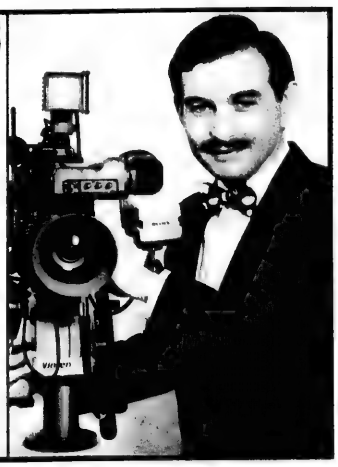

Hudson's Bay Catering offers splendid setting for simchas

The main dining hall in the old Bay building: 48-foot ceilings, massive skylights, Roman columns . . . and superb seven-course meals from $38.

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Spectacular setting

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The room is skirted by massive Roman columns and banked with exquisite semicircular enclaves which, together with the central seating arrangements, allow the room to seat 350 comfortably (or 1,000 standup). Yet a party of 20 can dine intimately (you have to see it!).

The main dining area is overlooked by a balcony-style reception area some 25 feet above, where guests can lounge comfortably prior to the main event.

Built in 1929 and renovated in 1987, the dining hall spans two floors of the old Bay building on Queen street.

A spectacular setting demands equally spectacular cuisine, and HBC delivers with exquisite and eclectic menus prepared by highly skilled chefs from all culinary backgrounds. Delightful surprises abound. For example, a standard seven-course meal offers cream of watercress with pecans, bibb and endive salad with balsamic vinaigrette, rosettes of veal in a light peppercorn sauce, parisienne potatoes, asparagus tips & roast red pepper strips, chocolate tiramisu, tea and coffee for only $38. Another selection consists of mushroom & vermouth soup, spinach salad with pine nuts, rock cornish game hen, wild rice, medley of fresh vegetables, raspberry sherbert, tea and coffee for only $30.95.

Custom menu requests are always welcome and will be expertly accommodated.

From traditional dishes through fabulous fresh desserts and pastries prepared on the premises, you and your guests will enjoy the fruits of the chefs' expertise. Even the hors d'oeuvres–an afterthought at many functions–are special enough to have generated a demand in their own right.

Competitive prices

With the magnificent setting and fine cuisine, you might expect to pay more. But prices are "competitive – and of course there's the "comfort zone" of dealing with The Bay," says Catering Manager Robert Dearing.

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TREASURY FURTHER INCREASES INTEREST RATES

ISRAEL BONDS VIEWED AS COST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CAPITAL MOBILIZATION FOR ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Treasury of the State of Israel recently increased its Israel Bonds rates substantially in anticipation of major industrial refitting projects and immigrant absorption.

ISRAEL BONDS RECEIVE RRSP APPROVAL

Alex E. Grossman, Chairman of the Board of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., cited RRSP-approved status as "A major development that underscores the dependability and versatility of Israel Bonds as attractive investments in the Canadian securities marketplace."

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Y. Rabin

Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister, State of Israel
February 1994

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ISRAEL BONDS – AN EVALUATION

Paul Bates
President,
Greenline Investor
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Recent interest rate increases on a number of Israel Bonds have underscored the ongoing relevance of Bonds capital to the industrial development of the State of Israel.

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Moreover, some Israel Bonds, notably the Economic Development Issue, are extendible. That is to say, the investor has the option, after a fixed period of time, of either redeeming the instrument or extending until maturity. Israel Bonds are viewed by many as highly desirable additions to any well-rounded financial portfolio and have broadened their investment appeal significantly in recent years.

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JCC demonstrators picket Super Sunday

Fired staff launch second protest

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dozens of former employees of the Leah Posluns Theatre and the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), together with friends and supporters, held a rally on Super Sunday at which they charged the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto with abandoning vital community institutions.

As United Jewish Appeal canvassers and JCC members passed by, demonstrators blamed the Federation for the demise of the Leah Posluns Theatre (LPT) and the Institute for Jewish Learning, which were closed two weeks ago.

In addition to carrying placards and circulating a petition, the demonstrators handed out a 12-page booklet prepared by "staff and lay people closely aligned for decades with the JCC." The material takes issue with claims by Federation spokesmen that the LPT was a money loser and it addresses several issues relating to the JCC's finances.

Federation spokesmen contacted by *The CJN* contested the allegations contained in the booklet.

The demonstrators charged the Federation with orchestrating the dismissal of 31 JCC employees by the Centre's former three-person board, which resigned on Aug. 31.

"I think when the Federation took it out on 30 [other] staff the way they did, they crossed over the line," said Paul Brownstein, the JCC's former executive director.

"These are the same people who were washing cars, doing bake sales, doing casinos until four in the morning so the JCC could raise $100,000 profit [on the casinos]," he said. "For them to suffer the consequences..."

"I think people are angry and this is the only way to show the community that what has been done is unfair," said Wilfred Posluns, the major benefactor of the Leah Posluns Theatre, which is named for his mother.

JCC president David Perlmutter said he did not agree with the way the employees were terminated. "I think it was unfair to them. There's an obligation by the community to do right by them," he said.

But Federation president Bernie Ghert said tough decisions had to be taken. He said the theatre staff was let go to save money and the JCC's central administration staff was released as part of the restructuring agreed to by the JCC and the Federation, in which the JCC's three branches will become independent entities, making central administration employees redundant.

"You have to make choices, what jobs you're going to save and which jobs you're going to lose," Ghert said. He said the departure of the 31 employees was necessary to save the job of the other JCC employees.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Brownstein suggested that the timing of the dismissal of the JCC and LPT staff was chosen to minimize the severance packages that would be payable to them.

Brownstein and Ghert, in a separate interview, agreed the packages for all employees would exceed $300,000 if paid in full.

But in a document sent to JCC creditors by Richter & Partners, the JCC's interim receiver, former JCC and LPT employees are designated as preferred creditors entitled to a maximum of $2,000 each. The former employees are considered unsecured creditors for the remainder owing them.

They will have to share on a "cents-to-the-dollar owed" basis with the JCC's 279 other unsecured creditors in whatever money is available after the secured and preferred creditors have been paid.

Had the employees been let go after the JCC filed a notice to creditors, whoever took over the Centre would have been responsible for the full severance packages, Brownstein said. In his case, with 28 years service, he would have been entitled by law to six months of wages. He's also owed six weeks of vacation pay.

Brownstein said the former employees have retained legal counsel to determine their rights.

According to a document obtained by *The CJN* from Perlmutter, there was an understanding that the Federation's moral responsibility included paying appropriate severance packages to those who were let go.

Federation spokesman Morris Zbar said that the final severance packages have not yet been determined and won't be until the JCC files its plan to creditors, sometime within the next two weeks.

Other points of dispute centre on the LPT's financial viability. "Since its inception, with the interest on the [LPT] endowment, annual fundraising, government grants, box office and rental income, the LPT has always covered its operating costs," the booklet states. "Additionally the theatre was granted $100,000 annually from the Federation, which was given back to the JCC to contribute to the central administration of the JCC and the maintenance and utility costs of the Theatre."

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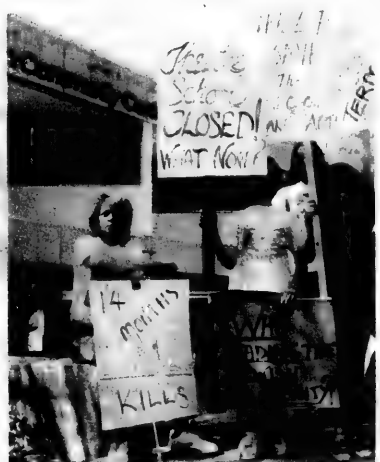
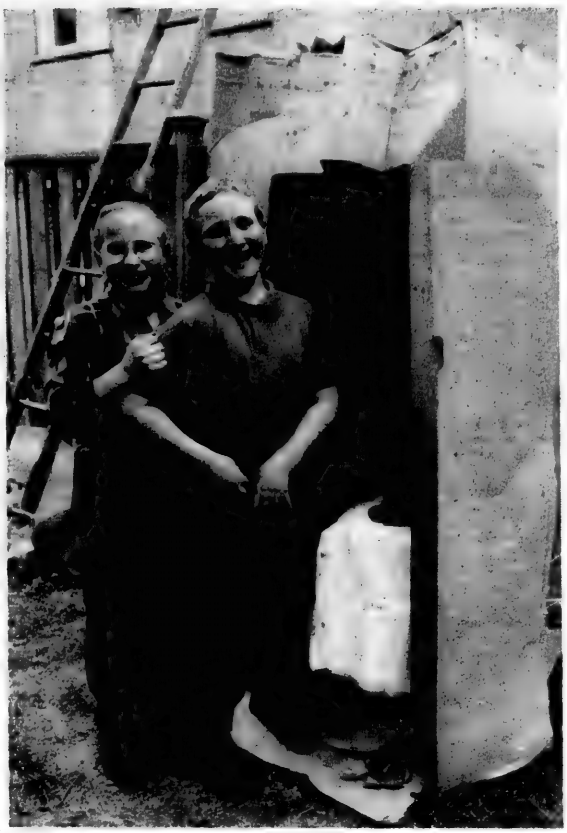


Demonstrators protesting the fate of the Jewish Community Centre and Leah Posluns Theatre gathered last Sunday outside the north JCC. [Paul Lungen photo]



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Yanky Lowy, 11, (rear) and Meir Eisenthal, 10, both of Toronto, have built what they call the world's smallest sukkah. Constructed from a discarded refrigerator box, the sukkah has room for some ceremonial objects and two people, preferably short ones. [Ron Csillag photo]

Syria seen as the key to peaceful relations

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The United States has received "signals" from 18 Arab states that they would sign peace agreements with Israel once it and Syria have struck a peace accord, sources close to the Clinton administration have told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Furthermore, Syria has informed the U.S. that it will establish diplomatic relations with Israel, but only upon the conclusion of full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, the sources said. Syria has promised the U.S. that other Arab countries would join in establishing ties with Israel after full withdrawal.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has canceled plans to visit the region this week due to heightened expectations of an invasion of Haiti. Instead, senior aides to Christopher are likely to visit next week to prepare for his visit, expected after Sukkot.

Peace with Syria means Israel will have peace agreements with the entire Arab world except Iraq, Libya, and Sudan, the sources said.

"Through our own contacts with Arab countries, we have reached the conclusion that a Syria-Israel peace will mean Israel will reach peace agreements with 18 Arab states," one source said.

But he would not say if all 18 would be full-fledged bilateral peace treaties.

"However, Israelis would able to travel to Saudi Arabia, for example," he said. "Peace with Syria would trigger a transformative event with 18 Arab countries."

The source insisted that without Damascus, which retains the mantle of Arab nationalism, peace with the other countries is impossible.

Damascus "knows the price of peace," he said.

"The Syrians have said they would agree to diplomatic relations with Israel once there is full withdrawal. They keep saying that, unlike Egypt, which did not bring other Arab states with it once it signed its own deal with Israel, they would bring other Arab states along with them."

Syria has also told Washington it would establish trade relations with Israel once peace is concluded, sources said.

The U.S. sources appeared amused at last week's press reports suggesting that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin added significant new provisos to negotiations with Syria.

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Canada

Torontonian returns to shtetls of Belarus

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Dr. Lawrence Gaum of Toronto a trip to Belarus (Beylorussia) to see the shtetls where his grandparents were born turned out to be an odyssey of adventure so remarkable he can't even speak of it now, months later, without deep emotion.

The well-known oral surgeon, a member of the Jewish Geneological Society, had been thinking of discovering his roots for years and he jumped at the invitation in July to join a group from Israel heading to the shtetls of Kozhanhorodok, Krasna Volya, Lachva, Luninets and other towns.

This group of 30 Israelis were Jews from the area who escaped and fought with the partisans against the Nazis.

Luckily he had already done some research, for instance scanning the lists of steamship passengers arriving in Canada in 1910 and discovering that his grandfather, Shiaya (Sam) Latucha, because of his lack of English, had led the immigration officer to put his name down as Gaum (sic) because he had a brother-in-law named Gam in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where he was heading.

So Gaum, 56, a nephew of Senator Jack Marshall, his wife, Hope, another uncle, Elliott Marshall, president of the Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, synagogue, and his wife, Helen, took a flight to Minsk in Belarus, little knowing what lay beyond.

Before the trip was over, he visited the shtetls where his grandfather and his grandmother, Riva Morafchick, were born, and discovered long-lost relatives.

But even more affecting were stories the group heard from eye witnesses of how Jews in those villages in 1942 were forced to strip and dig their own graves before being shot, the infants and very young children being bayoneted to save bullets.

A woman came forward in Luninets with a five-foot water color painting depicting those horrible events done by an eye witness, the delicate tints of the children in marked contrast to the colors of the storm troopers carrying out the executions. It was purchased by Esser Kriglin of New York, a former Israeli, who was one of the villagers who escaped to fight with the partisans against the Nazis.

Kriglin spent $30,000 and made four trips to Belarus to build a memorial to the 5,000 Jews who died at Luninets.

One of the Israelis, Kopel Kolponitzky, 75, a tour leader, took them to the spot where his younger brother and fiancee were shot by the Germans.

"He told us that a doctor in Krasna Volya had come out to the road to help his brother but a Nazi told him 'your job is to treat German soldiers, don't touch that Jew.' But the doctor replied, 'I will not treat any German soldier.' and the Nazi immediately shot the doctor, the brother and his fiancee," said Gaum.

Later, when they were talking together, the stocky, vigorous Kolponitzky asked Gaum what he did. "I'm an oral surgeon," was the reply. "Well, I'm a killer," Kolponitzky said matter-of-factly, explaining that his experiences as a partisan in Belarus and in Israel's War of Independence had hardened him.

From left: Dr. Gaum, his wife Hope, Elliot Marshall of Glace Bay, N.S. and Marshall's wife, Helen.

'One tough little Jew'

Kolponitzky recalled that before the partisans allowed him to join them they put portions of food in front of him to see if he had enough control left to resist eating anything before he was invited to do so. "You're one tough little Jew," they told him.

His research paid off for Guam when he used an old photo of the shtetl of Kozhanhorodok showing an Orthodox Russian church with its cupola to calculate about where the home of his paternal grandparents was located. The Nazis had spared the church. But in the area not too far from the church, where all the Jews lived in a square, there was nothing, just empty land. "I looked for the five synagogues that were in the shtetl but they were gone, including the famous Kelt Synagogue."

Kozhanhorodok had a population of 3,000 to 4,000 before World War II, about half of them Jews. Today there is not a single Jew left, Gaum said. There is an obelisk memorial a little way from the village near the pit where the Jewish martyrs were buried.

The Canadians had a chance to talk to elderly residents who remember Jews who lived in the shtetl. One elderly man of 84, with tears in his eyes, told them the story of how Guam's cousin, Jack Moraff, who eventually went to Cape Breton, returned to the village to find his wife and son had been murdered by the Nazis. He went off to join the partisans.

"The way some of the women were dressed, it was as if time had stood still," said Gaum." One of the women had shoes made of bark. I don't like to say this but I think the Communists will come back. The people have nothing to eat. Under the private enterprise system they have there now, there is very little on the shelves. Under communism they had medical and dental care."

The Guams and Marshalls stood on the trackside in Luninets where their forebearers boarded a two-week train ride on their way to America.

It was from Luninets that Frutka Guam and two sons, Menasha and Boruch, departed, Menasha being Guam's late father.

"There is a little known story about my cousin, Jack Moraff, who lived in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and died three years ago. Whenever a well-known Canadian TV entertainer came on the screen, he would rush to turn it off. He said the entertainer looked exactly like the Russian who came to his inn in Kozhanhorodok two days before the Nazis arrived and said 'I want those leather boots you are wearing. If you don't give them to me now, I'll get them anyway in a couple of days." And he did.

Gaum discovers two cousins

Among other Canadians on the tour were Daniel Zalmanovitz and his uncle, Feivel Zalmanovitz, both of Edmonton, and Caryl Chernin, a Toronto filmmaker.

To his surprise, Gaum discovered two cousins on the tour, Luba Falkovich, now living in Israel, and Shlomo El'Piner, also in Israel. The Canadians went to visit another cousin, Roman Latucha, in Luninets. "I'm sure Roman used up three months of his food in giving us a party," Gaum said.

Other surviving relatives of the Gaum and Marshall families are Mrs. Sarah Gaum of Thornhill (Dr. Gaum's mother), an uncle, Max Marshall, of Montreal, and two aunts, Ettie Zweigman, Toronto, and Reta Kolonel, Ottawa.

When he catches his breath, Gaum hopes to finish a book on the geneology of his family, entitled, *From Belarus to Cape Breton and Beyond.*

Though there were many sad moments on the tour, the Gaums and Marshalls recall with pride the ceremony in which awards were handed to the tour members who fought with the partisans by Peter Aridevitch Skorobogasko, a deputy of the Belarus parliament, and with joy the many toasts drunk in vodka to good relations between Canadians and the Belarus people.

Two women of Belarus on the road near Krasna Volya in 1994, showing how little their fashions have changed. One woman is wearing shoes made of bark. [Hope Gaum photo]

A painting of the stripping, humiliation of Jews at Luninets in 1943 where they were forced to dig their own grave before being shot. It was bought by a former Israeli. [Hope Gaum photo]

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Montreal Film Festival lists 'Palestine' among participants

By DAVID LAZARUS
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MONTREAL — Officials from Montreal's Israeli consulate were waiting — with increasing impatience — for their calls to be returned last week, in order to find out why the recent Montreal World Film Festival allowed "Palestine" to be listed among the participating countries.

The consulate first tried to reach the film festival's director general, Serge Losique, on August 26 by telephone, the day after the consulate got its copy of the festival's catalogue and saw "Palestine" listed in the index (Israel itself showcased five films at this year's festival).

But Israeli consul Aviva Raz said late last week — several days after the festival had concluded — that Losique had still not returned any of the consulate's calls.

"If we don't hear from them, we will have to write a formal letter," Raz said. "He has gotten our messages."

Raz said the consulate had been hoping for the festival to issue a press release during the festival explaining or apologizing for the inclusion of "Palestine."

But Raz speculated that Losique may have decided to wait until the festival was completely over to deal with the issue in order to avoid any controversy during the event.

Still, Raz did not disguise the fact that the consulate was irked by Losique's stalling.

'It is not professional'

"It is not professional," she said. "We simply want to have a clarification over this mistake."

The film screened under the heading of "Palestine" was a joint Palestinian-Dutch production called *Curfew*, directed by Rashid Masharawi and screened under the category Cinema of Today: Reflections of our Times.

The production company describes the 75-minute film as "the story of a Palestinian family living in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip in the year 1993, just before the peace negotiations started."

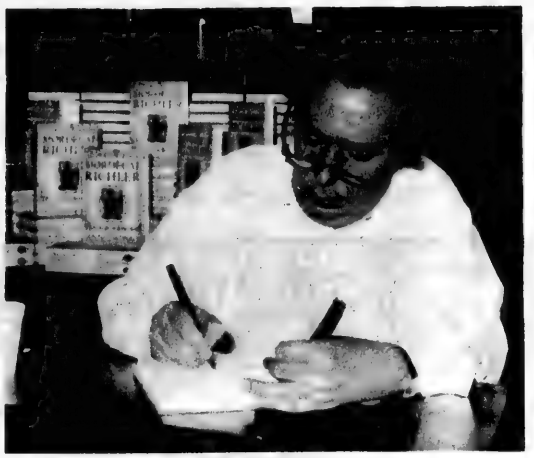
Curfew has won three awards, including best first feature film at the Festival Video et Fraternite in Paris, best film at the Cairo International Film Festival, and the UNESCO Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

According to Suzanne Villeneuve, who heads the public relations firm that was in charge of promoting the festival, information for the catalogue was taken from "technical sheets" submitted by production companies participating in the festival.

Festival vice-president Daniel Cauchard told Villeneuve that at Cannes, *Curfew*'s production company also registered the film as coming from "Palestine," with no apparent fallout, Villeneuve said.

Raz suggested that while the inclusion of "Palestine" may have indeed simply been the result of festival oversight or ignorance and did not constitute a major controversy, it was also an issue the consulate was not prepared to drop until it received a satisfactory explanation from Losique.

Gaza may very well be an autonomous Palestinian region, but "autonomy is not equal to independence," Raz said.



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Author Mordecai Richler was in Toronto recently to autograph copies of his latest book, *This Year in Jerusalem*, which chronicles Richler's personal involvement in the Zionist movement. [Ron Csillag photo]

Catholic schools lukewarm to increased Jewish funding

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Jewish schools' hope of full funding from the Quebec government is beginning to look premature. The director-general of the Montreal Catholic School Commission (MCSC) has shown a distinct lack of interest in the idea of forming an association with the Jewish schools, and Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau said he sees no reason to change the status quo.

In addition, the president of the provincial teachers' union, Centrale de l'Enseignement du Quebec (CEQ), denounced any increased funding to private schools, and the French-language press has published editorials criticizing the idea because it runs counter to Quebec's scheduled move toward a neutral, non-denominational school system and may open the door to the creation of more "ethnic" schools.

Education Minister Jacques Chagnon announced on August 30 that he was authorizing the 16 Jewish schools to enter into an "associate status" with the MCSC. He added that by 1997-98, government funding would reach 100 per cent (of the secular portion of the curriculum), under a phasing-in schedule to begin in 1995-96. The setting out of a timetable gave the impression the Association of Jewish Day Schools (AJDS) and the MCSC were close to, if they had not already arrived at, an agreement.

The rush to make the announcement appeared to be aimed at shoring up the campaign of Liberal D'Arcy McGee candidate Lawrence Bergman.

But it's the AJDS that has been left to explain the situation, and its phones have been ringing constantly as parents of the almost 7,000 students in the Jewish schools want to know what it means for them, especially in terms of fees.

Yves Archambault, the MCSC's director-general, said later that the board is far from such a deal and, in fact, had only met AJDS representatives once — in December 1992 — to listen to their proposal.

Archambault told *La Presse:* "This is a concept of an ethno-religious school which raises many questions," especially in light of the province's move toward language-based school boards.

He stressed that the Education Act stipulates that the granting of associate status is at the request of a public school board and with the permission of the education minister.

Archambault did say he would be interested in "integrating" Jewish immigrant children who don't speak English or French, such as the Russians, into the MCSC schools. This, of course, is not what the AJDS is looking for.

'Opening up a Pandora's box'

One private school, the Greek community's Ecole Socrate, has had associate status with the MCSC for about 20 years. Graduates of this elementary school are then directed into the MCSC's French high schools as part of the agreement.

The matter is not likely to be considered by the MCSC until after the school board elections in November, Archambault indicated.

It will be up to the commissioners to approve in principle any proposal to negotiate with the AJDS, he said

Parizeau accused Chagnon of "opening up a Pandora's box" and trying to gain political mileage, without considering the full implications of his promises.

AJDS executive director Joe Rabinovitch last week was waiting for the results of Monday's election before saying much about the awkward situation in which the organization finds itself

He differs with Archambault's casual depiction of talks between the MCSC and AJDS to date. "We would not have put in all the work we have over the past two years with four different education ministers if we did not have an explicit understanding that they [the MCSC] were interested as well."

As for CEQ president Lorraine Page's criticism of the idea, Rabinovitch said "that's consistent with what the CEQ has said in the past. They don't believe in grants for private schools."

Page deplored increasing grants to Jewish schools to $30 million a year when public schools are being closed because of lack of funds.

Rabinovitch said the letter the AJDS received from Chagnon has "the weight of a contract" and effectively "the force of law," and therefore cannot be broken easily by any government.

Meanwhile, the AJDS seems to have left its options open as to which school board it is willing to associate with. A letter to parents from AJDS president Barry Rishikof says the government approved the request of the AJDS for associate status with "a public school board.

"The Public Education Act (Law 107) permits a private school (Jewish day schools are defined as private schools) to enter into an agreement with a public school board in order to receive benefits granted to public schools in (that) act. The minister of education must give prior approval and determine the conditions of the agreement...

"The (AJDS) will keep your school informed as it undertakes the process to contact a public school board and reach an appropriate agreement."

Rishikof said the AJDS will only enter into an agreement with a public board that will "guarantee the autonomy, orientation, existing practices, agreements, working conditions of staff, etc., that characterize our schools."

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Israeli MKs making attempt to put social issues on agenda

By PAUL LUNGEN
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TORONTO — Like a supertanker that's been plying the same course for miles, it takes time and a lot of effort to change Israeli domestic social policy.

But it can be done, Knesset member Raffi Elloul believes. Elloul is part of a new breed of dynamic young parliamentarians who are trying to change the priority the Israeli government gives to social issues like poverty and education.

For years, Israeli officials have been primarily concerned with issues of survival like the peace process, military funding and supporting the medical system, he said.

"I say, I want to deal with poverty first."

Elloul, a Labor Member of the Knesset (MK) who was first elected two years ago, believes that poverty and peace are inextricably intertwined. For people to see peace as an attractive option, "they must believe their standard of living is rising," he said. "People have to see tangible benefits."

A few weeks ago, Elloul and about 1,000 supporters across the country formed a grassroots movement to fight povery in Israel. "We have 700,000 under the poverty line out of 5.6 million people," he said.

The organization is called HALEV, which means the heart. It is also the Hebrew acronym for the group's name, which translates as the Movement for War Against Poverty.

Halev asks businesspeople who are members of the group to offer one student a scholarship or provide one elderly person with an income supplement.

Elloul believes that, while this micro approach does not address society's larger problems, for those who benefit, it is a major change in their lives.

"It may be a small problem, but if you have the problem, it's your whole life," he said.

Elloul's personal history gives some hint of why he focuses on social issues. A native of Morocco, Elloul and his family made aliyah when he was only three. They settled in Mazkeret Batia, one of the oldest settlements in the country, founded by Baron Edmond de Rothschild in 1882 near modern-day Rehovot.

Raffi Elloul

Elloul was five when his father died, and his mother Rina raised the family of nine children on her own.

Because of the family's dire straits, Elloul was forced to enter the workforce at the tender age of seven. As a child Elloul literally dug ditches, or at least trenches, for irrigation pipes. He also worked as a gardener.

His backbreaking schedule continued through his teenage years. Up at 6 a.m., Elloul would start the day in synagogue. By 7 he was in school where he did homework until 8. The school day ran from 8 to 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. he served as secretary of the local religious council — at 13, he was the youngest person in Israel to hold such a post.

From 7 to 10 p.m. Elloul worked as a youth instructor with the Hanoar Oved Labor youth movement. From 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., four days a week, he earned extra cash in a bakery, making do with three hours of sleep.

"Now it's easier for me to work because I don't have to sleep a lot," he said.

Elloul's stint in Mazkeret Batia's religious council prepared him for the political career ahead. He was a Laborite from his early years; ironically his career was given a boost by the 1977 election of the Likud party.

Elloul explains. In the old days of Labor politics, the parliamentary electoral list was compiled by an old boys' network of about five or six senior politicos.

But when Likud was elected with a large Sephardi vote, it jarred Labor into changing its practices, he said.

Labor adopted a primary system which produced a more democratic system of nominating potential MKs, he said. That helped him because he had always relied on campaigning for support.

In the meantime, Elloul was elected mayor of Mazkeret Batia at age 25, the youngest mayor in Israel. At 34, he was elected to the Knesset, number 13 on Labor's electoral list.

Now at the ripe old age of 36, Elloul says "I feel comfortable in my party."

Unlike the older generation of Moroccan immigrants, he did not feel discrimination, he said.

Elloul believes his experience as mayor will serve him well on the national scene. "I saw how we can solve problems."

The involvement of Canadian Jewry through Project Renewal was a real eye-opener for him and for other Israelis. Many people thought the town's seemingly intractable social problems could not be solved, but the Canadians showed otherwise, Elloul said.

Funds provided through the United Israel Appeal (UIA) helped build a community centre, two special clubs for seniors and two clubs for the physically and mentally disabled. There are two small after school clubs for children as well.

The UIA, which twinned Mazkeret Batia with Calgary, also helped develop a 75-hectare industrial area that is attracting high tech companies, he said.

The changes in Mazkeret Batia have proven so successful, the town is attracting olim from Ethiopia (75 families) and Russia (120 families) as well as longstanding Israelis who are moving there from other parts of the country because of the improved standard of living, he said.

Elloul believes he can transfer that success to the national scene. As chair of the 35-MK social caucus, he said, "We try to change ideas, to bring more money to social issues, especially to education."

Labor has increased the country's education budget by 35 per cent in two years, from $2 billion to $3.3 billion, he noted.

Elloul recently brought his story to United Jewish Appeal campaigners during a two-week visit to Calgary, Vancouver, Halifax, Ottawa, Kitchener and Toronto; he urged continued Canadian support for projects in Israel.

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Recent United Israel Appeal of Canada missions took over 150 participants to Israel, where they heard about a variety of issues and achievements. Flanking Victor Yagoda, UIA's mission director in the Israel office (centre) are, from left, the co-chairs of two Young Leadership missions — Ross Paperman and Renee Lieberman of Montreal, and Joni Rosenthal and Gordon Wiseman of Toronto.

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Krakow neighborhood silent reminder of its Jewish past

By RAY RUDOWSKI
Special to The CJN

KRAKOW, Poland — Zdzislaw Les looks out his bookstore window into a time capsule of silent memories. Les runs the Jewish Bookstore in front of a cobblestone plaza in the Krakow neighborhood of Kazimierz. Before World War II, about 68,000 Jews lived in Krakow, 40,000 in the barrio of Kazimierz.

Now only Les' bookstore, a cafe and a few museums and monuments attest to the city's Jewish heritage. "For 500 years Jews lived together with Poles and suddenly they're not there anymore, it's as if an entire world ended," says Les in Polish.

His bookstore is dedicated to bringing that world back to life. "This isn't just a place where I sell books," says Les, "it's a gathering point for people from around the world."

His bookstore has never been busier thanks in part to a recent visitor to the neighborhood. Director Steven Spielberg renewed interest in Jewish history after he chose the narrow streets of Kazimierz as the setting for his Academy Award winning masterpiece *Schindler's List*.

"In December, people started coming by asking 'where was the factory,' 'where was this or that'," says Les. Thus began Les' brainchild which he calls: Visit Places from *Schindler's List*. The two-hour tour winds its way through the parts of Krakow that played a major role in Spielberg's film.

But Les is quick to point out this is not merely a tour of film sets; this is definitely not Hollywood. Les feels this is reality. "The film is practically a documentary," he says. For this reason, Les insists the tour be more than just film trivia, he wants to take visitors for a trip through Krakow's Jewish past.

Crossing the Vistula River into the site of the former Jewish ghetto we pass over a steel bridge. It is the same bridge that Krakow's Jews marched across in 1941 as the Nazis herded them into the ghetto. Our guide explains that in the movie, Spielberg used the bridge for that scene with one small exception. Spielberg filmed the actors actually marching away from the former ghetto, it seems a TV tower on the same side would have ruined the shot's authenticity.

From there we wind our way through the cobbled streets and grey facades finally stopping at number 4 Lipowa St., the site of Oskar Schindler's former factory. During the war years, Schindler employed 750 Jews from the ghetto on this site.

Today Schindler's safe haven is still a factory, making radio parts not pots and pans. The original gate, easily recognizable in the film, and the smoke stack still remain. Our guide explains that Spielberg shot externals of the plant on the actual site but the internal shots were done elsewhere.

From here we go to the Liban Quarry. During the war, the Nazis set up a penal colony for Poles here. But Spielberg chose to build a mock-up of the Plaszow concentration camp in the quarry at a cost of $600,000 (US). Barracks were reconstructed from photos of the actual camp.

Today, the site remains an active quarry and most of the barracks and other props have been torn down. But the barbed wire entrance and the path of weathered grave stones specially constructed for the film remain.

Visited by Steven Spielberg

Our tour comes to an end in a huge field. People peacefully walk their dogs or play with children here. But its pastoral setting holds a dark secret for this is the site of the actual Plaszow death camp.

Monuments to the slain Jews are the only clues to the area's tragic past. Our guide explains that the Nazis destroyed the camp before the end of the war. The cityscape discouraged Spielberg from reconstructing the camp on the actual site.

The visitors' silence attests to the tour's impact. Jorg Henschen from Bremen, Germany, says he's deeply moved. "I want to see the places so I can better imagine what was going on," he says in broken English.

Henschen says his parents were not involved in the Nazi movement, but he still feels a sense of collective guilt for what happened. "I feel responsible about it and feel it's my duty to remember and prevent such things from happening again, and it's easier if you see the places."

His friend Elizabeth Lorenz also from Bremen shares Henschen's sentiments, "It's a kind of helplessness, you try to understand but you don't understand what happened."

Les sees many young Germans coming to him looking for answers. "One young man told me, 'our forefathers did all this and even though I'm part of the new generation, I still have a sense of responsibility,' " Les explains.

David Kosower, an American tourist, took the tour out of curiosity. "You know that in Warsaw there's nothing left of the Jewish ghetto," he says. The rapid advance of the Soviet Red Army forced the Germans to flee before being able to destroy Krakow as they did Warsaw.

Earlier Kosower visited the town of Lomza north-east of Warsaw hoping to trace his Jewish roots. His search turned up very little. "It's hard, very hard," says Kosower. "Nineteenth century Polish records are handwritten, some are in Russian, handwriting is often illegible or faded and you have to know where the records are."

Les understands. In November, he hopes to start another tour tailored to help ease the frustrations of people like Kosower. "Many young people, particularly from the United States ask about maps," says Les. Les plans to call his new tour Looking for Roots and wants to gear it to the individual. Les says he'll track down land titles and show the interested party exactly where their family lived. Several other travel agencies in Poland already offer similar packages.

In the meantime, Les notices a flurry of activity outside his bookstore window as others begin conducting tours of the sites in *Schindler's List*, taking over territory Les feels he once occupied exclusively. "Four thousand travel agencies in Poland and not one came up with this idea, it seemed so natural," laughs Les. But Les is proud, not angry that others have taken an interest in the neighborhood's Jewish past "The more people that know, the better."

Tickets for the tour costs about $10 (Canadian). They begin every day at 2 p.m.in front of the Jewish bookstore. The address is: Jewish Bookshop, 31-052 Krakow, ul Szeroka 2, Poland. Telephone: 21-71-66.

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Entrance to Liban Quarry, where Spielberg shot the death camp scenes. In reality it served as a work camp for Poles during the war.

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CJN Exclusive Elaine Zeitz Pollard

The Jewish world was humming earlier this summer with the announcement that Elaine (Esther) Zeitz of Toronto, a 39-year-old educator of children with special needs, had married Jonathan Pollard, the world's most famous Jewish prisoner, in a secret jailhouse ceremony. Despite doubts in some circles about the marriage's validity, Zeitz hopes the union will lend added weight to the Pollard campaign.

A U.S. Navy civilian analyst, Pollard, now 40, was arrested in 1985 and charged under one of the lowest espionage statutes — passing classified information to an ally. He then entered a plea bargain; in return for leniency for himself and his then wife and co-accused, Anne, he would forego a trial. In 1987, at an in camera hearing, Pollard was sentenced to life imprisonment and spent the next 18 months in solitary confinement at a psychiatric facility.

From there, he went to the toughest prison in America, in Marion, Ill., where he spent 6½ years in solitary. In June 1993, he was transferred to a prison in Butner, N.C., where he and Zeitz were wed in May.

Last March, U.S. President Bill Clinton denied a commutation of Pollard's sentence, despite a plea from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and pressure from around the world.

For the past several years, Zeitz has headed the Canadian chapter of Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard, one of over 250 such groups across North America.

The CJN's Ron Csillag spoke to her recently.

CJN: *There has been some controversy over the validity of your marriage to Jonathan. Can you shed some light?*

Zeitz Pollard: Jonathan and I are both observent Jews. We live our lives in full accord with Halachah. All our actions are governed by Halachah. Our marriage is in accord with Halachah. Our marriage is a private affair. We originally had no intention of sharing it with the world. It was a gesture of confidence and optimism and faith in our future, in spite of all odds, that we made.

It was a very particular set of circumstances that encouraged us to go public. Perhaps it was somewhat naive. We let it be known in the hope of establishing credibility in the most unimpeachable channel; for Jonathan's voice to be heard. We didn't realize there would be such a massive hunger for nit-picky details — the kinds of things that are really not in our best interests to share right now.

Jonathan is the most over-monitored prisoner in the American system; every detail about his life, from the smallest to the largest, is in some way, on some level, by some individual, routinely monitored. For that reason, we keep all details to a minimum. If I were to divulge details, my first preference would be to detail the way he is routinely abused, harassed, singled out. Right now, even on those specifics, I can only speak in very general terms and I truly regret that, because I feel that if Jews were aware of what he endures on a daily basis, there would righteous wrath and very justified outrage.

CJN: *Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik of Chicago, the great Orthodox sage, called your marriage to Jonathan 'a joke ... null and void.' Can you comment?*

Zeitz Pollard: (Sighs). For us, Torah is a very great thing and we're certainly not seeking to dishonor or insult anyone. We're at a loss to understand how it is possible to render a *psak Halachah* — a halachic judgment — without having any facts. Rav Soloveichik has never contacted me about the matter, never contacted Jonathan about the matter and has never spoken to anyone who was directly involved [in the marriage ceremony].

CJN: *Is it fair to call you Jonathan's halachic bride?*

Zeitz Pollard: Jewishly speaking, there is no other kind. Jewishly speaking, the civil marriage has no standing. For us, Halachah is everything.

CJN: *Whan can you say about Jonathan's daily treatment?*

Zeitz Pollard: There are repercussions against him for every detail made public. The authorities who let their displeasure be known to him, are very careful to act within the law. But the pressure that is brought to bear on him every time a disclosure is made public is enormous. And all information is used against him.

CJN: *Is he subject to anti-Semitic harassment?*

Zeitz Pollard: Very much so. What I *can* say is that Jonathan is no longer in solitary confinement, but he is singled out to be managed as if he still were, which means that even the finest details of his life are micro-managed. He is subject to a jungle of red tape and permissions and bureaucracy that no other inmate faces. And this over every single, teeny-tiny detail of his life. And I wish I could detail them.

CJN: *Technically, Jonathan is eligible for parole in 1995. You are now on a vigorous campaign to get people to believe parole is not a viable alternative. Why?*

Zeitz Pollard: The parole issue is a red herring and nothing more than a delaying tactic. Jonathan stands virtually no chance of being paroled.

[Alron Photos]

True, he is eligible for parole in 1995 but so are people like Charles Manson and [convicted Robert Kennedy assassin] Sirhan Sirhan, who also have absolutely no chance for parole. Jonathan has in his parole file four strong recommendations which would obviate any chance for parole. No parole board in the United States is going to go against no less personalities than U.S. attorney Joseph de Genova [who prosecuted Pollard]; the sentencing judge, Aubrey Robinson; [former defence secretary] Caspar Weinberger — who all endorsed recommendations that Jonathan never be paroled.

And then, President Bill Clinton added the icing on the cake last spring when he turned down the commutation of [Pollard's] sentence. Parole boards are [composed of] ordinary, average people who are not going to contradict the president of the United States and say they know better. Therefore, it's foolish to even continue the process when you know that the answer at the end of it will be 'no.'

Let's say just for argument's sake that Jonathan had some chance of being paroled. Parole would leave the balance of a life sentence hanging over his head and the head of Israel for the rest of his natural life. It means that if indeed parole is granted by some miracle, if at any point the authorities decided that he violated any conditions of his parole, he could immediately be re-arrested, extradited — if he was in Israel — and sent back to spend the balance of a life sentence in prison.

An issue that for the Jewish people is the most critical is that Jonathan's sentence is consistent with those meted out to enemy agents. If Jonathan gets the sentence of an enemy agent, who's the enemy? Israel! As long as the sentence remains intact, Israel has this life sentence hanging over her head as well.

CJN: *Can you clear up what Jonathan was charged with and convicted of?*

Zeitz Pollard: Jonathan was convicted of one count, and one count only, of passing classified information to an ally. He was never charged with treason. He couldn't be, because treason means you give aid and comfort to an enemy, and Israel is not an enemy.

He was never charged with harming the United States. Harming the U.S. is a charge that stands on its own, separate and apart. This is important because President Clinton used that as the excuse to deny clemency to Jonathan, and it's a false charge.

After nine months of polygraph testing, the CIA concluded that Jonathan was an ideologue and that he had done what he did for ideological reasons. Moreover, in the United States, when a person is found to have benefited financially from espionage, the courts routinely fine them. Jonathan was never fined. He was never charged with having benefited financially, yet that has been a major myth.

CJN: *Almost all accounts of the case state that Israeli payments to Jonathan were made, whether it was Israel persuading him to take money or whether it was an unwritten rule that anyone providing this sort of information had to be paid.*

Zeitz Pollard: Israel did try to insist [that Pollard be paid] and actually set up a false bank account to which Jonathan never had access. These things were investigated in minute detail and there were nine months of polygraphing that satisfied the CIA. As Alan Dershowitz points out, if Jonathan were to spy for money, *major* money could have been made by passing the information to enemies of Israel. A minor amount of money was recorded to have passed hands — something like $50,000 — every cent of which was accounted for to the courts, to their satisfaction that it was not for Jonathan's benefit. That did not even cover operational expenses he incurred on behalf of Israel.

CJN: *You have said that this case has resulted in a de facto legal redefinition of Israel. What do you mean by that?*

Zeitz Pollard: When you have an ally — Israel — and an agent working to pass information to that ally, and yet when that agent is sentenced to a term consistent with one given to a hostile agent, what does that tell us about what they are trying to say about that ally? Again and again, we keep finding this mischaracterization.

CJN: *What has the punishment been for others who have spied for an ally?*

Zeitz Pollard: Typically, two to four years. What's also been mind-boggling is the case of Albert Sombolay. He was an American soldier during Operation Desert Storm. He shared the U.S. plans for Desert Storm with Iraq and Jordan. He was originally sentenced to 35 years. This was the highest treason possible! After the first appeal, it was reduced to 19 years, and it's been reduced since then.

Prime Minister Rabin made a personal appeal to President Clinton [for Pollard's release]. One head of state generally doesn't approach another head of state publicly about such a request unless he has some pretty good assurances in advance that his request will be favorably received. There's no reason to invite public humiliation and rejection otherwise. President Clinton turned down Prime Minister Rabin's request in the most arrogant, high-handed manner, which showed absolutely no respect for Mr. Rabin. President Clinton could have made a gesture. He could have shown that he at least considered the plea of an ally from its head of state.

CJN: *Is a presidential commutation, from this or a future president, still possible?*

Zeitz Pollard: Absolutely. And we've got to press for it now. President Clinton is free to change his mind at any moment. He is free to review the case today, and tomorrow sign Jonathan's release. Frankly, that is the only morally decent and acceptable solution. Jonathan has already served twice as long as anyone else in the history of the United States who was charged with a similar offence.

CJN: *What information did Jonathan pass to Israel?*

Zeitz Pollard: He passed the kind of information Israel was owed according to a 1983 treaty agreement, which dealt specifically with Israel's security needs. He did come under pressure at various points during his operation to hand over information to Israel concerning the United States, and he categorically refused. He did not pass Israel any information to which she was not entitled. He handed over information concerning Iraq's nuclear capabilities; the building up of non-conventional weapons in places like Iraq, Syria and Egypt — things that directly concerned Israel.

During the Gulf War, Israelis called Jonathan 'the ghost of the sealed rooms.' The sealed rooms existed because of the warnings Jonathan had given Israel. Moreover, information Jonathan gave Israel prior to the Gulf War allowed Israel not only to prepare itself, but also to feed information to America.

CJN: *How often do you communicate with Jonathan?*

Zeitz Pollard: We speak every day, and that's not easy because the authorities can and do interfere with his privileges. Jonathan writes me every day. I have not received any of his letters since 1990. His letters to me are routinely confiscated and that's a direct contravention of American law. All his mail goes to Washington, where it's supposed to be vetted, not stolen. As long as the people who vet it are satisfied that it doesn't contain classified information, they are supposed to send it on to its rightful address. Roughly 70 per cent of his mail doesn't make it to its destination. I want to emphasize that this is illegal.

CJN: *Why hasn't Jonathan's plight caught the imagination of the majority of the North American Jewish public?*

Zeitz Pollard: I don't necessarily agree with you. I think the energy is there in the American community. Once they have been made aware of the issues, they're a good community and they do respond. The energy has to be harnessed and focused. I think this is the task of the Jewish leadership. There has been perhaps less directness from the leadership than is desirable. For various reasons, they were slow to respond. An example: Why is it that someone like [Canadian Jewish Congress president] Irving Abella has no difficulty saying that anti-Semitism is behind Pollard's fate, and yet his American counterpart waffles for years?

What has happened is that constitutent organizations have broken away from the leadership and begun issuing their own calls for commutation. And it's sad that the leadership had to wait for the constitutent organizations to act.

CJN: *How did you become involved in this?*

Zeitz Pollard: It was the summer of 1990, and I was in Israel working at the Ministry of Justice and teaching English at Hebrew University. I had been in touch with Shifra Hoffman, who founded Victims of Arab Terror, and she suggested I write to Jonathan, which I did. I received two envelopes in reply. One was full of information; the other was a personal letter. I had opened the information first, and read it. And then I read the letter. I expected the person who wrote it to be angry and bitter. Instead, his letter was full of love for the land and people of Israel. It was such an overwhelmingly human, patriotic, compassionate tone, that I was very touched. Thus began the beginning of our communication.

At the same time, I was shocked beyond words at what I'd read, because I'd honestly believed that America was the land of justice and democracy. I didn't believe something like that could happen in America. There was a moral imperative; you just had to get involved.

I can honestly say that my personal feelings for my husband aside, this is the kind of issue I feel very strongly concerns every Jew and every decent, law-abiding citizen in a democracy. The issues are much bigger than Jonathan and myself. They affect every citizen, and, like it or not, we are writing a page of Jewish history.

Heritage Front report released

CSIS to be probed

By AMY SATTIN and RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporters

TORONTO — The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada last week released its report on the Heritage Front, just days before a parliamentary committee began weighing explosive allegations that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had helped create the neo-Nazi organization.

The 37-page report, prepared as a resource for police, academics, anti-racists and the media, was unveiled last Friday at B'nai Brith's headquarters here.

It includes short biographies of important Heritage Front figures, an outline of the group's ties to North American neo-Nazi movements and its recruitment strategies.

The document was originally completed in early August, according to author Richard Berman, but was later revised to include widespread reports that supposed CSIS mole Grant Bristow may have used government funds to set up the Heritage Front.

Bristow, the Front's intelligence chief, is alleged to have been paid at least $250,000 by CSIS over a five-year period for information on Canada's far-right groups — money allegedly used to set up the Front.

The Heritage Front was co-founded by Bristow and current leader Wolfgang Droege, among others, in September 1989. It claims to have 1,800 members.

League counsel Marvin Kurz told reporters "it makes no sense" for CSIS to have paid Bristow if it knew the money was being used to create Canada's largest hate group.

He said he welcomes an investigation into the domestic spy agency. "We want the left hand to know what the right hand is doing, and we're concerned that is not what is going on now."

Bristow is also alleged to have spied on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Reform Party (where he supposedly acted as a bodyguard at party rallies), and to have passed information on Canadian Jewish organizations to American neo-Nazi leader Tom Metzger, head of White Aryan Resistance (WAR).

"Allegations of spying on Canadian Jews ... have seriously damaged the credibility of Canada's intelligence community," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith.

Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress said he expects someone from CJC to be called as a witness before the five-member parliamentary committee, headed by Toronto-area MP Derek Lee.

The committee is expected to begin hearings this week in Ottawa.

But Sol Littman, head of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he has little faith the committee will arrive at the truth, saying its final report will likely be a "rather pleasant whitewash."

Littman said he wants a broader inquiry, including an examination of ties between neo-Nazi groups and police forces — not just CSIS. The parliamentary committee can review only CSIS activities.

Littman's sentiment was supported last week by the Canadian Civil Liberties Union, the Canadian Labor Congress and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers — the latter as a result of further allegations that CSIS had spied on striking postal employees in 1987 and passed the information to Canada Post management.

Lee told *The CJN* on Monday the committee will focus on four main "public" allegations: That CSIS or a CSIS informer

- spied on the Reform Party;
- attempted to obtain address lists of members of Canadian Jewish Congress;
- spied on Howard Goldenthal, a researcher for CBC's *Fifth Estate*, who was in contact with Heritage Front leaders;
- and spied on striking postal workers.

Lee said the last allegation "is probably a zero, probably nothing." In a rare public statement last week, CSIS categorically denied the charge.

Another issue that might come before the committee is government leaks, Lee said, specifically, the allegations swirling around Brian McInnis, a former aide to then Tory solicitor general. and CSIS boss Doug Lewis. McInnis is under investigation by the RCMP over allegations he leaked the secret document that made it clear CSIS had an informant in the Heritage Front.

"But that's not a complicated issue," Lee added. "If there's a leak, you fix it."

One issue that won't be raised, Lee said, is CSIS' working relationships with foreign intelligence agencies, including Israel's Mossad.

"We know they do that," Lee said.

He said the committee will begin with witnesses from the five-member civilian watchdog that oversees the activities of CSIS, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC).

Lee said the committee does not yet have a witness list, but it's possible that Bristow himself could be subpoenaed to appear.

"First, we would have to find him," said Lee. (Bristow is said to be in hiding.) "But in order to find out what CSIS was doing, we don't have to find him."

Keegstra verdict overturned

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Alberta Court of Appeal last week overturned the conviction of former Eckville school teacher Jim Keegstra and angered Jewish community groups in the process.

Community organizations were steaming over the timing of the judgment, which was released on Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days of the year.

"Those involved in determining the Alberta Court of Appeal's timing of the release of the decision. . . displayed gross insensitivity to the Jewish community. As Jews are the target group of Keegstra's venom, given our inability to respond, the decision need not have been released on one of the holiest days of the Jewish calendar," said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

The release date was "an appallingly insensitive act by the court," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada. "As Jewish groups throughout Canada have been monitoring the Keegstra case for more than a decade, it is ironic that the court chose to make its decision public on a day when Jewish leaders would not be available for comment."

In its 2-1 decision, the Appeal Court ruled that the trial judge should have responded to a request by the jury for a transcript of testimony and for a further explanation of a Criminal Code section.

Jim Keegstra

Jewish groups were split on what steps Alberta Attorney General Ken Rostad should take in the wake of the judgment.

Congress urged Rostad to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

"These are important procedural issues," said Steven Shulman, Congress associate director of community relations. Should the High Court reverse the Alberta court's decision, Keegstra's conviction at trial would be reinstated, he said.

"A man who has twice been found guilty of violating our criminal law by poisoning the minds of young students in promoting hatred against Jews must not be allowed to escape judicial sanction," said Congress President Irving Abella.

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights called on Rostad "to prosecute Keegstra again for his role in the spread of racism and anti-Semitism in Canada. . . Two juries have convicted Keegstra for wilfully promoting hatred. Furthermore, the Supreme Court has upheld the validity of the sections under which Keegstra was charged. Both of Keegstra's appeals have been upheld because of perceived errors in lower court procedures; the appeals are not vindications of his action," said Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel for the League.

Keegstra first came to national attention in 1982 when the former Grades 9 and 12 social studies teacher was removed from the classroom for teaching that Jews were conspiring for world domination and were behind wars, revolutions and numerous other catastrophic events.

In 1985 a jury convicted him of promoting hatred against Jews. The case eventually reached the Supreme Court of Canada, which upheld the validity of the hate crimes law.

But because of procedural errors by the trial judge, a second trial was ordered. In 1992, Keegstra was again convicted and it was that decision that the Appeal Court overturned last week.

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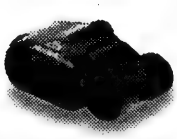

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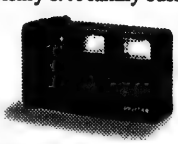

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Former JCC staff launch protest

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Ghert said the LPT received $100,000 a year from the Federation and did not fully pay for its overhead costs, making it a money-loser.

The booklet claims that the Federation was partly to blame for the JCC's debt by under-funding community programs offered by the Centre.

The booklet also claims that the Federation is influencing the JCC to turn down construction of a private tennis facility on JCC land that would have netted the JCC $300,000 a year. The booklet states that in its place, the Federation proposed constructing a school for the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and paying the JCC $300,000 a year in rent.

Brownstein suggested that by scotching the tennis deal and by obtaining the JCC land, the Federation could save $300,000 in rental fees.

Zbar discounted that suggestion. Pointing to the $5 million that the Federation is planning to put into the facility to pay off part of the bank loan, he said "that would be an expensive way to build a school. It's better if there would be a healthy JCC."

The booklet claims that "budgets for community programs taken on by the JCC have risen to $1.8 million of which only $800,000 had been funded by the Federation, leaving an annual deficit of $1 million."

Ghert questioned that contention. "That may or may not be correct. We don't know. . . Their books are in such poor order, their accounting so bad, you couldn't rely on their costing," he said.

Zbar said that if the JCC felt it was losing money on the programs, it should have declined to operate them beyond budget limitations.

Brownstein contended that other JCCs in North America receive much greater subsidies from local federations. The Chicago JCC, for example, gets 40 per cent of its budget in that way while in Toronto the figure is only eight per cent, he said.

Brownstein said the JCC always expected the Federation to help it financially. "What is the role of the Federation?" he asked. "They're the umbrella organization that provides moral support, lay people and financial support. . . We went wrong by accepting responsibility in [community programing] without compensation. The biggest mistake Paul Brownstein did in the last 10 years was putting myself and the agency in the hands of the Federation."

"The Federation's intention all along has been to save the institution," Zbar said. The Federation does not have "a Machiavellian scheme to take over the JCC."

He said the Federation has bailed out the JCC repeatedly in the past few years. The Federation advanced funds to allow the JCC to meet its payroll and pay utilities. It convinced Revenue Canada last May to limit a garnishee order on the JCC to allow it to pay employees and utilities ahead of the federal government, which is still owed $520,000 in unremitted payroll deductions. That allowed the JCC to continue operating, he said.

"For the JCC, which is an independent agency with its own board and officers and which receives only eight per cent of its funds from the Federation, to then blame the Federation for its difficulties is just unacceptable," he said. "The board of directors and the management have to take responsibility for what's happened there over the last decade."

While volunteers inside the Lipa Green Building worked the telephones on Super Sunday, the first major fundraising event of the 1995 United Jewish Appeal campaign, outside, former JCC employees and supporters picketed. [Ron Csillag photo]

Syria seen key to peace

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"I think the only value his remarks had was to tell the Golan settlers to 'cool it,' since there was no deal already worked out with Syria," a source said.

Another source noted that Rabin was wrong to imply Israel could begin renegotiating with Damascus after three years of normalization, since he already knows that Syria wants the entire package negotiated up front, although it could be implemented in phases.

The sources confirm that both Israel and Syria are adamantly holding to their positions on the duration of withdrawal, with Damascus insisting on no more than one year and Jerusalem insisting on five years.

No breakthrough has been made on one of the stickiest issues: the scope of security arrangements, the sources said. Syria has not budged from its insistence that any limited forces zone on both sides of the Golan Heights be symmetrical, which Israel rejects.

While aides to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres continue floating ideas aimed at shoring up Israel-Syria negotiations, U.S. sources said they believe the current format — with Christopher shuttling between the leaders of both countries — will continue.

According to reports arriving at the Foreign Ministry over the weekend, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara told his British counterpart Douglas Hurd privately last week that he believes an Israeli-Syrian peace agreement could be reached within six months. U.S. sources also believe such a timetable is realistic.

According to other reports reaching the ministry, Shara privately told his Dutch counterpart several days ago that he thinks a "skeletal" agreement could be struck with Israel within the next month.

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Stephen H. Fuller, of Willowdale, parades five ancestral surnames for analysis:

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די געשיכטע פון דער מענטשהייט ווערט לרוב באַצייכנט און געמאָסטן מיט מלחמות און רעוואָלוציעס. סאַראַן אָבער אויך געריכטלעכע פּראָצעסן, וואָס האָבן געהאַט אַ היסטאָרישע באַדייטונג. גענוג צו דערמאָנען די דרייפוס-אַפערע, דעם בייליס-פּראָצעס, דער אייכמאַן-פּראָצעס אין ירושלים, דער באַרבי-פּראָצעס אין ליאָן, דער לעצטנס פאַרענדיקטער פּראָצעס קעגן פּאָל טואַוויע אין ווערסאַי, וואו ער איז פאַרמשפּט געוואָרן אויף אייביקער תפיסה.

אין 1994 ווערט 100 יאָר זינט דער ייד אַל-פרעד דרייפוס, קאַפּיטאַן אין דער פראַנצויזישער אַרמיי, איז געוואָרן פאַרמשפּט ווי אַ שפּיאָן לטובת דייטשלאַנד, אויפן סמך פון געפעלשטע דאָקו-מענטן. אין יענעם בלבול זיינען געווען פאַרמישט הויכע אָפיצירן און פּאָליטיקער, באַגלייט מיט אַן אַנטיסעמיטישער קאַמפּאַניע.

דרייפוס, וואָס האָט געשטאַמט פון אַ יידישער משפּחה אין עלזאַס, וועלכע איז באַזעצט געוואָרן דורך די דייטשן נאָך דער מלחמה אין יאָר 1870, האָט אויסגעקליבן די אַרמיי, כדי צו דינען זיין פאָטערלאַנד. ווען די שפּיאָנאַזש-אַפערע האָט זיך אָנגעהויבן, האָט מען געזוכט אין די הויכע מילי-טערישע קרייזן אַ „פּאַסיקן" שולדיקן. און ווער קאָן נאָך דאָ שפּילן אַ בעסערע ראָל ווי אַ ייד? ער ווערט אַרעסטירט און פאַרמשפּט, צו פאַרשיקן אים אויפן טייוול-אינדזל — און מ'האַלט דעם ענין פאַר געענדיקט. דרייפוס האָט אָבער נישט אויפ-געהערט צו טענה'ן, אַז ער איז אומשולדיק. אַזאַ אויסגעשריי האָט ער געלאָזט הערן אויך בעת דער דעגראַדאַציע. די אָפיציעלע יידישע עסקנים האָבן זיך פאַרהאַלטן שטיל, אויס מורא, אַז די ראַזיקע שווערע באַשולדיקונג זאָל נישט פאַלן אויף דער גאַנצער יידישער געזעלשאַפט אין פראַנקרייך, הגם ס'זיינען אויך געווען יידן, וואָס האָבן געהאַלטן, אַז דעם סקאַנדאַל טאָר מען נישט פאַרשווייגן.

די ערשטע קעמפער זיינען געווען יחידים. זיין ברודער מאַטיע דרייפוס מאָביליזירט פּערזענלעכ-קייטן, וועמען ער קען. אינטערעסאַנט איז געווען די ראָל, וועלכע ס'האָבן געשפּילט די דירעקטאָרן פון די תפיסות, אין וועלכע אַלפרעד איז געווען פאַרשפּאַרט ביז זיין פאַרשיקונג. זייער צוזאַ-מענטרעף מיטן באַקאַנטן יידישן שרייבער בערנאַר לאַזאַר ווערט פאַרצייכנט ווי דער אמתדיקער אָנ-הויב פון דער קעגן-אַטאַקע. צו זיי שטייען צו נישט-יידישע פּערזענלעכקייטן: דער סענאַטאָר שערער-קעסטנער און קאָלאָנעל פּיקאַר. אַ גרויסן רושם האָט געמאַכט דאָס אַרטיקל פון באַרימטן שרייבער עמיל זאָלאַ אין דער צייטונג „ל'אָראָר", אונטערן נאָמען „זשאַקיס" („איך באַשולדיק"). דער אַרויסגעבער פון דער צייטונג איז געווען קלעמאַנסאָ, וואָס האָט שפּעטער געשפּילט אַ גרויסע ראָל אין פּאָליטישן לעבן פון פראַנקרייך. מ'דאַרף אויך דערמאָנען די סאָציאַליסטישע מנהיגים זשאַן זשאָרעס און לעאָן בלום.

מ'קאָן אָבער זאָגן, אַז בערנאַר לאַזאַר איז געווען דער הויפּט-קעמפער, וואָס האָט אין גאַנצן זיך איבערגעגעבן דעם קאַמף צו רעהאַביליטירן דעם ייד אַלפרעד דרייפוס. ס'איז אויך באַוואוסט, אַז די דרייפוס-אַפערע האָט געהאַט איר השפּעה אויף דעם יידישן זשורנאַליסט טעאָדאָר הערצל, וואָס זאָל האָבן געווען די אינספּיראַציע צו זיין בוך „דער יודענשטאַט" און זיין טעטיקייט לטובת דעם פּאָליטישן ציוניזם.

די רעהאַביליטאַציע פון דרייפוסן האָט אָבער נישט אָפּגעשטעלט די אַנטיסעמיטישע העצעס אין אַ סך לענדער און דאָס פּראָבלעם הערט נישט אויף צו זיין אַקטועל.

ווי נאָר ס'האָט אין דער אָקופּירטער פראַנק-רייך זיך איינגעשטעלט דער ווישי-רעזשים פון מאַרשאַל פּעטען, האָט מען אין זייערע אַנטי-יידישע געזעצן געזען ווי אַ „רעוואַנזש-אַקט" פאַרן דורכפאַל מיט דער דרייפוס-באַשולדיקונג. אַזוי האָט מען אין אַ צייטשריפט פאַר דער אַרמיי געפונען לעצטנס אַן אַרטיקל מיט אָנצוהערענישן וועגן דער מעגלעכער שולד פון דרייפוסן. האָט דער פאַרטיידיקונג-מיניסטער לעאָטאַר אַראָפּגע-זעצט דעם דירעקטאָר פון דער צייטונג, נאָר זעט עס אויס, אַז אין געוויסע קרייזן פּרובירט מען נאָך אַלץ באַשמוצן דעם יידישן אָפיציר און, פאַרשטייט זיך, דעם יידישן ישוב.

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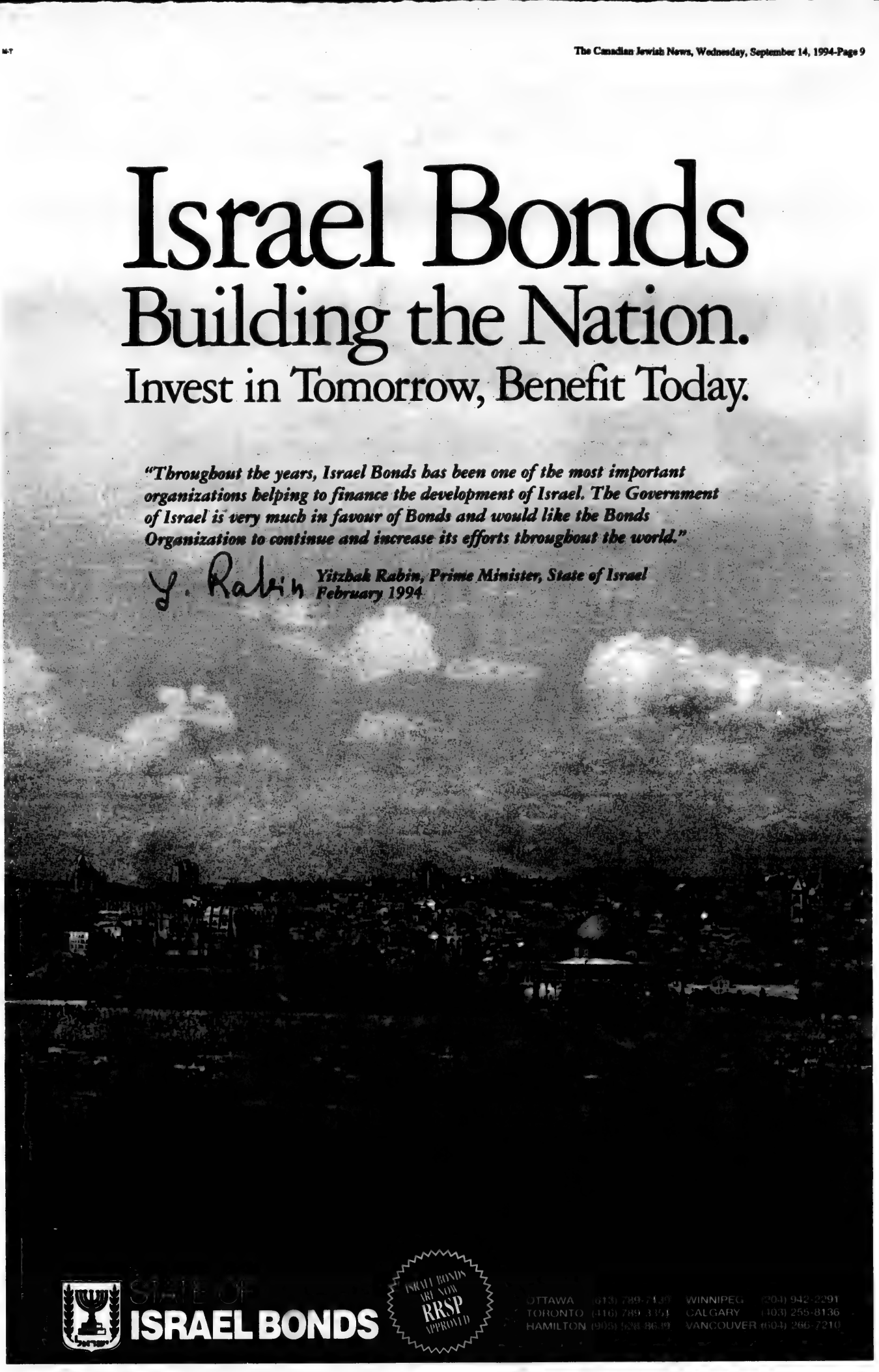

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Bomb Claims Two Hamas Members

TEL AVIV — Two members of the Islamic fundamentalist movement Hamas blew themselves up over last weekend while installing a bomb in a car south of the West Bank town of Nablus. According to security sources, the bomb was intended for an attack in Israel during Rosh Hashanah.

The activists, from Kabatiye, near the West Bank town of Jenin, are believed to be linked "at least indirectly" to the perpetrators of last April's bomb attacks in Afula and Hadera, the source said.

The murder of two Israelis in Ramla last month was followed by Hamas messages saying there would be two more attacks by the year's end.

A Palestinian from the West Bank discovered the mangled remains of the two terrorists and reported them to the police.

Another attempted attack reportedly went awry in Nablus on Aug. 31, when suspected members of Hamas set off a bomb made of cooking-gas cylinders.

Seven residents were injured in the blast, which was at first thought to have been a domestic accident, but later was believed to be intended for another holiday attack.

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New Poll on Golan

JERUSALEM — Sixty-four per cent of Israelis support at least a partial withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria, according to a survey released last weekend.

The survey, commissioned by Israel Radio and conducted by Haifa University researchers, polled 853 Israelis.

The radio said 27 per cent of respondents supported full withdrawal and another 37 per cent backed a partial withdrawal from the heights, if Syria signed a full peace accord. It said 34 per cent were against any territorial compromise on the Golan.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin hinted this month that he could agree to a total withdrawal under the right circumstances but said any "meaningful" withdrawal would be put to a referendum.

The report said 24 per cent of Israelis have changed their views over the past year against trading land for peace and now favored some kind of withdrawal.

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Ethiopian Suicide Rate High

JERUSALEM — The suicide rate among Ethiopian immigrants is three to six times that of the general Israeli population, according to a recent study.

The study also found that the typical person who commits suicide among the Ethiopian immigrant community is a relatively young man, married but with marital difficulties, who appears depressed but doesn't express suicidal intent, and often visits his family doctor.

This profile is very different from suicides in other immigrant groups and of Israelis in general.

The study was based on 49 Ethiopian emigres who committed suicide between January 1983 and September 1992.

The suicide rate among Ethiopians was many times higher than that in the general Jewish population, which is six to eight per 100,000.

The study's authors suggest that the great "acculturation stress" on the immigrants, which is "unprecedented" among all the immigrant groups in Israel, is responsible for the "serious demoralization" among those newcomers suffering from psychopathology.

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Shanghai Consulate Opens

SHANGHAI — Israel's Consulate General here was officially Sept. 5, when the Foreign Ministry's Moshe Ram presented his credentials to a representative of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The Shanghai representation is the first official Israeli office in China apart from the embassy in Beijing.

Until Japan's occupation of China during World War II, Shanghai was home to a sizeable and wealthy Jewish colony, established by Jews fleeing Russia and, later, the Nazis.

Most Jews left the city after the war.

Israel and China established diplomatic relations in January 1992.

Rum told Israel Radio in a telephone interview that he had spent his first days in China beginning to learn Chinese ("a somewhat difficult tongue to master") and looking for accommodations.

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El Al Flights to Hong Kong

TEL AVIV — El Al will open a new charter route to Hong Kong starting in October as the result of an agreement signed with several Far East air carriers.

Under the new arrangement, passengers from Tel Aviv can book flights on El Al to Hong Kong. From there, they will be able to take flights aboard various Far Eastern airlines at sharply discounted prices to such destinations as Japan, Singapore, the Philippines and Taiwan.

The more than 13-hour flight between Tel Aviv and Hong Kong, aboard Boeing 767 planes, will have a refueling stop in Bombay.

Group fare tickets to and from Hong Kong will cost $1,149 (U.S.) in October and drop to $1,049 in November. Fares will cost between $1,388 and $1,599 for the additional destinations aboard the other participating airlines.

Prize Money to Scholarships

BEERSHEVA — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres have contributed the money they received from the UNESCO Peace Prize to scholarships for demobilized soldiers studying at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), announced Avishay Braverman, BGU president, recently. The prize is worth approximately $71,000 (U.S.)

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Parley on Jewish Issues

LUBLIN — Bar-Ilan University and the Marie Curie Sklodowskiej University in Lublin joined forces recently to sponsor an international conference on Contemporary Issues in Jewish Law and Ethics.

The conference, attended by about 80 people, was held in the one-time Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin, a leading yeshiva in the pre-war Polish Jewish community. Presenters included Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Israel Lau; Emanuel Rackman, chancellor of Bar-Ilan University; and Rabbi David Bleich, professor of law at Yeshiva University.

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Youth Club Opens

LODZ — Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the brutal liquidation of the Lodz ghetto, Jewish officials opened a Jewish youth club here recently.

Rabbi Michael Schudrich, an American who is director in Poland of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, was instrumental in opening the club.

Jewish leaders in Lodz, a city that once had a thriving Jewish community known worldwide, addressed a gathering that included numerous guests and young people.

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Israeli Wanted in Theft

BUDAPEST — Interpol has issued an arrest warrant for an Israeli citizen suspected of involvement in last year's theft of a priceless collection from the Jewish Museum here, according to Hungarian media reports.

The man, identified as Arie Bakal, is a Romanian-born Israeli. The 51-year-old Bakal is reportedly a popular figure in the flea market in Jaffa.

He is the third suspect in what has been described as the biggest theft of Judaica this century.

The precious items, stolen last December, were recently discovered in Romania and returned to Budapest, where they have again been put on display.

All the suspects have been described as of Romanian origin. One of them is being held by police in Germany and reportedly will be extradited to Budapest by mid-September.

The other is believed to be at large in Austria, and unlike the suspect in Germany, cannot be extradited to Hungary under existing law.

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Israel Beats Poland

RAMAT GAN — A two-goal salute by Israel on the eve of Rosh Hashanah gave local soccer fans something to cheer about at long last, as the national team scored a 2-1 win over Poland in the European Championship qualifying Group 1 match here.

Israel's win was all the more satisfying as it broke a five-year jinx in which the team failed to win a competitive international match at home.

The last time home fans went away happy was when Israel beat New Zealand 1-0 in the World Cup qualifier in March 1989. Some 42,000 were on hand for that victory, while last week's win was witnessed by a paltry 3,500 spectators.

Israel's hero was Betar Jerusalem's 24-year-old Ronnen Harazi who performed his striker's role to perfection, netting both goals.

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Something Fishy in Israel...

JERUSALEM — The Israel Consumer Council has analyzed the contents of canned gefilte fish available in the country, and found that not one out of the five brands surveyed was up to standard.

The study, carried out at the Standards Institution's chemicals and foods laboratories, found that in all cases — Manischewitz, Rokeach, Hadag Hameyuhad, Dag Shean and Mittel — the percentage of fish meat was too low.

Sukkot

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

Recently I attended a meeting where a non-Jewish speaker asked the audience to respond immediately, with the first thing that came to mind, to the following questions: "What one word would you use to describe the world in which we live today?"

I responded with a word he claimed four out of five people use to answer the question — chaos, or chaotic. (How did you fare?)

We live in the most technologically advanced era. We are, by and large, wealthier than ever before. We have more comforts and conveniences than ever before. You can enter the circular driveway to your two-acre mansion, complete with tennis courts and swimming pool, and from there program your house robot to percolate your favorite blend of coffee, or run your bath, or turn on the 40-inch television screen, or press your pants so you can don a fresh crisply pressed pair, or warm you prepared supper in the programmable microwave — and G-d only knows the hundreds of other things you can do before you even set foot in the door!

We generally work less hours than ever before resulting in more weekly leisure time. We take more vacations than previous decades, we take more time off during work for coffee breaks, luncheons, gym exercise and spa time.

And yet we live in a truly chaotic time. More wars, more disease, more suffering, more poverty, more illness — cancer, AIDS, heart attacks, mental illnesses and depression — more greed, lust and depravities that may not have even existed in Sodom and Gemmorah, more crime — murders, rapes, theft, drugs — even those not yet in their teen years are doing all of the above; and a host of other ills that plague our societies, countries, and the world. There is hardly a corner on earth — yes, even in our own holy land of Israel — that is spared the afflictions of all or some of the above.

A strange paradox, is it not? Not really. Upon reflection we will see that the Torah teaches us the two go mostly hand in hand. And that's what the lessons of Sukkot are all about.

Sukkot is called Zeman Simchaseinu (the Time, the Festival of our Rejoicing). What is true rejoicing, real simchah — happiness, real wealth? And why during the only festival called by this name are we commanded to leave the warmth, comfort, and convenience of our homes and go outside to eat, learn, sleep (many still do even that) in a flimsy sukkah, which however nicely decorated and fortified cannot compare to the homes in which we live?

Think for a moment about some of the following statements (forgive me for combining the sacred with the secular, but it is not only the Torah or the rabbis who have given the same advice.)

"He who loves money will never be satisfied with money." (Ecclesiastes 5:9). "Who is rich? He who is satisfied with his lot." (Avos 4:1). "For at death he will take nothing with him, his wealth will not follow him to the grave." (Psalms 49:18). "Accursed thirst for gold! What dost thou not compel mortals to do?" (Virgil). "How few our real wants, and how vast our imaginary ones." (Lavater). "I have learned to seek happiness by limiting my desires rather than in attempting to satisfy them." (John Stuart Mill). "No man dies with ever having attained even a half of his physical desires." (Midrash Ecclesiastes Rabbah 1:34; 2:12).

We can go on and on. But the message is the same. If the goal in life is satisfying the physical appetites, if that is one's definition of happiness, then no man or woman will ever be truly happy or satisfied. The more you have the more you want, teaches the Talmud. There is never enough. Life is a constant struggle to keep up with the Joneses.

Yes we all need certain material basics, and material wealth can lead to much blessing when that wealth is used for more enduring purposes. Poverty can destroy us and shatter our dreams and souls. But it is the realization that in and of themselves, wealth and all other material possessions and pleasures used only for hedonistic motivations will lead to an unsatisfying life, creating only unhappiness and bringing chaos in the lives of individuals and the world at large.

What do we need to do in order to be content with our lot in life, in order to free ourselves from envy, greed and covetousness and an incessant pursuit of materialism? What do we need to do in order to attain true inner happiness, contentment and peace of mind? We must establish an entirely new set of priorities and a new system of values and standards. We must dispense entirely with the norms that society has established which equates success with the acquisition of power and material wealth.

Rabbi Hirsch writes the following: "It is not how much or how little you have that makes you great or small, but how much or how little you are with what you have, how much or how little you utilize what has been lent to you for action in the service of G-d — that is which makes you great or small. And if with your little you have fulfilled three quarters of your duties, while another with his plenty has done only one quarter of his, even if this one quarter were incomparably more than the three quarters you have done, you are still greater than he." (Horeb, vol. 1, p. 46).

As we temporarily leave our secure homes to enter the world of the sukkah, we are reminded it is our secure homes in this world that truly are our temporary abodes. The permanent abode of man is an eternal abode in another world. The way to build that eternal home is to realize that true wealth and happiness is attained by hoarding spiritual assets, not material ones.

The Talmud tells us how King Munvaz responded to his family's accusations of squandering the family fortune when he gave it away to alleviate the suffering of the poor in a time of famine.

"My fathers hoarded treasure that is stored only on earth; I have stored my treasure in Heaven. My fathers hoarded treasure in a place where other hands could take it; I have stored my treasure where no hand can reach it. My fathers stored treasure which bears no fruit; I have stored treasures which bear fruits. My fathers hoarded treasures of money; I have stored treasures of souls. My fathers gathered for others; I have gathered treasure for myself. My fathers gathered treasure in this world; I have stored treasure in the World to Come." (Bava Basra 11a).

May we merit the pursuit of true wealth and happiness and by so doing help make the world a little less chaotic. Chag Somayach!

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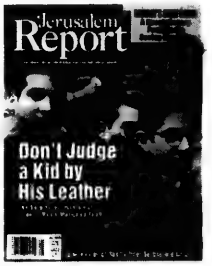

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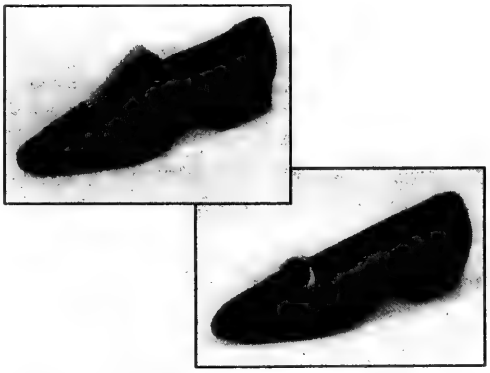

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

I have already clarified in my Sukkot article of this issue the Torah concept of wealth; of simchah; why Sukkot is called Zeman Simchaseinu; and how the practical consequences of this concept are manifested by the injunction to leave our homes and temporarily take up abode in our flimsy sukkot. I would like to extend that discussion with a thought from the great Maggid (Preacher) of Dubnow.

"Vanity of vanities," says Koheles (King Solomon), "all is vanity." What is the reason for the repetition of the words vanity, and why is King Solomon called Koheles?

Says the Dubnow Maggid: men and women are not all similar in their pursuits in life, in the goals they set for themselves and for that which they strive.

This is certainly so when it comes to physical and material pursuits. One lusts for power and will spend a lifetime in its pursuit, sacrificing family, friends, scruples, and anything that stands in the way of that acquisition. One craves the hoarding of wealth, thirsts for gold — independent of the power that wealth may bring. Another craves sensual gratifications, and life is used for the attainment of those pleasures. There are literally scores of pursuits that the body and the physical aspects of man desire.

At the end, when men and women are about to leave this world they realize their pursuits lead nowhere, certainly not to eternity. They spent their whole lives pursuing a dead-end path. Is that why they were placed here on this earth? Is that why they had to endure the vicissitudes of life? All the tzuris, all the pain and hardships? For there is no man or woman who escapes those entirely.

So each man thinks to himself, "Well if I had only pursued the path of my friend, that would have been worthwhile. Mine only led to futility." The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

Comes along King Solomon, the wisest of all men, and teaches us that it is not so. "I am Koheles (the word in Hebrew means to gather together). Because of my position, my power, my wealth, my wisdom, I have been enabled to gather together, to try out all of the various paths and pursuits in life. Don't make the mistake of thinking that only your path was futile but that of your neighbor was fruitful and a happy one. I tell you there is not one that ultimately leads to lasting satisfaction. All physical pursuits lead nowhere if they are utilized only for the sake of purely being a physical acquisition — hakol hevel, all is vanity."

This can be compared, says the Dubnow Maggid, to a man who meets a company of blind men and wishing to sport with them says out loud, "Here are some gold coins, there are enough for each of you to have several coins. Share them with your friends." The blind men begin to crowd around the man they believe to have the gold coins, demanding their share. But in truth, there were no gold coins. Their supposedly generous benefactor was only toying with them. But they all continue to fight, believing there will be gold coins for each of them.

So it is with mankind. The yetzer hora sports with them. He dangles the glitter of gold, the sparkle of earthly pursuits that gleam in the eye of the beholder. And all begin to fight, to run, to sweat, to toil, to pursue those illusive "gold coins" of happiness and material bliss.

The Midrash (Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer chapter 34) says there are three things beloved to man during his life — his family, his money, and his good deeds. When his time comes to depart from this earth he calls his family together and pleads with them to save him from the Day of Judgment. But they only respond, "We cannot help you. Don't you know that there is no mastery at the day of death."

He calls upon his money and says, "I have toiled all my life, day and night, to acquire you. Save me now from this death and its judgment." And the response is again the same, "Don't you know that wealth cannot help at the time of death." Then he calls to his good deeds and asks them for their help and they respond, "Go in peace, we shall precede you before you arrive over there, as it says, 'And your righteousness shall go before you and the glory of HaShem shall gather you in (Isaiah 58:8)'."

To the extent that we pursue the material to enable us to use it for spiritual purposes; to provide charity and chesed and material comfort to others; to the extent that we pursue a life of Torah learning and mitzvah observance — ah, that will lead to paths of eternity. We will leave this world with feelings of true accomplishment.

And, strangely enough, if these are our goals then the Almighty will bless us with the material good that will afford us the peace of mind and wherewithal to be able to do those good deeds, as Maimonides explains at length (laws of teshuva, chapter 9). May we be blessed with the desire to attain these goals, and by so doing acquire true and everlasting wealth! Amen.

Clintons join worshippers for Rosh Hashanah service

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — There was a surprise waiting for worshippers at Rosh Hashanah services in Martha's Vineyard last week: President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sitting in the front row, wishing the congregants a "Shanah Tovah."

It is believed to be the first time that a U.S. president has attended a High Holiday service.

The Clintons, who were vacationing on the island off the coast of Massachusetts, were invited by the rabbi and a prominent congregant to attend New Year's services at the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Centre. It is the only Jewish house of worship on the island.

According to Rabbi Joshua Plaut, spiritual leader of the Reform congregation, the idea to invite the president originated with his mother, who lives in Jerusalem.

"She suggested that I invite the president," said Rabbi Plaut, a nephew of Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Toronto. "I didn't think it would work, but she said it was the right thing to do, and I didn't want to enter the new year with a guilty conscience" over not heeding his mother. So he sent the president a letter of invitation.

Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard Law School professor and well-known attorney, was able to get the rabbi's letter, along with one of his own, through to the president. Clinton quickly accepted the invitation.

The president and the First Lady arrived at the Monday evening services promptly, although entry was slightly delayed for the congregants because of the security measures.

"When we arrived for services there was a line of people waiting to get in, a metal detector and Secret Service crawling all over the place," said attorney Martin Fox, a congregant.

The First Couple sat in the front row with Dershowitz and Sen. Frank Lautenberg, also a member of the congregation.

The Clintons sang many of the prayers, including the Shema, along with the Jewish worshippers. They were able to follow along with the transliterated prayerbooks used by the congregation.

The president, who is Baptist, "honored the spirit of diversity and religious pluralism in this country with his presence," said Rabbi Plaut.

Before blowing a long blast on the shofar, the ram's horn used throughout the High Holidays, the rabbi explained to the president that a shofar is "sort of like a Jewish saxophone," alluding to Clinton's famous love of that instrument.

In his remarks to the president and congregation, Rabbi Plaut said he "explained the significance of Rosh Hashanah as a period of repentance and renewal, the whole concept of a book of life and that we inscribe our own destiny as G-d guides our hand.

"I spoke about peace, how he will go down in Jewish history as an important contributor to peace for Israel and her neighbors.

"When Israel is at peace Jews all over the world are at peace and I urged him to complete the comprehensive peace in the region," Rabbi Plaut said.

The president then ascended the bimah and said there was still a lot of work ahead to make the (Israeli-Palestinian) accord work.

The congregation gave him a standing ovation.

Rabbi Plaut also presented the president with a Moroccan Torah pointer made of sterling silver and a copy of the Reform movement's Bible, which includes commentaries by his uncle, Rabbi Gunther Plaut.

Inside the cover of the Bible, Rabbi Joshua Plaut wrote a note to the president saying "he honored us with his presence, thanking him for his role in the Middle East peace agreements and wishing him luck in pursuit of his domestic agenda."

The service on the first night of Rosh Hashanah was the largest the congregation, and the island, had ever seen.

An estimated 650 worshippers — triple the number of member families — crowded in to Edgartown's Old Whaling Church, an historic local building no longer used as a church, which had been rented out by the congregation for the services.

Though the president's plans to attend the synagogue had been kept secret until about an hour before services began, the crowd was still expected to be large.

The congregation has grown in recent years and the fact that the first night of Rosh Hashanah fell on Labor Day this year meant that many Jews extended their vacations to include the Jewish holiday.

Fox, one of the members, said he was not at all surprised that the president came to Rosh Hashanah services.

"He does everything up here, goes to all the stores and restaurants, goes sailing and fishing, and it's a small town."

"The biggest Rosh Hashanah service in the history of the island was taking place while he was here, so it made sense for him to come."

Front Line

Outlook: what is to become of the seeds of 5754

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Though the year's theme was peace, it was still a distant target at year's end. If peace looks more obtainable now than it ever did, this is because the concept of change and its dynamics have dominated the scene with the declared purpose of revising realities and transforming mentalities.

The year 5754 was encouraging in spite of the many aches and pains of peacemaking. A few initial obstacles caused by the sharp rejection of those who fear change were narrowed on both sides and, on the whole, the perseverance of the few was stronger than the scepticism of the many who want change, yet don't believe it is a realistic goal. So the drive to a different Middle East must cope not only with the obstructionism of its opponents, but also with the inhibitions and insecurities of its initiators and of their supporters.

Major transformations in history are made by new leaders not personally accountable for old policies, but here the pioneers of change are also the principal veterans of the long conflict. They have now changed course, but some of them are still more at home with the worn-out slogans of confrontation than they are with the language of conciliation. This is why their rhetoric is accident-prone and often damages their own policies. More than any other factor, their performance will determine the outcome of last year's decision to defy the fatalism of pointless strife.

The new year 5755 shall affect the political future of all the partners to the process. It is a pre-election year — or may be even an electoral one — for Yitzhak Rabin and his performance will either secure his re-election or return the country to a Likud-led government, with an agenda which is for now very difficult to make out.

Yeshayahu Anug

It will also be a crucial year for President Bill Clinton, whose administration is about to undergo mid-term congressional elections. What will not be accomplished by Rabin and Clinton during the year will not be done during the next, and what was achieved till now may well be lost for another long period of unforeseeable developments.

In Israel, the apprehension regarding the implementation of the Oslo agreement with the PLO, a mere starter for a regional peace that must also accomodate a complex solution with Syria and Lebanon, is not the monopoly of the opposition. It is shared in part by some of the staunchest supporters of the ongoing process and go a long way to explain the slow motion and the zig-zagging of the government. But the strident political debate here obscures the fact that while the government dares to shake the status quo, which in its view can only lead to more conflict, the opposition has no true alternative to offer but to perpetuate it.

So what's new? New is the active support of the Israeli government's efforts by the international community. The rationale behind this new attitude is simple. While the perils of world-conflagration are gone, because the bi-polar world is no more, new ethnic conflicts, fueled by past discriminations and by abysmal economic and social conditions, have errupted in many places and are jeopardizing world stability.

In this new reality, the Mideastern peace process, whatever its many hiccups, acquired singular importance; it has become the only functioning prototype for easing other conflicts. Its very existence offers the international community an irresistible opportunity to help. It may have already prompted the parties to the Northern Ireland conflict to follow the example. A close look at Belfast will not only discover striking similarities but almost identical reactions elicited by the sudden accord: the same doubts, the same fears, the same hopes — all expressions of similar human emotions.

The mobilization of western financial resources and incentives to pad the fragile peace construction in our region is impressive. The scheme may work, though for now the political establishment outside the area is more optimistic about the outcome than the parties directly engaged in working out its details and who are often discouraged by the complexity of the issues.

The seeds of change have now been planted in the arid soil of Mideastern inertia. To survive, these seeds must be carefully nursed and defended against foreseeable storms. The year that was, the first of this new course, was actually better than could have been expected. What will happen from now on will depend — as far as Israel's onus is concerned — on the skill of Rabin to steer his government, with its fragile parliamentary support, along the uneasy path of give and take with the Arab side, as well as on lasting international support. Even so, setbacks of different types, some dangerous, will have to be overcome.

But these prospects are somewhat clouded by the lack of a reliable assessment of Yasser Arafat's ability to properly handle the autonomous areas within his responsibility and those that will gradually be handed over to him in the months ahead. His constituency in Gaza is poor, very frustrated and impatient. The massive unemployment and misery will not improve soon, however actively the international community — including Israel — will try to help materially. Islamic fundamentalism, with means of its own, is waiting in the wings ready to inherit control should the PLO administration fail.

Moreover, Arafat's authoritarian style of leadership and his up to recently terror-oriented organization are not exactly what state-building under such circumstances requires. He has been met throughout his long years of struggle by many world figures and has by now been seen by some Israeli politicians — yet nobody is willing to estimate whether he has the flexibility to fulfill the expectations of his own people and of his peace partners. This open question will also get its final answer during the crucial year that just started.

Does the wheel have to be reinvented?

By DR. JOSEPH BERGER

The Task Force on Jewish Continuity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has published and presented its report, based on two years of interviews and discussions with a wide range of people.

Jewish continuity has become the issue of the '90s — so far — perhaps because of the great concern over the other two words that make up the official title of the report, "Assimilation and Intermarriage."

With the recent revelation that the North American intermarriage rate is running at close to 60 per cent, and that only a tiny proportion of those who intermarry bring up their children as Jews, responsible Jewish individuals and communities in many parts of the world — not just North America — have become very concerned about these trends, and want to do something positive to reverse them.

But while the good intentions of the Federation and of the people who devoted their time and efforts to this report must be appreciated and applauded, there is a glaring omission in the report that must arouse serious concern, especially in view of the community's intention to divert a very considerable sum of money to service the proposed new action committee on Jewish continuity.

That money will inevitably have to be withdrawn from other programs on the basis that the new structure or approach will presumably make a fundamental difference to the future of the Toronto Jewish community.

What is the glaring omission? The three key words representing the major problem areas that the task force was supposed to focus on are continuity, assimilation and intermarriage.

But there is one portion of the Jewish community where continuity at the moment runs at close to 100 per cent, with so few drop-outs that when they occur they become the focus of learned papers by renowned sociologists.

There is one group within the wider Jewish community that has an assimilation rate that is zero or close to it, and one group that has an intermarriage rate of zero, or virtually non-existent.

That group of course is the chassidic community, which also happens — not coincidentally — to be the fastest growing group within the wider Jewish community.

Perhaps because there is virtually no major chassidic presence in Toronto, the Federation task force thought it impractical to explore what makes the major chassidic movements successful.

But it seems to me to have been a startling deficiency on the part of the task force that it makes absolutely no reference in its report to the one sector of the community that seems to be doing something right, at least in those defined areas of crisis that Jewish communities are currently experiencing.

Surely the committee did not think it unnecessary, or inappropriate, or unhelpful, or irrelevant, to find out what it is that the chassidic movements are doing that seems to maintain and even increase their numbers, that has enabled them after almost being decimated in the Holocaust to keep their kids, in a way that almost no other sector has been able to do.

Satmar and Bobov, Belz and Ger may not be everybody's taste (certainly not their politics), and Boro Park and Monsey and Antwerp and London and Israel may be far away. But for a task force that proposes to spend more than $1 million of community money would it have been too much over a two-year period to have some consultations with chassidic leaders and at least offer the Toronto community some of their insights on why they have succeeded where so many have sadly failed?

Not for a moment am I suggesting that the answer to the problem of Jewish continuity is for large sections of the less committed, less observant, more secular community to rush out and join up with a chassidic group. For one thing, most authentic chassidic groups have for a long time not believed in proselytizing, but have preferred to grow internally and not dilute their traditions and family connections with enthusiastic new arrivals who may not have the resilience to stay the course of what can be a very rewarding — but very different way — of life.

And I certainly recognize that the report is directed to the problem of reaching those who are *very very far away* from community and Jewish involvement and identification.

But did the committee really believe that you can learn *nothing* from what works? Does the wheel always have to be reinvented?

Dr. Joseph Berger is the president of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Black anti-Semitism revisited

By MARVIN FREMES

Below you will find my reaction to the recent Rabbi Marmur article in *The CJN.*

Rabbi Marmur has admirably expressed the frustration we Jews and others experience in dealing with black anti-Semitism. He is a prestigious man of obvious good will who, despite constant rebuffs, is still continuing his quest for dialogue with members of the black community.

He extracts the essence from Charles Mills' lecture, that black anti-Semitism finds its roots in the Christian upbringing of many blacks which condones anti-Semitism, their identity with the oppressed Palestinians (many blacks embrace the Muslim religion), the association of Jews with slumlords in American ghettos, and envy in the evident rise of many Jews to affluence. Mills might have added that Jews are also the target of the frustration and anger directed at all whites by alienated blacks. Also, in addition to their feeling that Jewish rejection of affirmative action is designed to hold them back, blacks, for some reason, accuse Jews of being pre-Civil War slave owners.

In Toronto, the *Show Boat* incident inflamed the feelings of anti-Semitism already present in some sections of the black community. In this connection, it is frightening to note that many members of the black middle and professional classes embrace the anti-Semitic tenets of the Nation of Islam.

All the *Show Boat* principals — writer Edna Ferber, lyricist Oscar Hammerstein, producer Garth Drabinsky and mayor Mel Lastman — are Jewish. The Jewish people of Toronto, with a few notable exceptions, either refused to stand up and protest with the blacks or manifested their classic knee-jerk reaction to anti-Semitism — anger and rejection. This apathy and/or outrage on the part of the Jewish community added fuel to the feelings of resentment and impotency in the black community.

As a partial excuse, Rabbi Marmur cites Jewish affinity for a classic liberal value — freedom of speech. This valid concern must always be tempered with a sensitivity to the hurts that might be inflicted (remember *The Merchant of Venice*).

However, one must always keep in mind that though the vitriol of black anti-Semitism is hard to take, blacks are virtually without power in Canada and the United States. It is this reality of powerlessness which may be at the heart of their rage, their frustration and their anti-Semitism.

Rabbi Marmur is just one of many prominent people who have banged their heads against this wall of black indifference. Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and former Lt.-Gov. Lincoln Alexander (a black himself) are among these who have also tried to reach out and failed. Rabbi Marmur pledges to continue his crusade despite the slings and arrows he expects from those in his own congregation and in the Jewish community as a whole.

In my opinion, there is something definitely awry here. Why are eminent men of obvious good will shunned in their attempts to reach out to the black community? Surely this must be the first task, to establish the reasons for this. Normally when people of good will from one side reach out, there usually is at least one hand there to greet them. By and large this is not true at present. Whatever it is, be it anger, frustration, alienation, envy etc., the reasons for this wall of indifference and rejection must be ascertained before any meaningful dialogue can begin.

As a beginning, we might look at this phenomenon of "competitive victimhood." Both Jews and blacks try to outdo each other in this contest. Any concession by either side could be seen as a partial defeat. For instance, black university kids, privileged as they are, support the anti-Semitism of the Nation of Islam partly to show their support for their less fortunate brethren in the ghettos. They fear the consequences of letting the side down.

For Jews, the Holocaust might be seen in the same light. It is important to make sure we never forget its horror, and to prevent it from ever happening again. But conceding the higher moral ground of victimhood to blacks is a defeat of sorts — in other words, letting the side down. When both blacks and Jews realize this is a mug's game and see that they both can afford to let their guard down, perhaps a beginning can be made towards commencing a dialogue.

The fact that, at this point anyway, blacks are more reluctant to communicate could be seen as reflection of their relative powerlessness with the resultant fear that reaching out might be seen as a sign of weakness — again of letting the side down.

Black anti-Semitism and Jewish anti-black racism are poisons that threaten to destroy civil society and as such require our urgent attention. Because we Jews are in the fortunate position of relative security, we should not be afraid of taking the first step and proceed without being arrogant or patronizing in the quest for knowledge, understanding and brotherhood. We have little to lose and much to gain in this enterprise.

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New relations

Morocco's decision to establish formal diplomatic relations with Israel, announced on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, is one more indicator that the peace process is working.

The latest development comes on the heels of Jordan's historic move to end its state of war with Israel. It's clear that the momentum toward a just and lasting peace in the Middle East is rooted in Israel's rapprochement with the PLO, which would have been inconceivable just a few short years ago.

Without the now-famous Rabin-Arafat handshake in Washington last year, neither King Hassan II of Morocco nor King Hussein of Jordan would have been tempted to embark on the path of conciliation and cooperation with Israel. Having been convinced that Israel's agreement with the PLO was not merely a futile exercise, they felt free to shore up their heretofore clandestine ties with Israel.

It is not really surprising that Morocco has become the second Arab country after Egypt to formalize its links with Israel. King Hassan II, like his late father, has long enjoyed cordial relations with Morocco's Jewish community and with Moroccan Jews living abroad, including Israel and Canada.

Furthermore, despite its fealty to the Palestinian and Arab cause, Morocco has never exhibited a fanatical attitude to Israel. Indeed, Morocco played an indispensable role as a mediator in arranging Anwar al-Sadat's astonishing 1977 visit to Jerusalem. In 1976 and again in 1986, King Hassan II welcomed an Israeli prime minister to Rabat for talks on the prospects for peace. And in September 1993, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres stopped in Rabat to give the Moroccan leadership a first-hand briefing of the Declaration of Principles that Israel and the PLO had just signed. Since then, Israel and Morocco have entered into economic and cultural accords that presage a mutually beneficial relationship in other spheres of interest.

The road to a comprehensive and equitable settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict has been and will be bumpy. But with the formalization of relations between Israel and Morocco, yet another obstacle has been removed.

A vow to keep

The first 15 days of Tishrei are a roller-coaster excursion through the valleys and peaks of human emotion, the deep and difficult terrain of the human psyche and the human heart.

The trip begins with anticipation, excitement and anxiety. We are thankful for the opportunity, again, to see the changes in the seasons, to hear the stirring strains of the shofar, to dip apple into honey, to measure our actions and to begin anew. Rosh Hashanah brings us to the hopeful start of another year.

We then culminate 10 days of serious soul-searching with fasting and prayer. The significance of the day is acutely impressed into our "afflicted" souls by our hunger, our sense of vulnerability and by the aweful awareness that to a great extent our futures lie within our own hands. Yom Kippur brings us to a window through which we peer with trepidation.

On the 15th day, we celebrate. We "dwell" in flimsy booths. We take the four species into our hands. They are the visible symbols and the tangible proofs of a common past and a shared memory. We observe the holiday with joy. We sing and we dance. We find our happiness. Sukkot brings us to rejoicing, and to an understanding of the inter-connectedness of the individual to his or her people, the people to its traditions and those traditions to the future.

This is a precious and vital understanding. Its importance was underscored in the July issue of *Commentary* by Prof. Robert S. Wistrich.

"This is surely the greatest paradox of the postwar Diaspora," he wrote. "Never has it enjoyed such optimal conditions, and never has it seemed, in the longer term, more like an endangered species. Its continuity and distinctiveness as an ethnic group are seriously in doubt."

The Tishrei journey, therefore, has as its point of departure the very same three-pronged point of its arrival: belonging, participation and commitment.

Throughout the month we gather around our families. And if we truly understand the inter-connectedness of families, we will be able to see, reflected in the glow of our children's faces and in the sustaining memories of individuals we have loved but are no more, the outlines of a promise, a vow to search for and to discover within ourselves — as individuals and as a people — the eternal reservoir of high moral purpose and collective responsibility from which we always drank, were strengthened and found direction.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

GEORGETOWN ORPHANS

I write you with a request for assistance in enriching a bit of Eastern European-American Jewish history.

I am at work on a manuscript on the eastern Polish town called Mezhirech or Mezrich by the Jews, and Miedzyrec Podlaski by the Poles in Lublin Province. The *Encyclopaedia Judaica* describes the tragic course of events in Mezrich which apparently is juden rein!

My interest in Mezrich and even more in the Mezritcher Aid Societies which once existed (some still do) in some Canadian and American cities is based on the fact that my paternal grandparents, Nachmun and Annie (Necchuh) Greenblatt, came to New York in 1900, worked for pennies, then were drawn to Detroit by Henry Ford's 1914 announcement of the $5 daily wage for employees.

My grandparents took the lead in forming a Mezritcher Aid Society. Societies around the country wrestled money from their landsmen to bring over 76 orphans from Mezrich in 1927. They brought them to a farm outside Georgetown, Ont., built a dormatory, hired a manager. They could not bring them into the U.S. because of the restrictive national origins quota system in the 1924 Immigration Act.

The saving of the orphans is the big story. The "back-to-the-land" idea essentially failed. By 1930 most orphans had left the farm, moved to Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec, entered the trades, especially the needle trades, or opened small businesses. Some moved to the United States.

With great and enduring pride, I want to tell their story and that of their children and grandchildren. I ask the benefactors (if any still be alive), the orphans or their children or grandchildren to contact me by letter or phone to tell their stories.

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ON POLES AND HOLOCAUST

It is a pity that I did not quote more extensively from historian Yisrael Gutman in my letter about alleged Polish complicity in the Holocaust (*CJN*, Aug. 18). It may have prevented Sheldon Kirshner from going on to charge Poles with silence.

Gutman explains: "Poland was a completely occupied country. There was a difference in the kind of 'occupation' countries underwent in Europe. Each country experienced a different occupation and almost all had a certain amount of autonomy, limited and defined in various ways. This autonomy did not exist in Poland. No one asked the Poles how one should treat the Jews."

Indeed, why would anyone reasonably expect the Germans to care what Poles thought, let alone cater to them, when right from the outset they rounded up, interned and executed (Christian) Poles — including their political and church leadership — by the hundreds of thousands.

This was not Denmark where the Germans met with minimal resistance and later went for R & R, and executions were a rarity. Their goal was to destroy Polish nationhood and most Poles, like most Jews, were preoccupied with their own survival. Among the many victims were over 1,000 men, women and children specially put to death for aiding Jews — something unheard of elsewhere.

One should also remember that Jews did not always behave properly toward their Polish neighbors. Jan Karski, the famed courier recently made an honorary citizen of Israel, reported from Soviet-occupied Eastern Poland (from where over one million Poles were deported to the Gulag), in February 1940: "The Jews are entering the political cells. They have taken over the majority of political and administrative positions. . . But what is worse, Jews are denouncing Poles to the secret police and directing the work of the communist militia from behind the scenes. . . Unfortunately, one must say that those incidents are very frequent."

Jerzy Zralski
Secretary General
Canadian Polish Congress
Toronto

Sheldon Kirshner replies:

No one disputes the fact that some Poles aided Jews, a point I made in reply to Mr. Zralski's first letter. However, as historians have shown, many more Poles did not lift a finger to help Jewish Poles. They could have done so, but chose the path of indifference for the most part. True, Jews as individuals joined the communists, but in the hope, I suspect, of defeating Nazism and creating an egalitarian society free of anti-Semitism.

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A DIFFERENT VIEW

Prof. Abe Shenitzer (*CJN*, August 18) was critical of columnist Sheldon Kirshner regarding the Polish-Jewish drama of World War II.

Unlike the Quisling government of Norway or the Ante Pavelic ultra-Catholic government of Croatia, the Nazis were never able to organize a pro-German Polish government, nor did any regular Polish troops fight on the side of Germany.

However, Prof. Adam Hempel of Warsaw University recently published a 450-page book, *Gravediggers of Disaster*. It describes the pre-war Polish State Police, which during the war came under German command and sometimes warned Poles, but never Jews, of an imminent arrest.

Also supporting Kirshner is the March 1993 article in *Gazeta Wyborcza*, Poland's largest daily, by senior editor Michal Cichy. Cichy deals with the so-called While Blots in the war history of Poland.

Cichy, a respected journalist who spent four years investigating Polish and German documents, put the spotlight on the NSZ national armed forces, one of about 20 underground movements during the Nazi occupation. NSZ still exists as a registered political party in the Polish parliament.

During the Warsaw Polish uprising of August 1944, some of the NSZ squads specialized in hunting down the 8,000 Jews who survived the Warsaw Ghetto, robbing and murdering these unfortunates. In the provinces, some NSZ units diligently searched and destroyed the Jewish partisan groups often with the tacit approval of German authorities.

It is hard for me, a Polish-born Canadian and a practising Catholic, to write about it. But one day we the Poles and the Jews must start some serious dialogue, and we must admit our guilt if we expect to be forgiven.

I invite Jerzy Zralski to attend in Poland the 50th anniversary of the Revolt of the Auschwitz Jews on Oct. 7, 1994. Such a dramatic act of solidarity with Jews in remembering the Jewish heroes will make more impact on Jewish communities in Canada than writing hundreds of letters to the editor.

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Editor's note: The correspondence on Kirshner's story is now closed.

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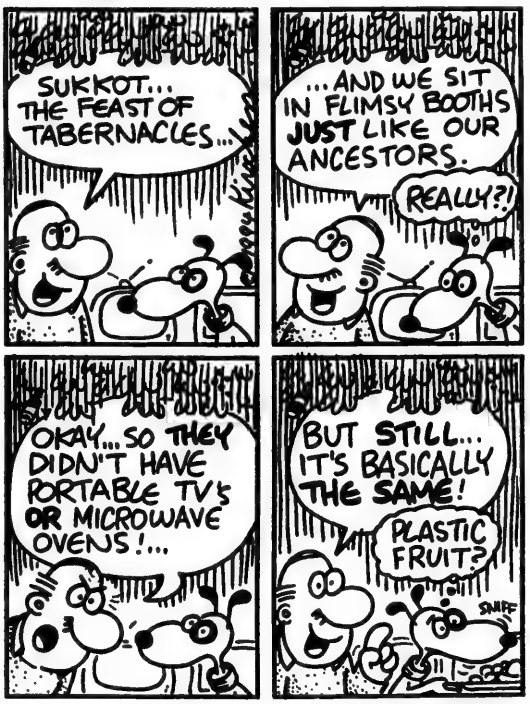
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Don't despair: there is also some good news to report

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Years ago, I followed the practice of many Canadians by turning on the CTV 11 p.m. news and afterwards going to bed.

However, I found this practice gave me a headache and interfered with my sleep. The news was simply too upsetting.

That led me analyze the general subject matter of newscasts. The answer was dismal: a significant percentage dealt with misfortunes, accidents, violence and like matters in all parts of the world. There was no relief, and good news was crowded out.

So I made the decision not to listen to the evening news at all, and I can report this little bit of private information: I fall asleep more quickly and I sleep better.

Of course that sounds like escapism. Shouldn't I know what is going on in the world, so I could gather my energies and try to do something about it?

But can't it wait till morning? Sure, comes daylight, I have the duty to know when misfortune befalls others, and I think the electronic media and the newspapers should report it. But the media should also record more upbeat, encouraging, hopeful and constructive events. Instead, we have to look far and wide to hear about such matters because they are not deemed of interest to the public. Well, I am part of the public, and they interest me.

So in order to contribute to the festive mood of the Holy Day season, here are two items:

For the last two years it has been painfully obvious that radical anti-Semitism has been flourishing in the black community of the United States. We were treated to a sample when mindless attacks were made on the Toronto Jewish community because of the production of *Show Boat*.

From time to time leaders in the black community have tried to stem this nefarious trend, only to be pushed to the sidelines.

Special marks therefore go to Hugh P. Price, who has been elected head of the Urban League in the States. At the annual convention of his organization he said:

Rabbi Plaut

"Many whites of good will have accompanied us on our long journey for racial, social and economic justice. None has matched the Jewish community as long-distance runners in the civil rights movement . . . We must not let ourselves, and especially our children, fall into the paranoid trap of thinking that racism accounts for all that plagues us."

He then added: "For all our sufffering, we cannot become so fixated on our own problems that we ignore our commonality of interest with others. All the problems I have addressed this evening — inadequate schooling, idle and alienated youngsters and chronic unemployment — cut across racial lines. If we are ever to deal with them on a scale remotely equal to their size, we must coalesce with people of other complexions who feel the same pain, even if it isn't as acute."

Because of negative developments, Jews have lately pulled back from their traditional stance of cooperation with the black community, but I think that at heart they are still ready for it, and given half a chance the old alliance can easily be re-established.

On an entirely different matter, it seems that East Asian students have replaced Jews in high school achievement. Chinese youngsters especially have garnered top honors in many provinces, and especially so in Ontario. Now I read that in an international mathematics contest held in Hong Kong, six students obtained perfect scores, and five of them came from the U.S. — all five were Jewish. And in Ontario, Grade 13 graduate Howard Feldman topped all students in the province with a near perfect report card.

Perhaps it is true that the great pressure which Jewish parents used to exert on their children has levelled off, and perhaps it is the East Asian parent who now put pressure on their youngsters. But the Jewish capacity to perform is still there, because for the last thousand years we have been a people devoted to intellectual pursuit. It showed up in the past, and I think it will still show up in the future.

The little-known Transnistria tragedy retold

By BARUCH COHEN

For Miriam Shvili, Transnistria Child Survivor

The more we know of the Holocaust, the more we change, the more we find ourselves circumscribed by the event we sought to transcend and from which we had hoped to pull free . . . The more we know, the more we shall remember.

— Terrence Des Pres

Massacre, deportation began after Romanian and German troops invaded Soviet Union

It is long overdue that the story of Romanian Jews in Bessarabia, Bukovina, Moldova, Dorohoi, Hertza, etc. should be told and placed within the framework of the destruction of European Jews.

I am therefore thankful to Felicia Carmelly for bringing to the fore the forgotten Holocaust of Romanian Jewry in her article, Transnistria — the Forgotten Cemetery (*CJN* June 21).

The history of the Holocaust in Transnistria incorporates the accounts of both the perpetrators and the victims. The Romanian army and police were among the leading perpetrators in Transnistria. Romania's national anti-Semitism reached unprecedented extremes during the years 1939-1944. Ion Autonescu, the Romanian "Fuhrer," believed that the dream of "Greater Romania," born in the summer of 1940, became a reality when the Romanian armies joined the German army in the Barbarossa campaign against Bolshevik Russia.

What happened in Romania reflects the main factors and issues of the Holocaust: Jews as a group were isolated and marked for death. Ghettos, forced labor camps, and death centres were established. The deportees from Bukovina, Bessarabia, Dorohoi, Hertza, Lipkani, were brought to Transnistria, stripped of their valuables, with no money, or means of livelihood, and completely disorganized.

According to the 1933 census, there were 207,000 Jews in Bessarabia, 107,000 in Bukovina and 119,000 in Moldova.

The massacre and deportation of the Jews started immediately after the advance of Romanian and German armies into Russia in the summer of 1941. Jews who survived the massacre of this campaign were interned in camps in Bessarabia and north Bukovina, and shortly after were deported to Transnistria.

The largest organized deportations to Transnistria started in October 1941 and lasted until January 1942. Most of the approximately 120,000 Jews from Bukovina, Bessarabia and Dorohoi were transported to an area in the city of Moghilev.

A second wave of deportation took place in the summer of 1942. The third phase in September 1942 included approximately 2,300, plus many from the central part of Romania (the old Regat).

The expelled Jews were unable to organize regular life. They needed hospitals and basic medical help, food, clothing, orphanages, etc.; instead, they were moved aimlessly from one ghetto to another, none of which had the medical facilities to accommodate them.

In the region of Moghilev, the Jews were divided into 53 ghettos and camps. Many deportees lived in pig barns, horse stalls, cow sheds.

When they finally found better dwellings, as many as 15 to 18 people had to share a room. There were not even the simplest sanitary facilities — no clean water, no detergents for basic disinfection. The death toll was extremely high, in particular in the winter of 1941-1942, when 30-50 per cent of the people perished in a typhus epidemic that raged throughout the ghettos and camps. Many people moved about naked, children were covered with rags or newspapers. Corpses lay in the fields, along routes of the marches, next to living people in the barns.

In comparison with the Transnistria death toll of 30-50 per cent during that first winter — in Warsaw, where hundreds of thousands of refugees were concentrated, the situation was horrifying, and when the ghetto was established it became worse. However, even under these shocking conditions, the death toll was 12-15 per cent.

The case of Transnistria illustrates the influence of the Nazis' "Final Solution" on the old, traditional anti-Semitism. Removing the Jews became central to the Romanian national anti-Semitic strategy.

The relatively high number of ultimate survivors (about 40 per cent) among Romanian Jews, despite the hard conditions, brutality, and inhuman behavior, is due to the lack of a systematic place of extermination, to political opportunism and to the ability to bribe the authorities (from the smallest civil servant to the highest authority).

In addition to the above, from the fall of 1943 the political situation changed in favor of the Western alliance and the Romanians became more reluctant to hand over Jews to the Germans for forced labor or for killing.

Prominent Jewish personalities in Romania — Dr. W. Filderman, Chief Rabbi Safran and other community leaders — were able to reach Queen Helen of Romania, arguing that the inhuman actions against the Jews contradicted the Christian and Romanian traditions.

Of the 400,000 Romanian Jews remaining after the war ended, over 90 per cent eventually reached the shores of Israel.

Today Romanian Jewry numbers 14,000-15,000 mostly elderly people.

Those interested in learning more about the Romanian Holocaust, with particular reference to Transnistria can read *The Destruction of the European Jews* by Raoul Hilberg (New York, 1992); *Burning Ice — The Ghetto of Transnistria* [in Hebrew] by Avigdor Shachan (Lohamei Hagetaot, Israel, 1988); or the article, *The Holocaust in Transnistria* by Dalia Ofer, in *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union*, edited by Lucjan Dobrosezycki and Jeffrey S. Gurock (Armonk, N.Y., 1993).

An exhibit titled, Splendor and Destruction: Jewish Life That Was, 1919-1945, depicts Jewish shtetl communal life in pre-war Lipkani, Romania. The show is currently on display at the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

For more information about Transnistria, call (514) 739-1316 or (514) 486-5544, or Felicia Carmelly in Toronto (416) 482-1813.

Sukkot past stirs up some beautiful memories

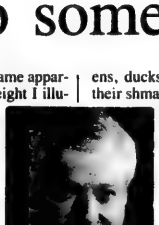
By JACK CHISVIN

The streetscape around me was a cyclorama of autumn hues. Brilliant colors were interlaced with dark shadows cast by the late afternoon sun. I was walking at a leisurely pace taking note of the many sukkahs being erected in the neighborhood.

A group of children, herded by a teacher barely more than a child herself, caught my attention. Animated laughter bounced between them in sharp counterpoint to my contemplative silence.

As I observed them, I wondered whether in their innocence, did they know the measure of years? Did they know how they were to live out their lives? Was their future already ordained by some superior power or would random chance select which of them would win and which of them would lose — which of them would taste success and which of them would never experience any joy? Which of them might become an achiever and which of them might never fulfil their promise?

My own particular genius first became apparent to the world when at the age of eight I illuminated a sukkah.



Jack Chisvin

In the early 1930's, in the first depression of this century, the north end of Winnipeg was a haven for immigrant families. They were strangers in a new land, decent, common folk, denied the opportunity of education, immersed in mysticism and superstitions brought with them from their shtetlach in Eastern Europe. Not sequestered behind locked doors in front of TV sets, much of their social action took place on the street, where commerce was conducted in Ukrainian, Polish, German, Yiddish and a polyglot of other tongues. Every child understood at least three languages and could curse in many more.

The community consisted of a grid of modest frame houses each with a shed at the rear of the yard. In summer the sheds sheltered a few chickens, ducks, turkeys and many geese raised for their shmaltz. As the days grew shorter and cold invaded the nights, the poultry were slaughtered and the sheds were used to store enough wood to fuel the stoves and furnaces during the long winter. The two wires strung between our house and the shed behind were said to contain electricity — a magic force — but since nothing was seen to be connected at the other end, they remained a mystery.

Immediately after Yom Kippur a sukkah was put up in the space between the house and the shed, directly under the wires. When it comes to the yomin tovim we all know the "time is out of joint" (*Hamlet*). They never occur on time, always either too early or too late. And when Sukkot comes too late in Winnipeg, a sukkah can be a cold and dark setting, a rendezvous for the ghosts who came out of the sheds at night.

One evening, in a year when Sukkot came very late, the neighbors gathered to investigate a strange light radiating from our sukkah. They stood in awe, admiring an illuminated light bulb which I had connected to the mysterious wires. "Who did it?" "Yankele, and he didn't electrocute himself — a za kopf!(such a head)." If my proud parents allowed themselves a foolish dream, surely their son would grow up to be an engineer. And so it came to be.

As Sukkot is the one pilgrimage festival without a megillah it is customary in some congregations to read the Book of Kohelet — Ecclesiastes — on the Sabbath of the intermediate days of the holiday. Whether we become what we are because it is ordained, or by chance, or it is simply beshert, what matters is as it is written in Kohelet "there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works."

On this laguid summer day, watching children be children, I enjoyed one of life's beautiful moments — a pleasant memory of a Sukkot past.

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German camps now memorials

Sheldon Kirshner visits two former concentration camps in what was East Germany — Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The contrast couldn't be sharper.

Beneath, in the lush Thuringian valley, lies the town of Weimar, the cultural capital of a Communist state which has vanished. Weimar was home to two of the greatest figures in German letters, Goethe and Schiller. Weimar was also where Germany's first democratic constitution was framed.

Ten kilometres away, atop a mountain thick with fragrant forests and wild flowers, is one of the most notorious concentration camps of the Nazi period, Buchenwald.

In no one single place in Germany is the dichotomy between the humanism and the brutality of the conflicted German soul so boldly visible.

Opened in July 1937, Buchenwald originally housed convicted criminals, homosexuals and political prisoners. Within about a year, following the mass arrests after Kristallnacht, more than 10,000 German and Austrian Jews were brought here. Then, during the war, Jews from Nazi-occupied countries, as well as Soviet and Canadian prisoners of war, arrived.

Avenue of Nations in Buchenwald. [Frank Schroder photo]

Prominent personalities passed through, or perished in, Buchenwald — Leon Blum, the former French prime minister; Ernst Thallmann, the head of the German Communist party; Fritz Thyssen, one of Germany's most important industrialists; and Rudolf Breitscheid, the ex-leader of the Social Democratic party in Germany.

Many Jewish children were murdered here, but some survived. Among them: Elie Wiesel, the novelist; Yisrael Meir Lau, the chief rabbi of Israel; and his brother, Naftali Lavi, Israel's one-time ambassador at the United Nations.

Although Buchenwald was not an extermination camp like Auschwitz, it claimed 56,000 lives, including at least 11,000 Jews. A crematorium disposed of the corpses.

Till the end, Buchenwald produced armaments for the German armed forces. Allied aircraft bombed its factories in August 1944, killing several hundred inmates.

And sadistic SS doctors conducted gruesome medical experiments here. After Buchenwald's liberation by Gen. George Patton's 3rd U.S. Army on April 11, 1945, soldiers found lamp shades made of human skin.

Today, Buchenwald consists of two parts — the memorial and the remains of the original camp.

The centrepiece in the memorial is a massive stone obelisk with a bell tower. It is set off by a stylized sculpture of 11 sombre figures. One grasps a flag. Three brandish rifles. One holds a cup.

Steps lead to the Avenue of Nations. A curved line of gray monoliths, honoring the victims of 18 countries, stand like stolid sentinels. The view of the idyllic plain below is stunning.

The camp houses former SS barracks, several Gestapo buildings, two watchtowers, a kitchen, a crematorium and a pathologie (where medical experiments were carried out and victims' gold teeth were extracted.).

The buildings are in poor condition and in urgent need of renovation. "They are decaying," Stein said.

The ovens of the crematorium, which look remarkably new, were built by Topf & Sons of Erfurt. They were installed in the early 1940s. Topf, which no longer exists as a company, supplied Auschwitz with similar state-of-the-art equipment.

As bizarre as it may sound, there was once a full-fledged zoo in Buchenwald, situated next to the crematorium. There were goldfish ponds, an aviary and a bear den. By all accounts, the animals were well fed and taken care of.

Although Buchenwald consumed more than 10,000 Jews, there was barely a mention of this tragedy before 1990, when the memorial was in East German territory.

The one and only exception was a simple plaque, nearly flush with the ground, which pays homage to the German and Austrian Jews rounded up in the wake of Kristallnacht.

As a Communist state, East Germany did not recognize Jews as a nationality, and thus Jews were classified as members of nationalities. As a result, nothing was said of the fact that about half of the estimated 8,000 Soviet soldiers who died here were actually Jewish.

In the late 1980s, the Jewish community in the state of Thuringia requested a specifically Jewish memorial, but the authorities did not respond, said Harry Stein, who's in charge of Buchenwald's history division.

After Germany's unification in 1990, Buchenwald survivors in Germany, Israel and elsewhere pressed Thuringia again. So last November, on the 55th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Buchenwald finally got a Jewish monument.

It is unprepossessing, taking the form of a long ditch buttressed by a concrete wall impregnated with olive wood. Around the ditch, filled with stones, are concrete letters in German, Hebrew and English which offer a message of hope and love taken from Psalm 83.

According to Stein, Buchenwald intends to rectify the mistakes of the past by placing appropriate emphasis on Buchenwald's Jewish dimension. A documentary film will drive home this point.

As well, homosexuals, gypsies and Christian opponents of Nazism will get their due through the medium of special exhibits.

And an exhibit on how East Germany viewed the Nazi era is planned.

Of Buchenwald's numerous visitors, a handful have been neo-Nazi rowdies. Two years ago, a group burst into the grounds, giving stiff-arm salutes and shouting anti-Semitic slogans. Last July, 22 neo-Nazis went on a rampage in the camp.

Stein is shocked by this kind of activity. "Nothing like this ever happened prior to 1990."

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Sachsenhausen, which is 30 kilometres north of Berlin, close to the town of Oranienberg, has suffered far more neo-Nazi degradation.

In September 1992, shortly after a visit by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, fire seriously damaged a barrack which commemorates Jews killed in Sachsenhausen.

Two youths, believed to be neo-Nazis, were caught. In a trial, they were found not guilty, then freed. The barrack, which is currently covered by a plastic tarpaulin, will be rebuilt and reopened in 1996 as a museum dedicated to Jewish inmates, disclosed Gunter Morsch, the 41-year-old director of the Sachsenhausen memorial.

Sachsenhausen, opened in 1936, was a training centre for concentration camp personnel. Liberated by the Red Army, the camp claimed approximately 100,000 victims, including Allied and Soviet troops. It is still unclear how many of them were Jews. According to Morsch, Herschel Grynspan, the young Polish Jew who touched off Kristallnacht by assassinating a German diplomat in Paris, was incarcerated in Sachsenhausen.

As in Buchenwald, a surprising number of notables passed through Sachsenhausen — Kurt Schuschnigg, the former Austrian chancellor; Carl von Ossietzky, the 1935 Nobel Peace Prize winner; Martin Luther, the head of the German Foreign Office (who, ironically, participated in the 1942 Wannsee Conference which formalized the systematic extermination of European Jewry); and Martin Niemoller, the dissident theologian.

Like Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen produced weapons for the Wehrmacht, and submitted prisoners to agonizing medical experiments. What was unique about Sachsenhausen was its counterfeiting operation, which churned out British pound notes, passports, code books and stamps.

In the aftermath of the war, and right up to 1950, Sachsenhausen was a Soviet camp for political prisoners. Morsch says that 13,000 prisoners died of hunger, malnutrition and mistreatment.

In 1961, the camp was converted into a memorial with strong anti-fascist, Communist overtones. The martyrdom of Jews was ignored, as in Buchenwald.

The attitude of the authorities has undergone a remarkable transformation in the past four years.

Today, in the main exhibition building, there is an elaborate display devoted to Jewish history, broken down into such sub-themes as anti-Semitism, pogroms, the Dreyfus affair, Nazi Germany and anti-Zionism.

This is merely a temporary exhibit. A permanent one will replace it in 1998.

Only 10 per cent of the original camp — which sprawled over 380 hectares — escaped destruction by the Communist authorities between 1953-58, said Morsch, who has directed the affairs of the memorial since 1993.

Still standing are six guard towers, two Jewish barracks, a Gestapo cell block, a prison kitchen, a laundry, the pathologie, the commander's house and several industrial buildings.

At one point, Sachsenhausen boasted of three crematoria. But they are long gone, as are 54 of the 60 barracks, designated by stone markers.

In the camp kitchen, visitors can browse at an old photographic exhibition, while in the laundry, they can watch a documentary film. A new movie, minus the Communist rhetoric, is being readied for 1996.

The former clinic, a long green building with white trim, is in a sorry state of abandonment. Morsch — a historian with a PhD in Nazi theory — hopes to mount an exhibition on Nazism and racism in 1997.

An original East German photo exhibit of the camp in its horrible heyday is found in the white-tiled pathologie. Two tables, where experiments were conducted, remain. Directly beneath is a cellar where mountains of corpses were stored.

Several weeks before my arrival, workers uncovered a mass grave adjacent to the pathologie.

Under a master plan, the buildings in Sachsenhausen will be renovated, provided the necessary funds are available.

Morsch said he requires twice as much as the federal government and the state of Brandenburg have allotted. But since austerity is in the air these days, it's debatable whether Sachsenhausen's puny budget will be upgraded.

Gunter Morsch in Sachsenhausen. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The hard part is yet to come, but a year after the signing of the landmark Declaration of Principles (DoP) in Washington, Israel and the PLO are inexorably heading toward negotiations on the permanent status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

If all goes according to schedule, the agreement — which is now taking root in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in a trial experiment — will be fully implemented by 1999.

But major obstacles lie ahead — notably the question of final borders and security arrangements, the fate of the Jewish settlements and the perenially thorny issue of Jerusalem.

For good reason, both sides, once the most implacable of enemies, are leaving these complex matters for last and concentrating on fleshing out the least intricate provisions of the DoP, an historic document which emerged in the wake of secret talks in Norway.

After months of delays, caused in part by the Hebron massacre in February, the interim stage of the DoP was finally signed in Cairo on May 4. Not unexpectedly, there have been problems ever since, ranging from terrorism against Israelis and jurisdictional disputes over border crossings to the PLO's refusal to annul clauses in its covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

Nevertheless, there has been progress. On August 25, an early empowerment accord, granting the Palestinians control over education, health, welfare, taxes and tourism, went into effect. Modest though it may be, it is the first time in their history that the Palestinians have wielded such powers.

Problems beset accord

Once early empowerment is completed throughout the rest of the West Bank, the Israeli army — which is responsible for overall security in the territories — will redeploy outside populated areas. Elections will be held, and a Palestinian council will then begin administering the areas held by the PLO.

PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat, who moved from Tunis to Gaza on July 12, has his work cut out for him. Gaza, his base, is a disaster zone in terms of its infrastructure. Years of Egyptian and Israeli neglect have taken their toll. And the bulk of the $2 billion worth of aid that donor nations have pledged to help the Palestinians hasn't been released because the Palestinian Authority, the self-governing body, is still disorganized.

Arafat, whose challenge is to prove that he is a capable administrator, faces two major problems.

He must create credible accounting procedures so that foreign funds can start flowing into Gaza and Jericho. He must convince Israel that he is serious about combating terrorism, which has claimed the lives of 11 Israelis since May.

According to the Israeli army and the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service, there has been a dramatic reduction in the number of terrorist incidents directed at Israelis in the past four months.

But each and every violent attack which kills or injures an Israeli is a blow against the peace process. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has admitted that terrorism cannot be eliminated. As he put it: "We knew it was impossible to erase 100 years of hatred with one signature." Yet Rabin has warned Arafat that terrorism — which is largely perpetrated by Islamic extremists opposed to an accommodation with Israel — may stop Palestinian autonomy in its tracks.

Arafat realizes that he is morally and contractually obliged to contain terrorism. On August 15, following the murder of an Israeli in Gaza, the Palestinian police force temporarily detained Muslim radicals. But it's highly doubtful whether Arafat, a builder of consensus, would be willing to challenge Hamas — the main Islamic fundamentalist group in the territories — and thus risk a civil war.

Hamas, whose goal is an Islamic state on the ashes of Israel, has a dedicated corps of followers. So if the PLO undertakes a genuine effort to stamp out terrorism, a task at which Israel essentially failed, bloodshed and chaos will surely ensue.

Israel desires stability in Gaza and Jericho. But peace and quiet may not be possible if the PLO seriously confronts the Islamic movement.

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Bone marrow donations said halachic obligation

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jews are obliged by Halachah to donate bone marrow if called upon to do so, according to a noted Torah scholar and bio-ethics expert.

Rabbi David Bleich, a rosh yeshivah at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchananan Theological Seminary (RIETS), and professor of law at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, spoke recently as part of the Perez and Frieda Friedberg Lecture Series, at Torath Emeth Synagogue.

This question was brought forcefully home to him, he said, when a man, found to be a match for a terminally ill patient, claimed to be too busy, but said he would give the marrow when his holidays came around. The patient he could have helped, died.

Pikuach nefesh, the obligation to save life, has two elements, Rabbi Bleich explained.

First, he said, there is the mitzvah of *hashovas aveidim*, returning lost objects.

"If one has the obligation to return something that is lost to its owner," Rabbi Bleich said, "how much more do we have an obligation to restore life?"

Furthermore, there is an injunction that we must not stand idly by when our neighbor's life is in danger.

Citing rabbinic sources, including the Radbaz (Rabbi David Ben Solomon ibn Abi Zimra) and Rabbi Joseph Caro, Rabbi Bleich said that since bone marrow, like blood, replenishes itself (unlike a kidney, for instance) and since the harvesting of the marrow does not constitute a danger to the donor's life or health, there is no halachic reason to avoid the obligation.

The only concern, he said, might be the danger posed by the general anesthetic used during the procedure, a danger which is also an issue during elective surgery done "for the sake of vanity."

There is no obligation, he said, to put your own life at risk in order to perform a mitzvah, even one as important as pikuach nefesh. However, said Rabbi Bleich, "I have checked the medical literature, and found that the risk of general anesthesia is one in 10,000, a statistic that includes the elderly and the sick.

"Since it is usually healthy, young adults who are tested, the risk to that segment of the population is even less."

Rabbi Bleich noted that "Halachah is concerned with perception, not statistics," and admitted that other rabbis might take a different view.

But "I believe that the risk is minimal. I believe the risk is obligatory to take."

A member of the audience asked whether it is obligatory according to Halachah to be tested as a potential donor, such as during the mass screenings for Jay Feinberg.

Rabbi Bleich replied that while it is "meritorious, advisable, a mitzvah," it is not obligatory.

"The obligation for pikuach nefesh only exists if there is a direct cause and effect. The chance of being a donor is so remote, that there is no [halachic] obligation."

The same ruling applies for giving money for testing. While it is not obligatory, it is, according to the rabbi, meritorious and a mitzvah.

The question arose (and Rabbi Bleich noted it has frequently arisen) as to whether one is obligated to donate bone marrow for a person different from the one the test was for, especially if that person is not Jewish.

Absolutely, the rabbi replied. "If we respond positively to such a request, Jewish lives will be saved [in the same way]. If non-Jews are also saved, there is nothing wrong with that."

Halachah is very different from Canadian and American common law, Rabbi Bleich said. Common law does not insist that someone come to another person's aid unless there is some definite contractual relationship, such as a doctor may have with his patient.

Jewish law says both that a person is obligated to help someone in danger, and that a patient has an obligation to seek treatment.

"This is not a contractual obligation; it's an obligation that everyone owes G-d. G-d created man, and commanded him to preserve his own life and the life of others."

Exodus program brings Jewish teenagers to Israel

JERUSALEM — More than 500 Jewish teenagers had the adventure of a lifetime this past summer, thanks to a unique project organized by the WZO Youth & Hechalutz Department and funded by the Jewish Agency.

Called Exodus, the program sought to re-create the journey of thousands of Jewish refugees who sailed to Israel during the 1930s and 1940s.

Known as Aliyah Bet, the "illegal" immigration to Palestine was fraught with difficulties and danger.

Though it would be impossible to re-create the refugee experience aboard a ship with a swimming pool and air-conditioning, the teens — who were on their way to Israel to take part in a variety of summer Israel Experience programs — quickly got into the spirit of the adventure.

The teens — aged 13 to 18 — (from eight different youth groups) boarded a ship, Exodus 94, in Brindisi, Italy. Once aboard, they took part in workshops related to Aliyah Bet and the plight of the refugees.

Directed by the staff, the kids tried to imagine themselves in the shoes of the refugees, who had lost virtually everything. Sitting in circles all around the ship, they wrestled with hypothetical dilemmas, such as whether they would stay in Europe after the Holocaust or risk their lives sailing to Palestine.

Other workshops dealt with the issue of inter-dating and inter-marriage where the kids discussed the difficulties of growing up in mixed communities, where Jews live among non-Jews.

When they weren't attending seminars, they had the opportunity to speak with several members of the original fleet of Aliyah Bet ships, including Ike Arrane, the captain of the Exodus '47.

Arrane patiently explained the elements of fiction in Leon Uris' novel, *Exodus* and that the refugees aboard the real Exodus '47 were sent back to Europe.

In lighter moments, the teens manned the ship's radio and gave updates on the whereabouts of the "British fleet," or designed posters with headlines from newspapers from the 1940s. That done, they sat by the pool and socialized.

About an hour out of Haifa Bay, the teens were assembled on the deck; they were amazed to see a small plane directly overhead. As the plane flew above, it dropped leaflets, saying: "We are the Authorities — Do not Endanger Yourselves Further Surrender Peacefully."

A few moments later, the "British" appeared again, this time in the guise of a navy boat (actually part of the Israeli Navy).

Throughout the fictional capture of their ship by the British, the teens waved flags and home-made banners, and danced Israeli dances around the deck.

Soon after arriving in Israel, the groups were bused to Atlit, the prison camp where many Jewish refugees were interned before the establishment of the State. There, the kids talked about their experience aboard the ship.

Virtually all said they'd had a great time, thanks in large part to the friendships they'd made during the three days at sea.

Hoshanas one of most beautiful holiday ceremonies

By FRED WEINBERG
Special to The CJN

One of the most beautiful ceremonies in the Jewish liturgy takes place on Sukkot.

It consists of processional circuits, called hoshanas, in which as many worshippers as possible, including children, walk around the synagogue holding in their hands the lulav and the etrog.

The circuit is made around the bimah and indeed around the entire circumference of the synagogue as a reminder of what took place in the Temple of Jerusalem when the lulav was carried around the Temple altar during the seven days of Sukkot.

The lulav is held with the spine facing the holder. (The etrog, and the two other plants that are inserted on each side of the lulav, the myrtle and the willow, complete the arba'ah minim, the four kinds of plant life that are symbolic of Sukkot.)

The march around the synagogue takes place towards the end of the service when a scroll is taken from the ark and stationed on the reader's desk, while the congregation carrying the arba'ah minim walk in procession around the bimah.

In the past few years there have been many archaeological discoveries in the Middle East. Most widely found are representations of the Temple and its contents. In ancient synagogue sites and in manuscript illustrations these symbols, which include the lulav and etrog, denote hope for national and religious regeneration.

The lulav and etrog are found in their finest symbolic form on the walls of the third century synagogue at Dura Europus in Syria, in the fifth century floor in Israel in the kibbutz of Beth Alpha and in many illuminated manuscripts of the Middle Ages.

One of the most complete and best preserved of such manuscripts is the Perpignan Bible, written in that city in southern France in the year 1299. There are many similar later bibles that followed this style in which the full range of temple instruments is spread out over two pages.

The menorah, that is the temple candelabrum, and the implements for its care are prominent on one page, but there is also depicted the lulav and etrog.

When Jewish coins were minted in the 300-year period from the revolt of the Maccabees to the rebellion of Bar Kochba in 135 CE, the Jewish symbols of the lulav and etrog appeared on those coins of bronze and silver.

The lulav is a palm tree branch. Of all the trees, the palm figures most prominently in Jewish folklore. The palm motif appeared on the walls, doors and the pillars of the tabernacle and the Temple. Indeed life and fertility were expressed by the symbolism of the pomegranate and the palm tree. The pomegranate, rich in seed, decorated the ceremonial gown of the High Priest and is still remembered today in the rimmonim (pomegranates) which adorn scrolls, "the tree of life for those who cling to it."

From New Year's greeting card. c.1900, New York, Hebrew Publishing Co. [photo courtesy the author]

613 seeds

Indeed the staves on which the Torah parchment is rolled and on which the rimmonim rest, are called the atzei chayim, the trees of life. According to chassidic tradition, the pomegranate has 613 seeds equal in number to the 613 mitzvot, biblical commandments.

The palm tree was possibly important because its fruit was a major element in the Middle Eastern diet. This relationship of fruitfulness and the palm tree and water was emphasized in the Sukkot celebration in Temple days when the lulav and etrog were featured in the prayers for water.

So, harkening back to Temple days with hopes for redemption and restoration of Jewish worship and ceremonies in the future, the circuit with the etrog and lulav around synagogues today forms a beautiful party of the Sukkot liturgical worship and, especially for the children who participate, a wonderful memory.

UJA to start in London

LONDON — United Jewish Appeal will kick off its 1995 campaign with a Jewish art exhibit and sale Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Jewish Community Centre.

Over 20 artists will exhibit ceramics, graphic art, photography and video art. The evening will also feature a musical trio and wine reception.

Lorraine Sandler, volunteer relations co-chair for UJA/Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and past chair of UJA Women's Division, will be the keynote speaker. Daphne Stevens, London Jewish Federation social services committee chair, will discuss local Jewish communal needs and the UIA video *Escape from Sarajevo* will be screened.

Project co-chairs Donna Cohen and Linda Finestone are joined by a committee including Jeff Phillips, Ronnee Alter, Kathyrn Ferguson, Sabina Finestone, Barbara Ginsberg, Laraine Hurwitz, Sue Hussey, Debbie Kapp, Leah Lyubechansky, Joyce Phillips, Elaine Richmond, Fran Rubin, Mickey Scott, Hannah Sherebrin and Rael Wienberg.

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the name of the author of the article "South America's Jews," (*CJN*, Rosh Hashanah supplement, Sept. 1) was listed incorrectly.

The name should have read Evelyn Weinrib.

The CJN regrets the error.

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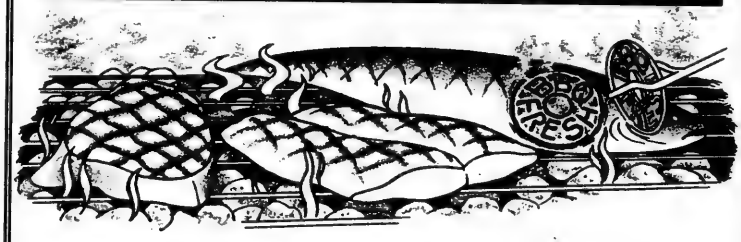

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Josette and Selim Sassoon at the Shaar Ha-Shamayim Synagogue in Cairo.

Egyptian Jew returns to land of Pharoahs

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For 21 years, Selim Sassoon, an Egyptian Jew, worked as an executive accountant for the Shell Oil company in Cairo.

Then in 1956, with the Suez crisis looming, Sassoon became convinced there was no future for Jews in Egypt and took his family to Canada, part of a modern exodus that saw the end of the 80,000-strong Jewish community of Egypt.

But this summer, the 85-year-old grandfather, who now lives in Toronto, was carried back down unto Egypt like Jacob in his old age, seeing again the Sphinx and the Gizan pyramids under which his family used to picnic, and many other familiar sights.

"It was wonderful," he says of the four-week trip he took with daughter Josette Sassoon, 46. "I don't regret a moment of it."

The Sassoons had not been back to Cairo in 38 years. "Everything was changed completely," he said. The family used to take a half-hour streetcar ride to the once-outlying zoo. Now the zoo is in the midst of Cairo's buildings.

While the Sassoons' sojourn in Egypt was one of personal reminiscence, it also took in most of the sites relevant to the long history of the Jews in Cairo. Perhaps foremost among these is Ben Ezra Synagogue, the 11th-century edifice that is surrounded by some 29 mosques and 20 churches in an extremely old part of the city. Its genizah, a storage space behind a wall, was rediscovered in the last century, yielding Jewish manuscripts once thought lost. "Groping our way through bumpy, cobbled, narrow streets surrounded by stone constructions, I really felt that we were walking back in time and history," said Josette.

Another synagogue, Shaar Ha-Shamayim, was surrounded by security guards who at first barred the duo. They eventually got permission to enter the building where Selim married his late wife, Dora, more than 50 years ago, and where Josette's naming and her brother's circumcision took place.

Inside, they were astonished by the grandeur of the building, replete with stained glass windows and imported Italian marble floors, columns and stairways. "It still seemed as beautiful and majestic as I remembered it as a little girl," she said. However, Selim was shocked that a massive chandelier had been sold by the congregation to raise funds to maintain the synagogue.

"The ark is interesting, it's like a little room," said Josette. "It still has 32 Torahs inside. The Torahs came from Iraq a long, long time ago."

The Sassoons also visited their former home and the English immersion school where Josette and her brother once studied. As well, they took a cruise up the Nile to Luxor, where Selim pointed out the balcony of the hotel room where he and his wife had honeymooned.

"For my father, this was a trip down memory lane," Josette said. "I could have gone on a tour any time I wanted, but to have gone with my Dad was wonderful. I couldn't have found my house or any of the other things without him."

Selim, who was awarded a Governor General's award last year on the 125th anniversary of Canada for his community volunteerism, said his family is not related to the wealthy Sassoon dynasty of the 19th century, which has been called the Rothschilds of the East. "There are very many families with the name Sassoon," said Selim, whose parents came from the Sephardi communities of Iraq and Iran. "It's a very common name, like Smith. There are Sassoons in Hong Kong, China, and especially India."

Israel-Egypt medical project

PETAH TIKVAH, Israel — The Children's Medical Centre of Israel (CMCI), the only critical-care hospital for children in the Middle East, will be among the first Israeli institutions to take part in joint medical projects with Egypt.

A senior Egyptian delegation headed by Mahmoud Abd El Halim Elshahawi, deputy director of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, was in Israel to sign a number of cooperative agreements in the fields of science, education, and medicine.

The accords marked the first such agreements between the two nations since 1980, according to Uri Bar-Ner, deputy director general for science, culture and academia of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

He announced that CMCI would be part of this cooperative agreement. Physician exchanges between Egypt and Israel are expected to begin in the near future under the agreement.

While on their mission to Israel, the Egyptian officials visited the Centre of Hematology-Oncology at CMCI, where they saw two 8-year-old boys from the Gaza Strip who are receiving bone-marrow transplants.

Elshahawi said he and his colleagues were delighted to visit the advanced-treatment medical centre. They also met a physician from Gaza who is receiving special training in pediatric hematology-oncology.

Dr. Eliahu Wielunsky, deputy director of CMCI, said the hospital, which opened two years ago in Petah Tkivah, "is the realization of a dream of creating a bridge of peace between Israel and its neighbors."

New Na'amat Israel leader to visit Ottawa

OTTAWA — Etty Danzig, national president of Na'amat Canada, announced plans are being formulated to welcome Ofra Friedman, newly elected president of Na'amat Israel, at the national board meeting, to be held in Ottawa October 22-23, 1994.

The national board, representative body of Na'amat members across Canada, will discuss policy for the coming year.

They will hear directly from Friedman of current needs and the progress of Na'amat Canada's newest project in Israel, the building of a shelter and counselling centre for victims of family violence in Tel Aviv.

Friedman was elected president of the influential women's movement in Israel for the next four years at the 16th National Convention of Na'amat held in Tel Aviv July 18 and 19. She succeeds Masha Lubelsky, MK, deputy minister of trade & industry, who stepped down following her election to the Knesset.

A dynamic leader of Na'amat since 1982, Friedman has been chair of the Status of Women Department of Na'amat since 1990. Prior to that she was legal counsellor and director of Na'amat Legal Aid Bureaus.

Born in Tel Aviv, she graduated from the law school of Tel Aviv University in 1973 and served for a time as legal counsel at the Israeli Embassy in Paris.

High on her agenda is to get more women involved in standing up for their rights.

"As the largest women's movement in Israel, we have immense political and economic power," Friedman asserted. "Na'amat will concentrate its efforts on women's economic status in determining their position in the home, in the workplace, in politics and in promoting women to municipal boards, boards of directors of large public corporatioons and other power centres."

Ofra Friedman

Since 1921, Na'amat has championed women's rights and maintained its focus on greater equality for women.

With the support of Na'amat Canada and sister organizations in 14 countries worldwide, Na'amat Israel provides vital social services to women and their families by maintaining day care centres, day/night homes, vocational high schools, free legal aid services, centres for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and family health centres.

In Canada, Na'amat promotes Jewish education and culture and participates actively in Canadian civic life.

Bar-Ilan offers pluralistic campus with religious tone

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although Israel's Bar-Ilan University is often perceived as an "Orthodox university," over half the students are graduates of secular high schools, according to David Weinberg, spokesman and director of English communications for the university.

Nor are all members of the teaching staff Orthodox, said the former Torontonian in a recent interview at the *CJN's* Toronto office. In fact, there are even some non-Jewish students at the university.

Weinberg, 32, has been affiliated with Bar-Ilan since January, when he became coordinator for external affairs and academic editor at the university's Begin-Sadat (BESA) Centre for Strategic Studies. In June he took on a communications role in addition to his BESA Centre responsibilities. Prior to his aliyah in 1990, he was director of research and education for the Canada-Israel Committee.

"The Canadian connection at Bar-Ilan is really strong," noted Weinberg. The first parlor meeting to discuss supporting the university was held in Montreal 40 years ago, he said.

Bar-Ilan, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, was established as a "bridge," Weinberg explained. "Its main emphasis is on being a moderating force in an increasingly polarized society."

It is the third-largest university in Israel, with regional colleges in Safed, the Jordan Valley, Ashkelon and Kedumim, as well as its main Ramat Gan campus.

What makes the university unique is its combination of secular and Judaic studies, the latter of which are compulsory. "Every student comes out with the equivalent of a minor in Jewish studies," Weinberg explained.

David Weinberg

Credit courses such as Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, Bible and Jewish Literature comprise an important part of the Bar-Ilan curriculum.

The university also offers a broad range of secular studies, including Law, Social Work, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Musicology and Librarianship.

Students include Russian and Ethiopian olim, senior citizens, overseas students and soldiers in the Israel Defence Force. The latter group finds Bar-Ilan attractive because of the university's large complement of evening classes and its regional colleges, which may be more accessible for them, explained Weinberg.

"The campus is very much a pluralistic place — with an additional religious flavor," Weinberg said.

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Organizations and People

McGill study makes 'cautiously optimistic' forecast

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A "cautiously optimistic" forecast that Montreal Jewry can maintain a population of around 100,000 is presented in a McGill University study based on the 1991 Canadian census.

The main reasons for this are slowed out-migration, immigration, former Montrealers returning, a minor baby boom and a low intermarriage rate, said James Torczyner, co-author with Shari Brotman, of *Diversity and Continuity: The Demographic Challenges Facing Montreal Jewry.*

The 231-page paper provides amplification and further analysis of the preliminary study of the community released last November during the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) General Assembly (GA).

"From a demographic standpoint, Montreal Jewry has weathered the most dramatic losses of its population," the study concludes. What the past can't tell, of course, is what effect Quebec's political future may have on the community.

As was made known last November at the GA, the authors identified 101,210 Jews in Montreal in 1991 based on a definition of Jewish by religion and/or ethnicity, but excluding ethnic Jews with a religion other than Judaism.

That represents a loss of 2.1 per cent from 1981 and 8 per cent from 1971 when the community reached a recorded peak of 109,485. Relatively, though, Montreal has slipped much more; the community is now the ninth biggest in North America, where in 1971 it was sixth.

It's loss of numbers may be less than expected, but in contrast to the growth of the Canadian Jewish population in general (14 per cent) and Toronto in particular (26 per cent) from 1981-91, Montreal is simply holding steady.

The authors found that almost 4,500 Jews moved to Montreal between 1986-91, 85 per cent of whom were immigrants, most of them born in Morocco or Israel. (The census does not reveal last country of residence). In the same period, about 3,100 Jews left Montreal for other parts of Canada.

Between 1971-91, 13,905 Jewish immigrants came to Montreal, including 6,355 from 1981 to 1991.

Montreal Jews are also having more children. The percentage of Jewish children under age 14 rose to 19 per cent, and almost 20 per cent of families had three or more kids.

The 25-34 age group diminished the most over the decade and the over 75s increased, but the 50-74 bracket was down, indicating to the authors that the aging of the community may be levelling off. It's still a comparatively elderly community with 22 per cent over age 65.

Although the percentage increased slightly from 1981, Montreal Jews still have the lowest intermarriage rate in North America. Just under seven per cent of all Montreal Jews (of all ages) live in intermarried families.

The number of Sephardim is estimated at between 14,500 and 20,500 depending on how much weight you give various determinants. The census, of course, does not ask this information, so Torczyner and Brotman have used the variables of language, country of birth and year of immigration, at the same time, recognizing that all Sephardim are not French-speaking and that country of birth is not always a reliable indicator.

Thus the lower figure puts more emphasis on place of birth, such as North Africa, and the higher stresses language — French, Spanish or Arabic.

French is the mother tongue of 16 per cent of Montreal Jews, making Montreal the city with the largest number of francophone Jews outside France or Israel. Almost 10 per cent of Montreal Jews were born in North Africa or other French-speaking countries.

Over 60 per cent of Montreal Jews claim to speak English and French, up from 50 per cent bilingual rate of 1981.

Only 63 per cent of Montreal Jews are Canadian-born, and English was the main language of the home for 56 per cent.

While past studies by Torczyner have focussed on surprisingly high levels of poverty among Montreal Jews, this paper shows that the community generally has a higher income than the Montreal and Canadian averages, but Montreal Jews are not as well off as Canadian Jews as a whole.

Although three times as many Jews earned over $75,000 in 1991 than did the general Montreal population (7.9 per cent vs. 2.2 per cent), almost 60 per cent of Jews over age 15 earned less than $25,000. Twenty percent of all Jews were below or marginal to the poverty line, while in Montreal generally the rate was 25 per cent.

A large proportion of the Jewish poor were elderly women.

The lowest earners were in the 15-34 years and 65-plus categories, which can be explained by the fact that many of these people either have not entered or have retired from the workforce.

The wealthiest were those in the 35-64 age range, with 30 per cent making more than $50,000 that year.

The prosperity of Montreal Jews can be attributed in large part to their high level of education, the study says. More than 40 per cent were either enrolled in university or had completed at least a bachelor's degree. These rates are twice that of Canadians and Montrealers generally.

Three times as many Montreal Jews (12 per cent) had obtained at least a master's degree compared to the Canadian average.

Montreal Jews are over-represented in many professions. They are 3.6 per cent of the city's total population, but 10 per cent of doctors and dentists and over five per cent of lawyers, accountants and notaries are Jewish.

The study was conducted by the McGill Consortium for Ethnicity & Strategic Social Planning, in conjunction with CJF Canada, Federation CJA and Statistics Canada.

Torczyner and Brotman say the Montreal Jewish community has remained highly cohesive despite the changes and "angst" it has gone through in the last 20 years. But the data, which describe a very diverse Jewish population culturally and economically, should pose serious questions for community decision-makers concerned with serving its needs and making all Jews feel a part of the community, Torczyner said.

The study was released with much fanfare at McGill in the presence of representatives of various Quebec ministries and Jewish communal agencies, and included the participation of new McGill principal Bernard Shapiro and Harvey Wolfe, vice-president of CJF Canada.

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Funding essential for 'quality' of life

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Spending more money on health care does not affect longevity but it can improve quality of life, says a prominent cardiologist.

Dr. Eric Cohen, a specialist in angioplasty at Sunnybrook Health Centre, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association. About 100 people attended his lecture on the modern treatment of heart disease.

Although considerably more money is spent on medical care in the United States than in Canada, Americans don't live any longer, Cohen said. But he stressed that easy access to hi-tech medical treatment enables the majority of Americans with heart disease to live with less discomfort and disability than their Canadian counterparts.

"Americans get diagnosed and treated quickly so they can get on with their lives," he said. "We make people wait. Canadians put up with more symptoms — chronic pain, shortness of breath and limited ability to exercise."

These symptoms can interfere with work and with leisure activities, but Cohen said that Canadians in life threatening situations get immediate treatment.

"[We] may not be doing as well as we think we are," but there's no easy solution because governments can't afford to put more money into health care, he said. He does not advocate the American health system for Canada.

"Americans are paying a price in terms of other aspects of their quality of life with their social and economic problems," he said. American medicine is also too competitive and commercialized, he said. "American hospitals compete to have patients. Canadian hospitals compete not to have patients."

Cohen said the business aspect of medicine — pharmaceutical companies and the manufactures of hi-tech medical equipment — affects treatment on both sides of the border. Medical treatment is based on economics as much as it is based on science, he said.

For example, higher blood cholesterol levels are no longer considered acceptable, thanks to influence from pharmaceutical companies as well as medical research, Cohen said.

Cohen's lecture covered the physiology of the heart, risks factors for heart disease, the various types of heart disease, diagnostic methods and the various treatment techniques. The audience asked many questions pertaining to by-pass operations and angioplasty.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah welcomes new rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The move from sunny Alabama to Toronto is not as traumatic as it might have been for Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, new spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue.

After all, the 36-year-old rabbi notes, he was born and educated in Ottawa.

He took up his new position in July, replacing Rabbi Steven Cohen, who has made aliyah.

Rabbi Tradburks earned his BA in philosophy at Carleton University, "with a religion major thrown in."

After studying at Yeshivat Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, and at Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, he moved to New York, where he received smichah (rabbinic ordination) at Yeshiva University.

Staying on for the advanced Yadin Yadin program, he taught at the university's special program for youngsters entering with no yeshivah background.

His first position was as assistant rabbi at Young Israel of Staten Island. In 1987, he assumed the position of spiritual leader of Knesseth Israel Congregation in Birmingham, Alabama.

He became very active in the community, becoming involved with kashruth supervision, community organizations like Federation and Israel Bonds, and the Jewish community centre.

Many of these responsibilities fell to him, he said, because the rabbis of the Reform and Conservative synagogues had much larger congregations to occupy themselves with.

As in any small Jewish community, "there were such thin resources that any Jewish content had to be self-started."

He organized, for instance, a Friday Judaic program at the Jewish community centre pre-school, and was actively involved in adding Jewish programming to their camp.

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks

The Birmingham community, he mused, is "successful, wealthy and highly respected. They are very involved in the civic world."

He noted that relations between the Jewish and Christian communities were very good.

"It's interesting. There are many Southern Baptists and Fundamentalist Christians there who are strong supporters of Israel and have a great fascination with Jews and Israel."

He would frequently give presentations and classes about Judaism. "They wanted to understand what their Messiah's life was like," he said.

Although he was happy in Birmingham, ("I went there with an enormous pioneering spirit, and I got to do lots of interesting things.") he was equally happy to come to Toronto.

"Toronto is the best Jewish city outside Israel in terms of education," he said, speaking not only of his children (he and his wife Joyce, a kindergarten teacher, have four children, Dvorah, age 10; Yosef, 8; Eli, 6 and David, 3) but of "my own personal growth [which] wasn't getting the attention it ought to."

For an outsider coming in, Rabbi Tradburks said, Toronto is a strong community.

"Toronto doesn't have to deal with many of the negative pressures of a free society, which lead to tremendous intermarriage, assimilation, and a sense of having to justify being Jewish. In the United States, many have lost the intuitive sense of why it is important to be Jewish."

Kehillat Shaarei Torah is an active centre of Jewish life, he said, with many young families and lots of bar mitzvahs.

"The shul is a tremendous success story. It has grown from a small group to an active and strong institution."

The best thing about it, he said, is that in spite of its increasing size (it now has 175 families), it is "still heimish and friendly. It is still possible for everyone to know everyone else."

Rabbi Tradburks is enthusiastically making plans. He wants to develop youth programs, encourage NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth, the Orthodox synagogue youth program) and Free Torah High, as well as developing pre and post bar/bat mitzvah activities.

"Shaarei Shomayim has invited us to participate in their year-long bar mitzvah program," he said.

He is planning a "Turn Friday Night into Shabbat" and holiday related family programs, so that members will feel encouraged to come to the synagogue as a family unit.

Add to these ideas a chavurah program, where groups will meet in each other's homes and, for instance, discuss Jewish approaches to current events, and the rabbi hopes to have something to appeal to every age group.

A lot of people, he said, want to feel a part of an Orthodox shul. But because they themselves are not completely observant, "they may not feel comfortable in a shul with predominately shomrei shabbos people. They have a right to feel welcome."

He has been asked to join the Vaad Harabonim, and hopes in time to become active in community groups, such as Federation and the Jewish Community Centre.

He is particularly interested in education and outreach.

Jews have to ask themselves difficult questions if they want to ensure that the North American community will thrive, he believes.

Kehilla program seeking input on low-cost home ownership

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A non-profit organization is looking for input from Toronto's Jewish community about low-cost home ownership.

"We'd like to survey their needs — find out what they can afford to pay, and what kind of housing they're looking for," said Stephanie Olin-Chapman, executive director of the Kehilla Residential Program.

Founded as a subcommittee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto in 1982, Kehilla has developed three projects to date: Project MARC at 6091 Bathurst St.; the Avenel at 262 Ridley Blvd.; and Elm Ridge Residence, a seniors building now managed by the Baycrest Hospital.

Kehilla is concentrating on the Bathurst Street corridor from St. Clair Avenue into Thornhill. "We're asking people in our surveys, 'Where do you want to live?' and so far no one has said Scarborough," said Olin-Chapman.

The registered charity is also involved in a housing initiative called HaBayit Shelanu, a 59-unit supported seniors building presently under construction on Kendall Avenue, near Casa Loma. "We've also done research in support of basement apartments," Olin-Chapman said.

Kehilla's activities are overseen by a 24-person, volunteer board of director The organization "works to ensure that all members of the [Jewish] communi., are safely and adequately housed," according to its mission statement.

Olin-Chapman said she wants to hear from people interested in affordable home ownership. She said instead of paying a lot in rent, they could use the money to support a mortgage.

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BY MIRIAM HERMAN

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Sunday, Sept. 18

DILEMMA OF AN OLDER FEMINIST

The Dilemma of an Older Feminist in the Jewish Community is the topic of the presentation by **Ruth Goldsmith** at the meeting of the North York chapter, Older Women's Network being held 1:30 p.m. Ruth Goldsmith is active in the Jewish community and participates in the ongoing work of the Older Women's Network. OWN is a feminist organization committed to enhancing the lives of older women through advocacy, networking and creative activities. For information, call 665-3149.

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JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network is an organization whose aim is to provide emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre and information exchange. The monthly discussion meeting is from 4-6 p.m. at Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information, (905) 669-0904.

BIALIK SPORT SALE

Why buy new when you can recycle and save money too at the Bialik Sport Sale featuring used skates, skis, hockey, baseball and soccer equipment, bikes, and more. Sale runs from noon to 2 p.m. in the Bialik Hebrew Day School gym at 12 Viewmount Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 22

MARNIE KIMELMAN RAINBOW ROOM

The opening of the Marnie Kimelman Rainbow Room takes place at the Hospital for Sick Children. The presentation is at 7 p.m. RSVP no later than Sept. 20 to **Anna Morrone**, 813-6632.

And What Else Is New...

SETTING UP BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce is presenting a lecture, Setting Up a Business in Israel, Sunday morning, Sept. 25. Guest speakers include **Leon Bleiwas**, tax partner, Deloitte & Touche; **Brian D. Segal/Schuyler Sigel** of the law firm Baker & McKenzie; and **Brian Ceresne** a small business consultant specializing in Israel. For information, phone the chamber at 961-7302.

HEBREW ULPAN

The Israel Youth Program Centre is offering an intermediate conversational ulpan led by **Yael Lev**. Improve your Hebrew conversational skills in a fun and exciting environment through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles. Classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch and last 10 sessions. People of all ages are welcome. Space is limited, so sign up now! For information, call the Israel Program Centre at 398-6931. Remember, with a language, if you don't use it, you will lose it!

CATCH THE HOLY DAY SPIRIT

Catch the spirit of the High Holy Days. Come to the Koffler Gallery Showcase and take a tour through the High Holiday season, courtesy of sculptor **Herman Reches**. Start with the Rosh Hashanah *Shofar Blowing*, Yom Kippur's *Al Chet*, the shaking of the *Lulov and Etrog* on Sukkot and the celebrations of Simchat Torah. Appropriate for all ages. Come one and all. No charge.

FUN, FOOD AND SOCIAL

Fun, food, social, creative programming. Interested? Chaverim chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, a group of women in their 30s and 40s, is for you. Meetings are Wednesday evenings. For information, **Maureen**, (905) 731-9248, or **Joanne** (905) 731-7473.

PART-TIME FATHERS' GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering a group to help fathers who are not living with their children redefine their role as father, while exploring the area of solo parenting. Group begins Oct. 13. For information, phone **Elinor Gertner**, (905) 882-2331.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Skills For Change is accepting nominations for the third annual New Pioneers Awards which will be presented in March 1995. These awards recognize outstanding immigrants and refugees who have made significant achievements in their area of expertise and who have contributed to the community. Newcomers are recognized in eight categories — Arts, Community Service, Entrepreneurship, Education and Training Leadership, and Science and Technology. There is also a special award for an outstanding youth (16-24 years) and an award for a Skills For Change graduate. Nominations must be submitted by Sept. 23. Forms are available; contact Skills For Change at 658-3101, ext. 312.

Skills For Change is a charitable, United Way member agency dedicated to empowering immigrants and refugees through training and associated programs to participate in the workplace and wider community.

THE HISTORY OF THE DINOSAUR

Discover the world of dinosaurs close-up — their behavior, habitats, and the mystery of their disappearance at an educational and entertaining first-of-its-kind exhibit entitled the History of the Dinosaur on view Sept. 20-Oct. 15 at Bramalea City Centre, Hwy 7 and Dixie Rd. Admission is free. For information, (905) 793-4682.

CNIB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has a variety of volunteer opportunities — sales/store assistant, days only; square dance assistant weekday afternoons or evenings; help visually impaired shuffle board players; friendly visitor who is patient, outgoing and empathetic. An employment counsellor assistant with office skills and pleasant telephone manner is needed for a few hours a week to assist in preparing information for CNIB clients. Contact the Volunteer Centre-North York, 631-6117 for information.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Sensitive listeners are available to listen at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line, 636-9610.

Lonely? Did a relationship break up? Trouble at work? Is something else bothering you? A Tel-Aide volunteer listener would be happy to spend time with you on the phone. All Tel-Aide volunteers have taken an extensive training course and are well-qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

NARAYEVER COMMUNITY SINGERS

The Narayever Community Singers, under the direction of **Brian Katz**, has been celebrating the rich diversity of Jewish music since 1991 when a group from the Narayever Synagogue (an egalitarian congregation on Brunswick Ave.) decided to get together and sing for the love of it! An invitation is extended to the community-at-large for new choir members (synagogue affiliation not required) to join in Sundays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (except third Sunday of the month). Call **Brian Katz**, 656-5995 for information.

YIDDISH CONFERENCE

The second International Conference of Yiddish Clubs will take place from Friday, Oct. 7 to Monday, Oct. 10, at two venues: OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., and the Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. (corner Bloor). Beginning Friday evening with an Oyneg Shabbes, the conference will include study sessions, workshops, lectures, a gala Saturday evening concert and a special tribute Sunday evening to the recently deceased fabulist and poet **Peretz Miransky.**

Participants include poet and novelist **Chava Rosenfarb,** a Holocaust survivor; **Prof. Eugene Orenstein,** chair of the McGill University Yiddish Studies program; Montreal teacher and lecturer **Liba Augenfeld;** Yiddish folk singer **Clair Klein Osipov** of Vancouver; the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band of Toronto; the Yiddish Players, featuring actors **Allen Farkas, Michael Lebovic, Gloria Valentine** and **Murray Ellis;** the Beth Tikvah choir led by **Srul Glick; Cantor Louis Danto; Nathan Garnick;** and **Chayele Thalenberg.** To register or for more information, contact conference coordinator **Bess Shockett**, 303 Joicey Blvd., 787-0526 or Fax 631-5718.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups:

Adult Child Losing a Parent — understand the grief process and move toward acceptance and growth, begins Oct. 19.

Parenting School Age Children — discuss discipline, self-esteem and realistic expectations, begins Oct. 20.

Successful Step Parenting: Learning to Step Together — explore strategies for healthy step family life, begins Oct. 4.

For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

REENA VOLUNTEERS

There are many ways volunteering for Reena can be a rewarding and challenging experience — PAL-unteers work one-on-one with an individual with a developmental handicap, teaching important basic values and helping him/her to develop a trusting friendship: Home-buddies visit and help out in one of Reena's many group homes; Recreation and leisure volunteers escort people with a developmental handicap to various classes/events and assist class instructor; Administrative volunteers share their office skills with support staff; Family Friends invite an individual with a developmental handicap, who may not have a family of his/her own, to participate in family activities/special dinners; Speakers Bureau, people from all walks of life, with a variety of skills, to speak to groups on behalf of Reena (training program provided). For information, contact **Arlene Margolese**, coordinator of Volunteer Services, 787-9554, ext. 3036 or 787-0131.

PARENTING CLASSES

Become more skillful at raising your children by learning how to effectively discipline, communicate with your children, develop a positive family atmosphere, solve problems at home and build your child's self esteem. Call the Parenting Education Centre of Ontario (a non-profit organization) to register for upcoming fall courses beginning Sept. 19. For information, contact **Corey Finkelstein**, 512-8135.

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir will launch its 69th season this fall, under the direction of conductor **Esther Ghan Firestone**, and is accepting new singers in all voice ranges. An exciting program is planned, including a medley of chassidic songs, the folk oratorio *Ich Bin a Yid* (I am a Jew) by **Vladimir Heifetz**, based on **Itzik Feffer's** narrative poem; classical works on Jewish themes, and international folk songs. If you are interested in maintaining your links with your Yiddish roots and learning traditional and contemporary works in Yiddish, Hebrew, English and other languages, this may be the choir for you. Some ability to read music is useful. The choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. For information, **Sharon** 756-7865 or **Jean** 489-7681.

A YIDDISH CLASS FOR EVERYONE!

Yiddish conversation, high school credit, university and children's classes start right after the holidays. The basics of conversation, reading, writing, literature, culture, music, make learning Yiddish fun and exciting. For information, **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 635-2883, ext. 155.

DESIGNED TO HELP CAREGIVERS

North York Public Health Department is offering an eight-week session designed to help caregivers, beginning Monday, Sept. 19, 9:30-11 a.m., at North York Senior Centre, 21 Hendon Ave. Presented by public health nurse **Luz Bonnin**, the sessions will focus on Ways to Make Caring Easier; Accommodation Alternatives; Community Services; Safety In and Out of the Home; Wellness for Caregivers. To register, call **Anita**, North York Senior Centre, 733-4111.

PASSPORT TO SAFETY

The North York Committee on Community Race and Ethnic Relations is seeking tour guides and special events assistants for Passport to safety Emergency Services day to be held Friday, Sept. 23. This is a short term volunteer opportunity for youth and adults. Contact the Volunteer Centre-North York, 631-6117.

for seniors

Programming shifts into high gear as the **Wagman Centre** and North York Board of Education co-sponsor a varied program of courses this fall. Registration takes place one hour prior to the first class. Beginning Monday, Sept. 19, are Intermediate Bridge, 10 a.m.; Creative Writing, 10 a.m.; Ballroom Dancing 1 p.m.; Line Dancing 2 p.m. Beginning Monday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. is Yiddish Culture and Language. Starting Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. is Opera Appreciation.

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Beginning Thursday, Sept. 22, are Pottery, 9:30 a.m.; Current Events in Yiddish, 10 a.m.; and Calligraphy, 1:15 p.m. All courses take place at the Wagman Centre. For details, 785-2500, ext. 2267.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Bingo is the program on Sept. 22. A Sukkot party with dance, Israeli food and wine is set for Saturday, Sept. 24, members $8, non-members $10. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — Sunday, Sept. 18, dance with a live band in the Community Centre, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $4, non-members $5; Wednesday, Oct. 12, Stage West to see *Pyjama Tops*, members $34, includes transportation and all-you-can-eat buffet; Oct. 17-20, Atlantic City casino trip, with transportation, three nights deluxe accommodation, three breakfasts, three full dinners, two casino shows and medical insurance, members $325, non-members $335, Canadian funds; Tuesday, Nov. 1 and 15 local day trips departing 9 a.m. from the Community Centre, $5 members only. For information on all activities, call **Espie**, 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for the three-week Israeli trip, Oct. 31-Nov. 21. Tickets are still available for *Twelfth Night* at Stratford Sept. 29. A fall color cruise is planned for early October to Bobcageon including a visit to Weitung Indian Gallery and a kosher lunch. For information on all programs, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Funtime 55 Plus invites you to a fall color tour Tuesday, Oct. 4., with buffet lunch at Nohawasa Inn in Alliston then travel to scenic Collingwood, see the fall colors and stop off at different points of interest. Also, watch for your winter vacation in Florida. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to the Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour with a professional guide takes place Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal, $484 Canadian, double occupancy, includes bus, four nights at Holiday Inn. Also, will be going to kosher restaurants for three meals daily. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Senior Adult Services in the Annex offers a wide variety of activities including Tai Chi, bridge, drawing and painting, excursions, social events and much more. For information, 923-8909.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting Skills for Living with **Harriet Sharkey**. Come and discuss coping with stress, becoming more assertive, improving relationships. Sessions take place Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20. This program is offered in partnership with North York Board of education. Register in advance with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk, 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) presents The Challenge of the Pacific Rim with **Rebecca Chua**, University of Singapore and University of South Carolina. Gain knowledge of the forces that shaped the history, political boundaries, cultural perceptions and religious beliefs of this region. Series runs Tuesdays, at 10 a.m., from Oct. 4-Jan. 12. Members no charge, non-members $22 (George Brown College fee). For information, contact **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, is holding a fifth anniversary party with dinner and entertainment Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. members $14, non-members $16. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie, *Places in the Heart* will be screened Sunday, Sept. 18, 2:30 p.m. members free, non-members $1.

A dance with music by the Creative Band is set for Sunday, Sept. 18, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

at the JCC

Don't miss the beginning of the year. Senior Adult services, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch has numerous interesting programs starting this month — painting, folkdancing, drama and beginners class in mah jong, Hebrew class for Beginners III and Intermediate level. For information, call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Be sure to pick up a 1994/95 Program Guide at the Bloor JCC. Registration for fall programs has begun. Ask about the new family and children's athletic memberships which include free programs for your child and reduced program fees for adults. Call 924-6211 for more information.

About People

YIDDISH CULTURE GRANTS

The Montreal-based Foundation for Yiddish Culture in honor of Jacob Zipper and Shloime Wiseman awarded a 1994 grant to **Sheva Zucker**, a native of Winnipeg, for her work to prepare an anthology of Yiddish female prose writers in English translation. Her co-editors are Montreal University lecturer and poet **Linda Lipsky** and Vancouver poet and translator **Prof. Seymour Levitan.**

Grants were also awarded to two staff members of the Yiddish Program at Oxford University, England, **Genadi Estraich**, formerly of the Soviet Union, and **Chava Beer**, a native of Australia, and to a number of Israeli high schools to support Yiddish classes.

JEA CANADA REGION OFFICERS

The Jewish Educators Assembly, Canada region, has announced its executive for the 1994/95 school year. Incoming president is **Joan Schoenfeld**, principal of the Downtown Jewish Community School of Toronto. Secretary is **Laura Wiseman** acting principal of the Richmond Hill campus, United Synagogue Day School. Treasurer is **Larry Katz**, educational director of Beth Jacob Congregational School in Hamilton. Outgoing president is **Pnina Zilberman**, director of the Holocaust Remembrance Centre, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Joan Schoenfeld

The Jewish Educators Assembly is an educational professional organization which works in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

GOODMAN JUDAICA COLLECTION

Sheila and Robert Rothman (centre) join their daughters and sons-in-law, Lorne and Mimi Anisman (left), Shawna Rothman and Richard Cornblum (right), at the recent opening of an exhibit showcasing the extensive Judaica collection from the estate of the late Max and Evelyn Goodman, Mrs. Rothman's parents. The exhibit, on display until the fall at the Kanner Heritage Museum of Baycrest Centre, features Jewish artifacts, collectibles and ephemera, including samples from their Jewish postcard collection.

FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS VISIT BAYCREST

Five-month old macaws Oliver and Kirby kept resident Harold Pollack (right) and teen volunteer Emily Smyth enthralled at Baycrest Centre recently. The visit was part of an outdoor program for Baycrest clients which this year featured pet visiting. Among its many benefits, pet visiting enables clients to re-experience the joy of holding an animal and stimulates activity in people who may be withdrawn due to cognitive impairment or communication disabilities. The macaws were chosen for their bright colors and soft feathers, which increase sensory stimulation and for their affectionate natures. They were provided by PJ's Supercentre in Yorkdale and were accompanied by trainer Richard Bod (left) who raised the birds from birth.

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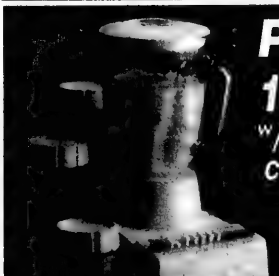

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Organizations and People

Maccabi slow pitch team captures bronze

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Okay, so the guys on the team considered it "wimp ball" and some didn't even think it was worth playing. But in the end, Toronto's junior Maccabi slooooow pitch team came away with a bronze medal.

Not bad when you consider that most team members play either baseball (hardball) or fastpitch and were at a disadvantage trying to figure out how to hit the slow, arcing pitches.

Team coach Bob Cohen, a major league baseball scout, said the team's accomplishment was even more remarkable considering the relatively small population pool from which he drew. Most of the 13-man team come from Thornhill and they found themselves competing against units from Chicago and Los Angeles.

Nevertheless, they came within a hair of making it to the gold medal game, losing a 7-6 heartbreaker to Montreal, which advanced to the final.

Going into the bottom of the seventh and last inning in the game against Montreal, Toronto had just knotted the match at 6-6. But a fielding error allowed Montreal to score the winning run and advance to the title game against Los Angeles.

Ironically, Montreal lost that game by an identical 7-6 score — on a seventh inning, run-scoring error no less, Cohen said.

Toronto's last game against Chicago was a 14-12 slugfest. "You don't have pitchers' duels," Cohen said. Despite that victory, the team was disappointed. It was the first time Toronto didn't make it to the gold medal game since the Jewish Community Centre North American Maccabi Youth Games were inaugurated in 1986, Cohen said. Toronto won gold in 1986, '88 and '90, silver in '92 and bronze this time around.

Cohen believes the Blue Jays' success has something to do with the downward trend. The Jays' popularity has made hardball more popular, with the result that fewer kids are playing fastpitch.

This year was even more difficult for Toronto because the host, Cleveland, did not have a fastpitch team, so they switched the competiton to slowpitch, he said.

Some cities withdrew from the event as a result of that decision and organizers are now considering whether to go back to fastpitch or even hardball.

The slowpitch format put Toronto at a disadvantage because it took the boys several games to figure out how to hit the high, looping throws. If you swing at short pitches, you tend to reach and pop them up, while if you connect on long pitches, you tend to chop and hit groundballs, Cohen said.

In addition, the team had three 8 a.m. games (which they lost) that followed late night social events organized by the Maccabi hosts, he said.

Cohen credited the team of 15-16-year-olds (one was 14) with a great effort under trying circumstances. The team included: Ronnie David, Ryan Ficher, Randy Hoffman, Paul Coles, Eric Bernofsky, Erik Grosman, Mike Smulevitch, Benji Beder, Corey Birnbaum, Adam Dvorchik, Efram Kazman, Ryan Klein and Adam Wall.

David Finkler, who played on the senior Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1985, '88 and '93, and Michael Grosman were also coaches.

The boys' softball bronze was one of eight medals the 67-athlete Toronto team managed to bring home, said Harold Cipin, vice-president of Maccabi Canada. The Toronto contingent, led by Jim Emery, with Joe Moniz and Leanne Wasdell serving as co-captains, included participants in girls' softball, boys and girls' basketball, tennis, track and swimming.

Both boys' basketball teams (divided by age) finished with 2-2 records and did not vie for a medal, Cipin said.

The girls' basketball team of 13-16-year-olds racked up a 1-3 record and likewise did not compete for a medal.

The girls' softball team was 2-2 and finished out of the medal hunt.

In tennis, Josh Borenstein, ranked seventh in Ontario among 16-year-olds, lost in the quarterfinals. Borenstein is a member of the JCC's Northeast Valley branch, Cipin said.

In swimming, Jackie Strahl captured the silver medal in backstroke while in track, Jonathan Cohen of London won five medals, including three golds.

Cohen was first in the 110-metre hurdles, the 200-metre dash and the 100-metre dash.

He won silver in the 300-metre hurdles and silver again in the 4 by 100-metre relay. Cohen teamed up with Harley Gold for the relay silver. Organizers teamed them up with other athletes to round out the relay event.

The Toronto haul of eight medals was down from 27 at the last junior games, but that is attributable to a smaller team and stiffer competition, particularly in the swimming pool, Cipin said.

At the last games, Toronto fielded about 100 athletes, but they were asked to reduce that number to allow more JCCs from across the continent to participate, he said. Altogether 63 JCCs and five foreign delegations — 2,500 athletes — took part. Toronto relinquished 10 spots to allow Ottawa to field a larger team, Cipin added.

With the growth in popularity of the games, organizers have decided to split the contests in 1996 between New Jersey and St. Louis. Four thousand kids from 70 JCCs are expected to participate in those continental competitions.

Meanwhile, Hamilton athletes took home their share of medals as well. Tennis player Yan Gernburd struck for gold twice, in the boys (15-16 years old) doubles and mixed doubles events.

Clifford Ritter picked up a silver in mixed doubles and a bronze in doubles, while on the track David Nagler earned a silver medal as a member of the Canadian team in the 4 x 100-metre relay.

Victoria's Empress Hotel set to launch kosher kitchen

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The Empress, Victoria's largest and most prestigious hotel, will launch its kosher kitchen (*CJN* May 26) on Oct. 2 with a fundraiser for Congregation Emanu-El.

The shul plans to build an addition onto its present heritage building (130 years old) and hopes to raise $1 million for the project.

Dr. David Brook, president of the shul, told *The CJN* architects are now being interviewed by a building committee and specific plans for the addition are still indefinite. It is expected, however, that it will include classrooms for the Hebrew school, an expanded kitchen, offices and a community meeting place.

At present, most activities take place in the sanctuary, and the school area is running out of space for the rapidly-increasing numbers of pre-bar/bat mitzvah students. The kitchen is too small to handle a large crowd and there is little space for a major community event.

The Empress will be the only place in the city where a large, strictly kosher affair can be held under supervision of a mashgiach. The Jewish Community Centre offers kosher food but the kitchen is not supervised.

The hotel's food and beverage director, Marc Saunier, said he has been negotiating with Vancouver kashruth authorities for several months and a number of menus have been approved.

An unused kitchen in the hotel has been koshered and new dishes and utensils have been purchased. A mashgiach will be brought in from Vancouver for special events, which will be able to accommodate up to 300 people.

Saunder said he has worked in kosher hotel kitchens in Montreal and New York. He also handled a luncheon for Queen Elizabeth who was here to open the recent Commonwealth Games.

The only other hotels in British Columbia offering kosher facilities are in Vancouver.

An after-dinner concert will feature the Lafayette quartet, soprano Lauren Wagner and guitarist Harold Micay.

Tickets are $100 per person, with a tax receipt available for a portion of that amount. For more information and reservations, phone or fax Stephanie Gilbert at (604) 477-5244.

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SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A.Y.J.A. (Ages 22-35) presents "UJA Community Sunday, Super Party!" Sunday September 18 at Vinefera Bar and Grill 150 Eglinton Ave. E. at 8p.m. Cover $10. Proceeds go to United Jewish Appeal. 416-760-4149

Co-ed Self Defence. Get your frustrations out. Fun, fitness & self defence Tuesday Sept. 27th 7:00p.m. Budocan Karate 905-881-1371.

Floating Jewish Singles (40-65) presents Al Molyneaux-"Para Psychologist". An exciting event at the Pride of Israel Synagogue (lower level). 59 Lissom (Bathurst N. of Finch). Sunday Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. $8 at the door. Refreshemnts & social to follow. Call Bernice 416-633-7034 or Arlene 416-223-0868.

Metro Toronto Singles presents A Return To Woodstock Party, Sunday Sept. 18 at 8p.m. at the Senator uptown, 5150 Yonge St. in the North York City Center, lower level, southwest corner of Yonge & Parkhome, three lights north of Sheppard Avenue. Cover $12, Ladies $3 up to 9 p.m. Dance to music from 1969-1984 Call 222-7111 for info.

SHARYN'S SINGLES SOIREES invites you, 30's and 40's to a WEEKEND GETAWAY with a "1,000 Island Boat Cruise" Saturday/ Sunday September 24 &25. Price includes hotel, meals, crutie, dance, taxes and more. $119. Meet singles from Montreal, Toronto & Ottawa. Deadline for registration Sept.17. Call 416-733-9848 for more details.

Sondheim musical a macabre romance

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Stephen Sondheim's latest musical, Tony Award winner for best Broadway musical this season, is a haunting tale of macabre Italian romance.

Set in northern Italy in 1863, it is a strange love story, but Sondheim, never daunted by offbeat themes (*Assassins*, *Pacific Overtures*), has plunged into a bold venture with perverse brilliance.

Based on Ettore Scala's brooding neo-romantic 1981 movie, *Passione d'Amore*, it is a rhapsodic tale of passion and obsession, so forceful that it creates a love where no love existed.

The story follows the lives of three characters. Giorgio, a handsome young military officer, has just been transferred to a bleak provincial outpost, far from Milan, the scene of his rapturous affair with Clara, a beautiful married woman. At the remote garrison he meets the bookish Fosca, a sickly, homely woman who becomes insanely obsessed with him, following their introduction by her brother, the Colonel in charge.

She discovers in Giorgio a sensitive man who shares her love of books and all things esthetic. The attraction becomes so consuming and out of control that it imperils the emotional stability of all parties (a more appropriate title might have been Frenzied Obsession).

The bizarre triangle leads to tragedy, but not before Giorgio recognizes that love can be defined by more than physical beauty, something he painfully learns as he experiences two very different forms of love.

Jewish composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is considered the American theatre's most provocative, intellectual talent. In *Passion* he has created a musical pulse that is lush and romantic, and has an emotional depth, which reaches beyond the boundaries of Broadway show music.

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Keri Wetstein

Beauty contest winner got involved on a dare

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Keri Wetstein, the winner of the recent Miss Pre-Teen Toronto pageant, never had any aspirations to be in a beauty pageant.

"It started off as a dare from my sister," the 13-year-old student told *The CJN*.

Her sister Lindsay, 14, said she had noticed a tiny ad about the pageant last year and she talked Wetstein into participating. Wetstein was third runner-up in the pre-teen category and she was voted Miss Congeniality.

But this year she came first out of more than 35 competitors for the Miss Pre-Teen Toronto title.

As the overall winner Wetstein will be getting an all-expense-paid trip to the Disney World Hilton in Orlando, Fla., this January, where she'll be representing Toronto in the 1995 Miss Pre-Teen Cities of America Pageant (the nationals).

Wetstein said she was very excited about winning. All the finalists hugged her just like in the pageants on television, but there were no tears, she said. "I don't cry when I'm happy."

But they were crying in her cheering section. Nine family members and friends came out to support Wetstein in the pageant held at Ryerson Theatre.

"When she won we all had tears in our eyes," Lindsay said. "We were jumping up and down and hugging each other."

Along with the Orlando trip Wetstein also won a watch and a modelling scholarship. From a physical stand point she fits the model stereotype: she's a natural beauty, she's a size one and she's five foot five and still growing. But Wetstein does not hope to be a professional model; she's planning a career in science, she said. "I have my heart set on being a research scientist."

Wetstein is an unlikely candidate for modelling, said her mother, Esther Gangel. "She's not beauty-conscious. She doesn't patshke with herself in the mirror."

Her sister agrees. "It's not her. She's into school work." (Wetstein is a straight-A student at Roselawn Public School).

Wetstein attended the nationals last January. Anyone placing 10th runner-up or better is allowed to compete. Gangel went along to chaperon. She said the focus of the competition is not limited to physical appearance; the contestants are also judged on personality and poise and their ability to communicate.

Last January, 500 girls from cities across the United States and Canada competed for the four titles: Miss Junior Pre-Teen — for ages seven to nine; Miss Pre-Teen — for ages 10 to 12; Miss Junior Teen — for ages 13 to 15; and Miss Teen — for ages 16 to 19. (Wetstein was in the pre-teen category this year because she turned 13 after the pageant.)

Wetstein said in spite of the competitive atmosphere she really enjoyed herself at the nationals. And she's planning to have a great time again in January, especially since her sisters, Lindsay and Andrea, 12, will be there too, she said.

"At the end of the pageant you saw that these girls had the time of their life," Gangel said. For Wetstein, however, the high point of the nationals had nothing to do with the pageant.

"The best time for me was spending time with my mom at Universal Studios," she said.

Wetstein won't be competing in the Toronto pageant next summer, but she'll be very much involved: she'll be passing on her crown to the next Miss Pre-Teen Toronto. She's not sure about her future in pageants, she said. "I had so much fun I don't know whether I want to keep going with it or stop."

Legal competition launched

TORONTO — Law students and young lawyers are being invited to submit their work in a competition sponsored by the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada.

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Variety of workshops set for Yiddish conference

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Nathan Garnick

TORONTO — If anyone has a collection of juicy, mouth-watering Yiddishisms, it is Nathan Garnick, who is lending his talents to a meeting in Toronto Oct. 7-10 which will bring together Yiddishists from all over the United States and Canada.

Garnick is leading two of the 12 workshops at the Second International Conference of Yiddish Clubs, one on The Art of Bilingual Storytelling and one on Creating Yiddish Theatre.

No doubt those coming to the conference will want to match Garnick in his ability to find the right Yiddish word for an English expression, but few will outdo him in sheer enthusiasm.

For instance, when he says the best Yiddish word for scoundrel is paskudnyak, the word leaves his mouth trailing saliva, so you must stand well back. On a different note, his eyes light up when he says tzatzkele meaning "a bit of all right." The gleam in his eye is not to be taken the wrong way.

Other of his favorites include trombinyak meaning a loud mouth, a yunger shneck for a smart alec, and a gornisht mit a gornish meaning a lazy, good for nothing, ne'er do well.

Some Yiddish words deliver their own complete images, Garnick says, quoting the Yiddish word podeshva, meaning sole of the foot. "Just saying the word, you can see all the corns, calluses, bunions and boils, and you want to go and soak your feet in water immediately."

Though there are a dozen ways to say a slap in the face in Yiddish, he insists the staple word is patch, but to get the full effect Garnick advises you say a friask in fresser arayn (a slap across the mouth).

One highlight of the conference, to be held at the Ontario Institute of Studies, 252 Bloor St. W. and the JCC Bloor branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is a lecture on The Life and Works of J.I. Segal, Oct. 8, by noted Montreal author and lecturer Chava Rosenfarb.

Another is a tribute Oct. 9 to Canadian poet and fabulist Peretz Miransky by Liba Augenfeld, augmentd by the Beth Tikvah Choir conducted by Srul Irving Glick and readings from Miranksy's works.

Also on the Sunday, Oct. 9 agenda is a bus tour of Jewish Toronto and a reception at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The workshops, to be held Oct. 9 and 10, include one on Yiddish Folk Songs as Social History led by Naomi Bell, another on Yiddish Children's Songs for All Ages, by Ana Berman, Yiddish teacher at Bialik Hebrew Day School, and one led by Jason Berman, technical writer and native Yiddish speaker, on Yiddish in the Computer Age.

The Works of Yiddish Women Writers is the subject of one workshop and another one deals with women's issues, both led by Frieda Forman.

The Development of a Successful Yiddish Club is led by Richard Bassett, Yiddish activist and moderator, while teacher Henie Reinhartz will host a workshop on The Yiddish Resource Centre.

For further information call conference coordinator Bess Shockett at (416) 787-0526, or fax (416) 631-5718.

Winnipeg Shaare Zedek chapter set to honor Holocaust survivor

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — On Nov. 17, the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation will be honoring Holocaust survivor Philip Weiss with the hospital's Humanitarian Award for his outstanding efforts to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive both for Jews and non-Jews.

A survivor of several camps, Weiss came with his family to Winnipeg in 1948 and built up a successful business. Over the last 30 years or more, Weiss has been an active member of the Jewish community, having served as president of the Rosh Pina Synagogue and board member of the local chapters of both the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and the Canadian Friends of Ben-Gurion University.

Holocaust awareness has always been a part of his activities and especially so in the last 15 years. For 12 years, he chaired the community's Holocaust Remembrance Committee. He also chaired the Holocaust Memorial Committee, which was responsible for building the first memorial on public property in Canada on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature in 1990.

With the release of *Schindler's List* last winter, Weiss has raised his own personal Holocaust awareness campaign several notches higher. With his own money, he has arranged special showings of the film to hundreds of non-Jewish Winnipeg students and their teachers, as well as members of other ethnic and religious communities.

In June, the Jewish National Fund bestowed on Weiss its Bloomfield Medal in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Jewish people.

The featured guest speaker at the Shaare Zedek dinner honoring Weiss will be Prof. Jonathan Halevy, the medical centre's director-general. Proceeds from the evening will go towards the purchase of an intensive care respirator for the hospital's new Comprehensive Heart Institute — the newest and most modern heart unit of its kind in the world. It is expected to treat over 20,000 patients a year of all ages.

It's time to get your shots!

TORONTO — Grade 7 students across Ontario will soon be lining up for hepatitis B immunizations, as part of a government-sponsored program.

The $6-million immunization program will begin Oct. 11 and end May 6. The three-part vaccination will protect against the disease, which is the leading cause of liver cancer.

Hepatitis B is primarily spread through sexual contact, but may also be transmitted by transfer of body fluids, dirty needles, tattooing and ear piercing.

All Grade 7 students, including those in the Jewish day schools and yeshivot, are eligible for immunization. Participation is voluntary.

Ruby McBean, manager of the City of North York's immunization program, said the three injections may cause some redness but parents shouldn't be concerned about adverse reactions.

North York man reunited with Ukrainian cousin after 30 years of correspondence

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

From left: Marshall Sone, Belle Naiman, Sonya, Abby Sone, Rima Kravtsova, Anne Hirchberg, Bruna Rzhavtsev, and Elana Sone (in front).

TORONTO — For nearly 30 years a 78-year-old North York man corresponded regularly with his first cousin who until recently lived in Ukraine.

In July, when he saw the cousin he had never expected to meet, many tears of joy were shed.

Abby Sone's cousin, Rima Kravtsova, 82, immigrated to the United States from Ukraine last year with her daughter and son-in-law. Sone and the Canadian side of the family — two sisters, his son, his daughter and his grandaughter — met their Ukrainian relatives in Cleveland on the Canada Day weekend.

The family spent an emotional Friday afternoon discussing the past and the present, and that evening they all went out to dinner. "I don't think they had ever been to a restaurant," recalled Sone.

Sone's father, his mother and six aunts and uncles left Ukraine in 1905, settling in Toronto. One of his aunts, Liba, stayed behind because her husband was in the army.

Sone said his father Charles kept in touch with Liba, "whenever the mail went through." Charles lost track of Liba during the two wars but afterward he re-established contact through the Red Cross.

Liba died in the early '50s and her daughter took over the letter writing. When Sone's father died in 1966, his late wife Dorothy and his daughter Pamela insisted that he keep the correspondence going.

Sone and Kravtsova corresponded in Yiddish — he had picked up a little taking orders in his parents' grocery store at Dundas and Manning. "My knowledge of Yiddish wasn't that great and neither was hers," he said.

In her first letter to Sone, his cousin wrote: "We have everything. We do not need anything." She thought the mail was being censored, he said, and her main concern was to keep the correspondence going.

They wrote each other about every three weeks for 28 years. Many of the letters, he recalled, never reached their destinations.

In a 1982 letter, Kravtsova told Sone that she had been diagnosed with diabetes and medication was unavailable. Luckily he is a pharmacist and was able to send her two thousand diabetic pills.

Over the years he said he sent her many cheques, to which she would reply with, "Thank you for the gift," afraid to be more specific, again because she worried that her letters were read by censors.

When Kravtsova's husband died in 1992, Sone remembers being surprised that he had a full Jewish burial.

Right after her husband's death, Kravtsova's son-in-law, Zoker Rzhavtsev, developed melanoma from radiation caused by the nuclear accident at Chernobyl. Gomel, the town where the family lived, is 100 km north of Chernobyl.

Kravtsova's American brother-in-law sponsored the family, and they applied for exit visas. She wrote Sone of her ambivalence about leaving the country of her birth and the country in which her parents and husband were buried. He tried neither to encourage nor to discourage her.

When the family got their exit visas, they were forced to sell their homes and most of their possessions "practically for nothing," said Sone.

Sone asked his cousin to telephone him when she arrived in the United States in September 1993. He recalls that she "was afraid to talk on the phone in case someone had the phone bugged."

Her daughter's two children were not allowed to leave Ukraine, and in her first letter to Sone from the United States, Kravtsova wrote that she was going to Washington to apply to bring her grandchildren over. A son who lives in Moscow is also waiting to join the family in the States.

Kravtsova recently asked Sone for his daughter-in-law's address because she wants to write to her when she learns how to speak English. "She's quite a woman," he said.

Israel Kibbutz Choir set to tour

TORONTO — The Israel Kibbutz Choir will begin its tour of North America in Toronto.

This award-winning choir, under the musical direction of Avner Itai, includes 45 members from kibbutzim across Israel.

The choir performs regularly with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and has sung under the baton of Zubin Mehta, Daniel Barenboim, Georg Solti and Kurt Mazur, among others.

Included in the choir's repertoire are the best of the European choral works (from Palestrina to Penderecki), including both a cappella and accompanied works. Israeli and Jewish music receive special emphasis.

Since rehearsals take place at kibbutzim around the country, the choir performs concerts for all kibbutz members in the region where they are rehearsing.

The Israel Kibbutz Choir will be giving one performance only at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Avenue E., North York.

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Jewish munitions expert saved by fellow Soviets during war

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Thirty years after the event, a Jewish war veteran of the Soviet army discovered that his senior officers had spoken up for him when he was suspected of sabotage.

Khaim Multianer recently told his story to *The CJN*. A lieutenant in the engineering forces, in June 1943, Multianer was stationed at the front near the Russian city of Rostov located on the Don River.

With the railroad system destroyed, a nearby bridge was the Soviet troops' only link to food, ammunition and gasoline. But an order to rig the bridge with explosives in case of a German attack came down, and Multianer, leading a platoon of soldiers, was given this dangerous job.

Although he was selected for his qualifications — he is a civil engineer — being Jewish made him more trustworthy than other candidates in the eyes of his superiors.

"The Jewish people in the army were very loyal to the Soviet government," he recalled, because being captured by the Germans was a virtual death sentence for Jewish soldiers. "I think it was a key element why I got the work."

They laid more than ten thousand pounds of explosives and Multianer himself did the final electrical work. "I finished the work, I checked it, — it was done exactly as projected — I reported, then I forgot about it," he said.

In October, promoted to deputy chief of staff, he left the unit.

While on a business trip to Kiev in 1973, Multianer ran into the company commander he had left behind at Rostov 30 years earlier. His former commander, Colonel Sergay Osipov, arranged for a reunion with another officer from the unit, Brigade-Major Vorobey.

Over dinner an amazing story unfolded. First, Multianer noticed that the two other men exchanged knowing glances and then he says he heard one of them say, "Will we tell him or no?"

Khaim Multianer

Feeling ill at ease, he asked, "Hey guys, what is going on? Tell me, please."

The colonel and the major told Multianer that after he left Rostov, it was decided that blowing up the bridge was unnecessary, and an engineering unit disassembled the explosive system. They, however, failed to remove all of the explosives, and investigators from the military police, who thought Multianer had rigged more than he reported, suspected sabotage.

Before the military police could locate Multianer, the two officers, Osipov and Vorobey, assured them of Multianer's impeccable engineering qualifications and his loyalty. The investigators took the officers' word and ended their search for Multianer.

"In war time," Multianer said, "to protect a Jew, was a very big risk." Anyone stepping out on a limb for a Jew had to be absolutely sure they were telling the truth. "They protected me in the best way and saved my life."

If it had not been for the heroism of the two officers, Multianer would have been a victim of the harsh Soviet justice system.

"The USSR justice system was based on the assumption that the accused is guilty and it is his obligation to prove his innocence. In military court, at war time, that was impossible. And if the defendant was a Jew — [there] was only one solution — guilty with maximum punishment," he recalled.

Multianer, now 76, was decorated with the Red Cross Star and the Great Patriotic War Medal, as well as eight other medals. He fought in defence of Stalingrad in 1942, and after Rostov he was sent to fight in Romania, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Manchuria. Finishing the war as a captain, he was promoted to the rank of major during a 1956 stint in the reserves.

After the war Multianer worked as a civil engineer. By the early '70s, he had risen to chief of the construction department of the Ukrainian Ministry of Agriculture's Odessa district.

Turned down for a promotion because he is Jewish, he decided he could stand the anti-Semitism no longer. "That was the last push," he said.

Multianer, along with his wife Sonya, his daughter, his son-in-law and his grandson, immigrated to Canada in 1975, settling in Toronto.

Although the University of Toronto's engineering faculty and the Association of Professional Engineers recognized his Ukrainian diploma from the Kharkov Automobile and Road Construction Institute, he was unable to find work in his field; employers wanted people with Canadian experience. He got some interviews, but young Canadian-educated graduates took the jobs.

With hardly a trace of bitterness, he said, "Maybe if I was the boss, I'd do the same."

Multianer became a downtown parking lot attendant in 1976, and 10 years later he retired at the age of 69.

In spite of the drop in professional status he took by coming here, he is glad he made the move. "I am lucky to be here," he said. "I am more than lucky."

Bill Berger (left) and Frank Miller, co-chairmen of the Baycrest Open Golf Tournament, get in a little putting practice before the fourth annual tournament began.

Golfers raise funds for Baycrest

TORONTO — Hundreds of enthusiastic golfers took to the fairways of the Aurora Highlands Golf Club recently.

They enjoyed perfect summer weather and raised money for programs at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care at the fourth annual Baycrest Open. One of the largest charitable golf tournaments in Canada, this year's event raised more than $100,000 for Baycrest.

"The Baycrest Open gets bigger and better every year," says Frank Miller, of Baycrest's Leadership Development Group (LDG), which sponsors the event.

This year's tournament was a logistical triumph for the organizers who rose to the challenge of coordinating games on three separate courses and special events which included a morning barbecue and a post-game dinner for participants.

"The Baycrest Open is a lot of fun," says Miller. "It's a high quality event which delivers excellent value and one which golf lovers should definitely keep in mind for their 1995 season."

Eisner's pact becomes a fulfilling career

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Irving Eisner was a prisoner in a German labor camp during the war, he made a pact with G-d.

The 17-year-old promised that if G-d let him survive, he would devote his life to teaching young children.

"I saw how they were tearing kids from their mothers' arms and throwing them into the fire," he told *The CJN* in a recent interview at his Thornhill home. "I asked G-d, 'Who will pray to You if not children?' "

Eisner did survive, as did his father and one sister, and he kept his promise. This year he retired from Associated Hebrew Schools, after 46 years as a teacher, although he is still working half days as a supervisor at the school's Neptune branch.

As soon as he was liberated by the American troops, and went to a Displaced Persons camp, he says, "I assembled kids, and taught as much as I could."

Going to Israel with his new wife in 1949, he began his teaching career there. In 1953 the family (he now has three sons and nine grandchildren) came to Toronto where Eisner began teaching at Eitz Chaim.

After 10 years, he moved to Associated Hebrew Schools, under the late Dr. Levi Jacober. He taught Hebrew subjects, Tanach, Hebrew language and grammar, history, literature.

Irving Eisner

His love of teaching and of his students shines from his eyes and in his smile.

"A rabbi in the Talmud said that he learned from his parents and from his teachers, but most from his students. I did too."

His father warned him, he said, that if he became a teacher, "I would stay with the mind of a child. I don't mind that."

Eisner said that people ask him if he would become a teacher again. "I answer yes, certainly. Even if there is aggravation, I saw more pleasure, more sunshine."

He shared some of his philosophies of teaching. First, he said, a teacher must teach with devotion and believe in what he or she is teaching. "You have to live it. You can't teach children to keep Shabbat or to lay tefillen if you don't."

Most of all, he said, you must teach with joy. "You must make lessons enjoyable. Almost every class I had a joke, a song, or a story. It makes the children more attached to you."

Eisner taught elementary students, usually grade 5 or 6. He admitted that that is a hard age, but he finds it a challenge to deal with youngsters on the verge of leaving childhood.

It is not enough, he said, to just be a teacher — you have to be a friend as well.

He made it a point to inquire about family problems, as well as, he added with a twinkle, always knowing the hockey scores.

Paraphrasing a talmudic dictum, Eisner mused, "[A teacher] must bring closer with two hands, rather than pushing away."

Eisner remembers his own childhood, near Chust, Czechoslovakia. He went to cheder and yeshivah, like the other children, but then his father, an ardent Zionist, sent him to a Zionist Hebrew gymnasium in nearby Munkaz.

"Our rabbi was the Satmar rebbe, Rabbi Teitlebaum. He only agreed to let me go if I promised to keep my payes, and to be tested by him whenever I came home. My father had to hire me a special tutor to help me in Gemara, just so I could be tested properly."

As well as teaching, Eisner has produced a series of workbooks which are used at Associated, *Heym Hayinu*, which deal with laws and customs; and a series on books of the Chumash.

Workbooks on Bamidbar (Numbers) and Devarim (Deuteronomy) are already in use, and he plans to work on Shemot (Exodus) this year.

First trip back to Birkenau

Last year, Eisner accompanied the March of the Living as an advisor. It was his first trip back to Birkenau, where, on the first day of Shavuot 1944, his mother and two sisters were murdered right after their arrival. (A brother died shortly afterwards.)

"I didn't cry 50 years ago. I was too busy trying to stay alive. I didn't realize how terrible everything was. But now I cried. I didn't cry when I worked in Warsaw [during the war]. But I cried now."

He remembers collapsing at the gates of Birkenau, and being surrounded by students, who helped him up. "I asked them to say Kaddish with me."

Eisner picked up two stones from the camp, as symbols of his family and brought them to Israel, where he pushed them under the headstone of his father's grave.

"My son asked me whether I had noticed that one of the stones was burnt, as if it had been in a fire."

Eisner said he doesn't know why he survived when so many didn't. "I ate plain grass sometimes. I remember watching what animals ate in the fields, and I thought if cows could eat it, so could I. I stole vegetables from fields — never, G-d forbid — from people. To solace me, I prayed and sang songs I knew by heart.

"I learned that you have to fight, even when the rope is around your neck. It is easy to die. It is harder to stay alive."

Eisner tells the story of his life in the concentration and labor camps to children, not just his own students, but others as well.

"When I was speaking at Fleming High School in North York, a student asked me how I can still wear a yarmulke after everything that happened to me. I told them at least the yarmulke was left. At least the faith was left."

He said he will retire when he feels the time is right. "I like the kids so much, I don't want them to see me as anything but the best."

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Holidays on the High Seas: The vast atrium features fountains, foliage, boutiques, bars and lounges on various levels. Light streams down from a skylight some seven stories high. No, this isn't the lobby of a grand hotel, merely the "Centrum" of the newly-inaugurated Royal Caribbean cruise liner, Legend of the Seas. With 902 cabins, the ship is spacious, as filled with diversions and entertainments as a small city — including a mini-18-hole golf course on the topmost deck.

Somewhat smaller, the twin-hulled, smooth-sailing SSC Radisson Diamond is no less spectacular. It boasts a five-story atrium, casino, piano lounge, and, of course, the obligatory Grand Dining Room.

In the 30 years since the modern cruise industry took off, Royal Caribbean, Radisson Diamond, Holland America, Norwegian and other cruise lines have launched a fleet of vessels that are actually floating hotels with rooms that often have verandahs and hotel-style mini-bars. Last year, some 4.4 million passengers travelled in such ships to the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Asia, the South Seas and other destinations.

That figure shows a sharp increase over the two million cruise passengers carried in 1980 and the million carried in 1970. According to New York-based cruise industry analyst Robert J. Kwortnik, the demand for cruises is growing by about 10 per cem annually.

Cruise ship inventory added

To accommodate this demand, cruise ship inventory is being added at about eight per cent annually. (Kwortnik says that abut 200,000 Canadians take cruises each year.)

"By the end of the decade, we envision that the cruise lines will carry some eight million passengers each year, based on current trends," says Kwortnik, who is the director of training for the Cruise Lines International Association. And the stereotypical seniority of the cruise passenger has dropped significantly, he says, from the era "when the average age of cruise passengers was deceased."

Kwortnik says he has seen people board ships as passengers and come off as cargo, but it is not the limitless quantity of food usually available on board that is the main draw. Neither is it the wide variety of on-board activities proffered from shuffleboard to the ubiquitous bingo by day, from glittering Las Vegas-style cabarets to nightclubs featuring music from Bach to rock by night. According to industry surveys, the top reason people go on cruises is for relaxation.

"Studies have shown that people have roughly 10 per cent less leisure time now than 10 years ago," Kwortnik observes. "Computers were supposed to give us more time, but that didn't happen."

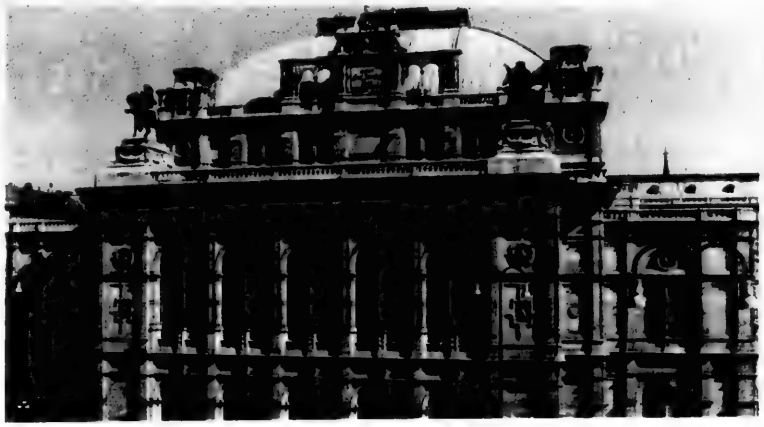
One negative factor associated with cruising is the perceived regimentation that comes when passengers are assigned specific times for dinner seatings, usually at 6.30 or 8.45 p.m. Another, of course, is the dreaded mal du mer — seasickness — for which Kwortnik advises passengers to bring medication with them, and not to overeat, overdrink or party too hard during the first 24 hours at sea.

High seas trip not cheap

Another deterrent is the cost. A vacation on the high seas is not cheap. Cruises may go for as much as about $8,000 per day for a deluxe cabin aboard the Queen Elizabeth II. (A five-day Atlantic first-class crossing aboard the QEII costs about $40,000 and includes a free return trip home aboard the Concorde.) Alternately, cruises may go for as little as about $125 per day. "On every ship, the first rooms to be sold are the most expensive," Kwortnik says. "The next rooms to be sold are the least expensive."

Average rack rates are about $200 to $225 US per day, or roughly $275 Canadian, on cruises of less than seven days' duration, says Kwortnik. But the so-called rack rate is the "great lie" of the cruise ship industry, he adds. Discounts of roughly 25 to 40 per cent are typical, especially for groups. These figures include almost all expenses except personal beverages aboard ship, additional land-based tours and activities, and gratuities to staff (at least $10 per day).

Numerous cruise lines include Israel in their itineraries of the Eastern Mediterranean. The "Holy Land, Greek Isles & Ancient Civilizations" cruise offered by Royal Cruise Lines, for example, stops in Rome, Naples, Cairo, Jerusalem (via a Mediterranean seaport, of course), Cyprus, Rhodes, Mytilini, Meteora and Athens. The Radisson Diamond Cruise offers a 12-hour stop at the Israeli seaport of Ashdod, gateway to the Judean Desert region, Jerusalem and other places in Israel.



Vienna's State Opera.

Vienna a product of bygone era

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

VIENNA —Vienna seems altogether too splendid to be the capital of a small central European country like Austria.

With its imposing historic buildings, broad boulevards, bucolic parks, wonderful cafes, great restaurants, glittering shops, monumental statues and ornate fountains, Vienna is really too big for Austria.

But the explanation is deceptively simple. Vienna, the frenetic metropolis that we know and appreciate today, is the product of a bygone epoch, when Vienna reigned supreme as the mighty capital of the far-flung Habsburg empire.

Yet Vienna, which was once home to a brilliant Jewish community whose small numbers belied its achievements, hardly feels sorry for itself. This is a vital, self-confident city which does not appear to yearn for the glorious past.

Probably the heart and soul of Vienna is Stephanplatz, crowned by St. Stephen's Cathedral, a weathered Romanesque pile which dominates its skyline. Heavily damaged during World War II, it was hastily repaired and brought back to normal working order in a matter of years.

The mecca of young backpackers and conventional middle-class tourists alike, Stephanplatz is literally a stone's throw away from Vienna's main shopping streets — Karntnerstrasse and the Graben, which glitter with the allure of untrammelled consumerism.

And it is close to one of Vienna's cultural icons, the Staatsoper, the State Opera, where I had the pleasure of attending a performance of Puccini's *Tosca*.

Luciano Pavarotti had been billed as the lead tenor, but failed to appear due to sudden illness. There was a chorus of boos, but his replacement, whose name I've forgotten, was superb. When the curtains went down, he basked in the sustained applause.

Within walking distance of the Staatsoper is an enchanting ensemble of grand palaces, museums and public buildings called the Hofburg, which is dominated by the Spanish Riding School.

Renowned for its subtle equestrian ballets performed by stoic riders on handsome steeds, the Spanish Riding School is a perennial favorite with tourists.

The Heldenplatz, set off by magnificent gardens, is nearby. From a balcony here, in the aftermath of Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria in 1938, Adolf Hitler exhorted a multitude of adoring Viennese.

Some Austrians would rather forget their adulation of Hitler and Nazism. But history cannot be wished away or rewritten.

The splendor of the Habsburg period is best revealed at the Schonbrunn Palace, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture which was finished in 1712. Guided tours whisk you through the fairy-tale State Apartments. The formal gardens you can see on your own.

Vienna's parks are sedate. The Stadtpark, laced with pedestrian paths, is studded with statues of famous Viennese, including Johann Strauss Jr., the composer of *The Blue Danube Waltz*. The Burggarten, formerly the haunt of Habsburg emperors, celebrates Austria's most famous son in the form of yet another statue.

The park I enjoyed most of all was the Prater, with its pleasing mix of tangled woods and rolling manicured lawns. It lies between the Danube River and the Danube Canal, and is easily accessible from the centre of town.

I cycled through the Prater on a warm, sunny day, accompanied by Gerhard Auinger, my amiable Viennese acquaintance. The Prater was filled with picnickers and the aroma of grilled meat.

The nudist beach we passed surprised me, but I needn't have been. Nudist sunbathing is a sacrosanct tradition in Germanic culture. Needless to say, Gerhard took it in his stride.

In the late afternoon, after a pleasant pit stop at a Mexican-style outdoor restaurant, we reached the Riesenrad, the enormous Ferris wheel where *The Third Man*, that haunting 1949 movie, was filmed.

Vienna, of course, is noted for its museums. Take your pick, but Jewish visitors may be particularly interested in the Sigmund Freud Museum on Berggasee and the newly-reopened Jewish Museum on Dorotheerstrasse.

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Arts

Jazz musician making an attempt to interest young in Yiddish tunes

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A jazz musician who says he got the inspiration to do this at the Gates of Heaven, the oldest synagogue in Wisconsin, has set famous Yiddish and Hebrew melodies to a syncopated jazz beat.

The album, *Life's a Lesson*, with 15 numbers ranging from *Eli, Eli* to *Hine Ma Tov*, won't be everybody's cup of tea, but it's a refreshing attempt to attract younger people to our traditional music.

Certainly the six-minute long first cut, *Eliyahu*, will have you tapping your toes.

Ben Sidran, 50, the jazz pianist who did the arrangements for *Life's a Lesson*, attended a High Holy Day service at the Gates of Heaven, on the shore of Lake Wadena in Wisconsin near Madison.

"Jazz had always been at the centre of his life rather than spirituality, but that service with guitar accompaniment by Hannah Rosenthal, brought him back to his Jewishness," said Maxine Sidran, of Toronto, his sister, a TV producer with the CTV program, *W5*.

Now Ben Sidran, and his son, Leo, 17, play music at the alternative services in the one-room building, said to be the third oldest free-standing synagogue in the United States. The services attract standing-room only crowds.

Many readers may remember the hit song *Space Cowboy* from the '70s; its composer was Ben Sidran, then playing with the Steve Miller band. It was with the Steve Miller group that Sidran played in Toronto twice at the Kingswood Theatre at Canada's Wonderland.

Many Jewish musicians responded to Sidran's call for help on the album, including the folk singer Lynette and singer-songwriter Carole King. There are instrumentals by many contemporary Jewish jazz artists including Bob Berg, Randy Brecker, Eddie Daniels, Lee Konitz, Mike Mainieri and Josh Redman.

In addition to the numbers already mentioned, the album includes *Oseh Shalom, Ani Ma'amin, Avinu Malkenu, Tree of Life, B'Rosh Hashana, Shofar Shogood, Y'Did Nefesh, Kol Nidre, Hashivenu, Hatikva* and *Face Your Fears*.

The album, CD or cassette, is available through Go Jazz Records, P.O. Box 2023, Madison, WI, 53701, CD, $18; cassette, $14 (US).

Cover of Ben Sidran's new album.

Bonengel's documentary chilling

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Winfried Bonengel's documentary, *Profession Neo-Nazi*, is chilling precisely because it is neither preachy nor didactic.

Her 83-minute-long film focuses on a 27-year-old German neo-Nazi leader, Ewald Althans of Munich, and his Canadian mentor, convicted Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel of Toronto.

Bonengel's movie caused quite a stir in Germany last year. Critics complained that it lacked a sufficiently distinct point of view, and that it was, in effect, a vehicle for fascist propaganda.

True, Bonengel gives Althans and company free rein. In this sense, it is uncommonly objective.

On a deeper level, however, *Profession Neo-Nazi* is a subtle indictment of its central characters — vain, snickering, incorrigible Nazis who distort history and who want to reconstruct an era that most Germans reject.

Screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, *Profession Neo-Nazi* also serves a purpose as a warning. The leaders of the international neo-Nazi movement, despicable though they are, do not necessarily conform to facile stereotypes.

Some, like Althans and perhaps Zundel, are not storm-trooper types with shaved heads who rant and rave and sport Nazi regalia. They are superficially personable, well-spoken, charismatic to a degree, and not unintelligent. They represent the seemingly reasonable face of a fairly sophisticated enemy.

Profession Neo-Nazi begins in Toronto in Zundel's inner sanctum. Claiming he bears "a cross" for Germany, Zundel brags about his material success in Canada. He goes on to explain his philosophy and his "scientific" research about Jews. He tries on his concentration camp "habit." He is seen diligently opening letters containing money from admirers in Germany and the United States.

Zundel's inner sanctum

A placard in his cluttered office reads: The Holocaust is pure hate! A picture of Hitler hangs on a wall.

Althans, dressed like an up-and-coming executive, arrives at Zundel's headquarters. They form a mutual admiration society. Althans is "crazy" about Zundel. In turn, Zundel pays lavish tribute to Althans, his tall, handsome acolyte.

The film shifts as Althans talks with a Spanish neo-Nazi and with his parents, who obviously do not think highly of their son's noxious views. Indeed, his mother reveals that, even as a boy, he exhibited "extremist behavior."

Next, Althans is seen in western Poland conferring with ethnic Germans and arrogantly proclaiming that this is German territory.

He visits Auschwitz. "This place is bullshit," he snorts. Althans makes a spectacle of himself, getting embroiled in arguments with German visitors and with an incredulous Jewish man.

As the film ends, Althans delivers a forceful speech in eastern Germany, a breeding ground for neo-Nazism.

Propagandists like Althans and Zundel have learned to manipulate their ignorant, pliable followers. But hardly anyone else is fooled by their simplistic rhetoric. Certainly, Bonengel is not. With deftness, she exposes their ilk.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Arabists, by Robert D. Kaplan (The Free Press, $24.95 US)

Most of them disliked Jews and regarded the creation of the State of Israel as an unmitigated disaster. They opposed American intervention to open up the Tiran straits on the eve of the Six Day War and argued against the dispatch of arms to Israel during the Yom Kippur War. Towards Saddam Hussein — and other Arab dictators — they advocated a policy of judicious appeasement. They were unprepared and astonished by the Gulf War.

These were the Arabists of the American State Department, highly regarded specialists in the culture, religion and politics of the Near Eastern countries. Many of them had studied at the American University of Beirut where they acquired a knowledge of Arabic and understandable sympathy for the Arab national movement.

How, they asked, could American governments from Truman to Reagan, sacrifice good relations with Arab millions for the sake of a small, insecure, Western inspired state? They predicted years of controversy, violence and a drain on American money and resources.

Some of these fears, of course, were well founded, but the critic Francis Fukuyama has faulted the Arabists as "more systematically wrong" than any other branch of the foreign service.

In the '70s profound changes took place when Joseph Sisco, a second generation Italian with no experience in Middle Eastern matters was appointed to the position of assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. He removed biased diplomats and opened the once hallowed halls of the department to members of minorities, including Jews.

The dramatic rescue of the Falasha Jews from the Sudan, described in the book in full detail, was a splendid success for the Arabists.

Kaplan begins his informative account with the arrival of American missionaries in Greater Syria at the beginning of the last century. In time they created the esteemed American University of Beirut which provided higher education for a developing Arab elite and for future U.S. diplomats.

The Arabists, always perceptive and entertaining — and not unsympathetic to a well-meaning, high-minded but severely limited and flawed group — will be welcomed by persons concerned with the past and future of Israel and with those entrusted with furthering U.S. policy.

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ELIAS CANETTI 1905-1994

When he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1981, almost everyone was astonished.

Who was Elias Canetti? Encyclopedias and handbooks yielded only scant information. Eventually, both author and work became better known and appreciated.

Canetti was born in Bulgaria and reared in a Ladino-speaking Sephardi milieu. He received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Vienna.

Several years before the outbreak of World War II, he settled in England but continued to write in German. His voluminous works include plays, essays and a three-volume intellectual autobiography.

Of his vast oeuvre only two books have become widely known by English readers: *Auto da Fe* and *Crowds and Power*. The first of these is a novel about a reclusive scholar with a huge library, a man of intellect and ideas who is brutalized by a sadistic and ignorant housekeeper. He dies in an act of self-immolation. The book is a symbolic interpretation of events in Europe where the ignorant and violent have achieved power and rendered the sensitive and educated defenceless. The book was banned by the Nazis.

The other work is an original and wide ranging essay on the psychology of the mass mind. It searches for the well springs of human behavior, especially in fascism.

It does not appear that Canetti was concerned with Judaism either in his life or in his writings. He was buried in Zurich next to the grave of James Joyce.

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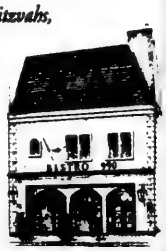

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Arts

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

New Biography of David Cronenberg: Twenty years ago this summer, this reporter was a 20-year-old film student at York University, who had been lucky enough to find some meagre employment as a pre-production assistant for a $180,000-budget feature film being shot in Montreal. The working title was *Orgy of the Blood Parasites;* the director was David Cronenberg; and one of the co-producers was Ivan Reitman.

Although it eventually earned about $5 million, the film did not achieve any great fame or popularity in Canada, neither under its original name nor under its subsequent title of *Shivers*; in fact, it garnered some famously scathing reviews. Cronenberg and Reitman, however, independently went on to achieve astonishing successes as director and producer, respectively, of many box-office smashes. Cronenberg has attained critical respect and a wide cult following as a horror-fantasy film director whose films — *M. Butterfly, Naked Lunch, The Fly, The Dead Zone, Dead Ringers*, among others — have been screened around the world. Reitman, meanwhile, has produced some of Hollywood's biggest box-office draws — *Animal House, Stripes, Ghostbusters, Meatballs*, et al.

Production assistant

I had worked with Cronenberg as a production assistant on a film in Toronto in 1973 — finding him highly intelligent, genial, sensitive and gifted — and he had allowed that I might work with him again in Montreal. When I first arrived, he put me up in his apartment on Nun's Island for a few nights.

As I recall, he kept an aquatic bloodsucking leech in suspended animation in a water-filled mayonnaise jar in his fridge. This repugnant wormlike creature, apparently his pet, was needed for special effects. He seemed to take great pleasure in bringing it to room temperature and, as it would begin to strive hungrily for nourishment, in feeding it bloody pieces of raw liver fresh from the butcher. He asked me to care for this thing while he went to Los Angeles, and left me the script of *Blood Parasites* to read.

Later, he seemed not to mind when, in answer to his direct questions, I confessed that I wasn't crazy about the script — it seemed exploitative, lurid and depraved. My naive youthfulness had blinded me into presuming that such frank admissions were permissable between friends and didn't intrude upon loyalty.

Cronenberg was easy-going, hardly the egomaniacal type. But he reported my opinion to Reitman, with whom it apparently raised doubts (as Cronenberg later told me) as to my continued employability beyond pre-production. Eventually, Reitman callously elucidated several reasons to me in private why he was reluctant to hire me during production — my French wasn't good enough, I was too fat, etc. — so I returned home to Toronto. Thus ended my own brief cinematic career.

A flashback of this interlude from half a lifetime ago ran through my mind recently after I perused a highly interesting and detailed new biography of the director whose career course has far surpassed even the optimistic prognostications of his numerous boosters of two decades ago.

David Cronenberg: A Delicate Balance (ECW Press, $14.95), by York University film instructor Peter Morris, is a finely researched, comprehensive study of the life and works of the controversial auteur whom some consider a genius in the Hitchcockian mode, responsible for some of the big screen's most horrifying images. Others, as Morris notes, regard his movies (especially the earlier ones) as grotesque and repulsive.

As the book carefully chronicles, the negative critical reception to *Shivers* nearly ruined Cronenberg. In a review in *Saturday Night*, entitled *You Should Know How Bad This Film Is — After All, You Paid For It*, critic Robert Fulford argued that the film displayed such atrocious bad taste that it was indefensible that some $75,000 in public funds had been invested in its production. Evidently, Cronenberg's landlady eventually evicted him from his apartment on the strength of what Fulford had written, setting in motion a Kafkaesque nightmare for him.

Cronenberg's initial reaction to the Fulford piece was placid acceptance, but he eventually came to resent it bitterly, as he explained in an article in *The Globe and Mail*. He also wrote that he realized that he was not exempt "from the fabled insecurity of the artist, the seer, the prophet, the Jew, the alien who can live happily in someone else's house or country only until he is . . . recognized. Then it's the knock on the door in the middle of the night."

Fans of Cronenberg or the cinematic horror genre should find this book worth reading. Readers of this column may also find two other recent titles from ECW Press of interest. They are *Leonard Cohen: A Life in Art*, by Ira Nadel, and *Mina's Story: A Doctor's Memoir of the Holocaust*, by Dr. Mina Deutsch. Each title is $14.95.

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Forever Plaid: Now in its second year at the New Yorker Theatre in downtown Toronto, this "feel good" musical features the music of the 1950s vocal group The Four Plaids, whose hits included *Three Coins in a Fountain, Heart and Soul, Chain Gang* and *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing*. For reservations, call 1-800-267-6116.

Little Odessa captures dark side of one Jew

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The Brighton Beach district of Brooklyn is home to a colony of Russian Jewish emigres. Here Russian is spoken and the ambience is that of Moscow, St. Petersburg or Odessa.

This neighborhood is the venue of *Little Odessa*, James Gray's hard-boiled film of a wanton killer and his relationship, such as it is, with his family.

It was screened at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The focus is on the Shapiras — a divided, dysfunctional Jewish family who've been in the United States for a while.

The black sheep of the family, Josh, is a heartless criminal, a hired hitman who kills dispassionately. Josh, played to perfection by Tim Roth, is alienated from his strong-willed father (Maximilian Schell), but drawn to his younger brother Reuven (Edward Furlong) and his dying mother (Vanessa Redgrave).

When Josh tries to visit his bed-ridden mother, the conflict between himself and his father intensifies. Reuven, a studious boy, is caught in the middle.

But *Little Odessa* is not just about a bitter family feud. It's a chilling portrait of what Oliver Stone might describe as a "natural born killer." Josh dispatches victims, and burns their bodies, with ruthless efficiency. Simply put, he's a killing machine, certainly not a nice Jewish boy!

The milk of human kindness drips from his soul only when he interacts with his girlfriend Alla (Moira Kelly) and with Reuven, or when he cradles his cancer-ridden mother in his arms. Josh's deviant behavior is never explained, but explanations are not really needed.

In *Little Odessa*, surface impressions are sufficient — and disturbing — enough.

Is *Little Odessa* a microcosm of the Russian-Jewish mafia in New York City? Probably. To the best of my knowledge, no previous film has dealt, even indirectly, with this topic.

More importantly, though, it's a sadly captivating portrait of a family at odds with each other.

Little Odessa marks Gray's feature debut. It's an auspicious start. Gray, 24 is a director of integrity and maturity.

Holy Blossom used for Global TV series

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is lunchtime and the basement social hall of the Holy Blossom Temple is packed with diners gobbling down a pareve meal, with chocolate cake for dessert.

Laura Bertram, 16, sits down with her plate. It's been a tough morning for the young actor. She has just been pelted with eggs and abuse in her role of 13-year-old Amanda Zimm, a lead character on *Ready or Not*, the acclaimed adolescent television series now in its second season on Canwest-Global.

The scene, shot at the synagogue on a sunny Tuesday in August, depicts the first time Amanda encounters anti-Semitism. Bertram, a Roman Catholic, says it is almost enough to dissuade the Jewish character she plays from having a bat mitzvah.

"It really scares her," says the affable teen between bites of spaghetti. "She learns that if you are accepted into one group, you may not be accepted by the rest of the world."

The room empties. Lunch is over. Bertram, along with the 150 crew members and 75 extras, is hustled away to get ready for the next scene, a Shabbat service to be filmed in Holy Blossom's main sanctuary.

Bringing up the rear is *Ready or Not* creator Alyse Rosenberg, 32. The series grew out of her master's thesis at Columbia University's film school, a short film called *Thirty-two Double A* "about the first time a girl wears a bra," Rosenberg says.

But it was the relationship between the Jewish teen and her Catholic best friend that formed the basis for *Ready or Not*, first produced for Global's New Producers Series in January 1992. Rosenberg says the two teens represent both sides of her personality.

"But Busy [Ramone, played by Jewish actor Lonni Billard] is who I've always wanted to be — strong, not easily intimidated, independent," she says. "Amanda is more easily influenced."

One of those who influence her is Amanda's bubbie, played by actor Roselle Stone. In the episode being filmed that day Stone's character presents Amanda with the family's heirloom candlesticks. The segment ends with the women lighting the Shabbat candles.

Back in the Holy Blossom sanctuary, the crew tapes down snaking electrical wires and adjusts the lights. Rosenberg, who is directing this episode, blocks out the action on the pulpit.

Laura Bertram between takes at the Holy Blossom. [Amy Sattin photo]

Series consultant Rabbi Larry Pinsker of the Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam is playing himself. He goes through the motions of unwrapping the Torah.

"This is the first episode in which Amanda's Jewishness becomes a major concern," he says between takes. He began working on the series after officiating at Rosenberg's wedding last June.

Dr. Rob Silver's rich tenor floats over the kreig lights. He is rehearsing his role as the cantor. The endocrinologist stops and says playing the cantor isn't a stretch: he acts as back-up cantor at Rabbi Pinsker's shul.

"He's just a ham," says Rabbi Pinsker affectionately of his co-star. "A kosher ham, mind you, but still a ham."

Laura Bertram is ready for the scene. She has changed her egg-stained clothes for a modest blue dress — the synagogue is standing in for the fictitous Conservative Temple Emunah.

She bounces on the wooden bench. "These are a lot more comfortable than the pews in my church," she says.

It will take more than 50 hours of filming to produce one 22-minute episode, and Bertram knows they are only partway through. She flashes a big smile. It is going to be a long afternoon, and she couldn't look any happier.

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Reaction to the capital gains tax

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — *Finance Minister Avraham Shohat closed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange after announcing a 10 per cent capital gains tax on investments — the first time such a tax has been applied in Israel.*

In announcing the measure, Shohat said the capital gains tax represented a measure of social justice in taxation policy.

He said he did not expect the measure to cause any serious jolt to the stock exchange, but he closed the exchange for several days in order to give market officials and investors a chance to plan their investments in light of the announcement.

The 10 per cent tax on profits and dividends from investments "has been long in the air, much talked about," Shohat noted. "Now it is time to act."

Oh, woe is me

Israel News Service

ISRAEL — There is almost nothing that affects the Israeli psyche more than the word *boursa*.

The Israel stock exchange has probably been responsible for more people losing their homes, their shirts and their wives, than almost any other single institution. But primarily the exchange was an inspiration to almost every Israeli who at last had a way of making a legal, tax-free quick buck.

Now all this has changed. From the beginning of next year there will be a 10 per cent capital gains tax.

The recent announcement by the government cast a sombre cloud over all who play the exchange tables; it was as if another Middle East War was on the verge of starting.

The exchange was closed for two days to enable the punters to take advice and calculate how they would manage to live with just a 90 per cent gain in their chosen shares. There was a cry from the heart. What shall we do to offset our profit when some shares we buy don't make any money?

Ah, says the government. Ah, says the Bank of Israel. The punter has a point here; maybe we should have thought out the tax a little more carefully. Now, in true Israeli style, follows the first amendment.

On August 21 the exchange reopened and, not unexpectedly, stocks plunged by as much as 15 per cent. As the day went on, the shares improved and by the close of the day, the market showed an overall decline of almost 10 per cent. The next day there was an overall gain of about two per cent.

The tax should help to stabilize prices. Often in the past, companies with sound management and a first class marketing record have seen their shares drop for no apparent reason.

Coinciding with the announcement of the new tax, the government lowered purchase tax on a variety of items including air conditioners, car parts, telephones and computers.

It also announced further liberalization in the economy in the field of overseas investments.

What percentage of reduction the consumer will see will depend on how much the supplier passes on to the consumer. The consumer in Israel is very unsophisticated when it comes to comparing prices. Unlike consumers in other western countries who will not buy when prices go up, the Israeli consumer will buy — in case the price goes up even further.

In Israel there is no effective watch-dog for the consumer, although the consumer himself is his own worst enemy when it comes to protecting his interests.

Inflation is still a very serious problem. At the moment, inflation is running at 14.5 per cent annually. In July, the consumer price index jumped by 1.1 per cent. This rise was in no small way fueled by the continuous rise in house prices. In the first quarter of 1994 house prices rose on average by almost three per cent. In Tel Aviv the rise was almost five per cent.

Although the index has risen over seven per cent so far this year, workers' statutory compensation is about half this figure. Although more and more companies are returning bigger profits, more and more people are also falling below the official government-set poverty line.

The government is spending heavily on road and rail improvements all over the country. Its stated desire is to improve public transport and prevent complete closure of the roads around the big cities by the ever-growing number of new vehicles coming onto the roads every month.

In a perfect example of shooting itself in the foot, the government has just allowed a completely unnecessary price hike in bus fares. The government has shot itself in the fiscal foot many times before and will soon be running out of pinkies.

TIPS FROM PROS

By JOHN SYRTASH
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As a result of two recent Supreme Court of Canada cases, employers now appear to have a legal duty to pay for all religious holidays.

This duty would be in addition to statutory holidays, normal vacation pay and other benefits. Are these decisions allowing more time with God, or do they constitute a threat to hiring?

The court ruled that unions are also legally bound to support any member who needs legal "time out" to celebrate such a holiday.

The only exception to these rules apply to employers who would suffer "undue hardship" if they were to accommodate an employee in such a manner. Some hardship is not enough. The employer must show a significant loss of profitability or threat to the viability of his business by paying for these extra days before he is relieved of the employee's legal right to such payment.

In Chambly vs. Bergevin, a Quebec school board was recently ordered by the court to pay three Jewish employees for time taken off for Yom Kippur in addition to the other paid holidays and vacation pay. The court ruled that it would contravene the employees' legal human rights if the board was permitted to pay fellow non-Jewish workers for Christian holidays, but not Jews for theirs.

In an earlier case, Central Okanagan School Board District vs. Renaud, a school board and a union refused to accommodate a worker who couldn't work a normal Monday-through-Friday shift because of his sabbath, which commenced on Fridays.

The court ruled that an employer must take reasonable measures "short of undue hardship" to accommodate an employee's religious beliefs and practises. It ordered the employee's reinstatement — he had been fired for refusing to work the normal shift — and awarded him a significant amount of damages, being lost pay. Even the union was fined.

Most Jews know observant Jews celebrate the Sabbath by, among other things, abstaining from work, travel, or even carrying money in most cases.

However, similar prohibitions apply to the following major Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah (2 days), Yom Kippur (1 day), Sukkot (4 days), Passover (4 days), and the day on which we received the Torah, Shavuot (2 days).

In theory, if all of these days fell during the week, the employer could be obligated to pay for as many as 13 days per year in addition to the normal two weeks off with pay and all the other statutory holidays. It is unlikely that in most cases the courts or human rights commissions would now sanction "exchanging" statutory vacation days for religious days off. These are new additional rights and the employer is usually obliged to accept the employee's religious days off.

These cases are excellent news for those already employed with financially secure employers. If they and their families had always wanted to observe the Holy Days properly but had been prevented from doing so, they can now legally insist on getting paid for these days, in most cases.

However, there could be some problems. Employers cannot legally ask about one's religious practises when interviewing a job applicant. However, I suspect the employer may nonetheless quietly discriminate against observant job applicants — Jews, Muslim or otherwise — if he suspects the applicant is religious.

An irate employer might also fire an employee for other reasons so he cannot be accused of discriminatory practises. Of course, the same arguments were canvassed by critics when other employment protection laws were enacted, such as laws to protect handicapped applicants and female applicants (employers often fear that a child-bearing age applicant will become pregnant just after she's become indispensible to the operation).

Nonetheless, employers have learned to live with such constraints. Child-bearing age women now account for a sizeable share of the work force, including the professions. Of course some religious job applicants will simply not be hired for "other reasons" and some may even be fired. In such cases, only the most aggressive and diligent job seeker will see through the excuses given and lodge a complaint with a human rights commission. Our joy must therefore be somewhat tempered by the realities of the marketplace.

However, we should still rejoice in these cases. Who knows? They may even encourage families to discover that Judaism is rich and exists beyond Rosh Hoshanah, Yom Kippur and the Passover seder (even if everyone else ends up at the movies).

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Bauhaus: simple lines in a harmony of mass space

Jerusalem Dateline

In the 1930s and 1940s the Bauhaus style of architecture came to Tel Aviv. During these years, dozens of well-known architects left their countries, especially Germany, and began to rebuild their lives — and their houses — in what is today a modern metropolis and Israel's largest commercial and financial centre.

Tel Aviv is, in fact, the city with the greatest concentration of buildings in the Bauhaus style, about 1,000 of which have been marked for preservation as historic landmarks. In recognition of the importance of its Bauhaus heritage, Israel recently paid a tribute to the creative men and women responsible for it.

A veritable festival took place throughout the country, with professional and student exhibitions, educational programs, a film festival, theatrical events and open-air activities.

Perhaps the most important event was a week-long international conference co-sponsored by UNESCO and the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, which brought together hundreds of architects and civil engineers from 20 countries around the world.

The Bauhaus movement sprang from a social philosophy which stressed the democratization of human welfare. It fit well with the pioneering spirit prevalent in Israel at the time.

Simple lines in a harmony of mass space, sculptured terraces between pillars rising from the ground to stairwells and rooftops, and the color white characterized the movement's functional expression of minimalism. This period of construction expressed a belief in the creation of a better and more just society.

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Business & Finance

Mid-East focuses on environmental issues

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — The steady move toward peace in the Middle East has fostered productive cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors on environmental issues.

Israel could not devote the time, energy and resources for the environment "when we were allocating a lot of our national budget for the security of Israel," according to Israel Peleg, director-general of the Israeli Ministry of the Environment.

"Now that there is a better atmosphere in the Middle East it is the perfect time for the environment," Peleg told reporters at a recent briefing at the Israeli Embassy here.

One key indication of cooperation on environmental issues is the extent of progress being made at the multilateral talks on the environment.

It is "not surprising" that the multilateral working group on the environment has made more progress than the groups on arms control, refugees and economics and welfare, according to Peleg, who was in Washington to discuss ways to increase cooperation on the environment between Israel and the United States.

"The cliche that the environment and pollution do not know borders is a reality in our region, especially when the borders are so close," he said.

Another indication of cooperation is the venue of the next round of talks. The talks, slated to begin Oct. 24, will be held in Bahrain.

Although Israel has no diplomatic relations with Bahrain, Israeli officials, headed by Peleg, will attend the talks with their Arab neighbors to continue the progress made on environmental issues during negotiation over the past two years.

Peleg pointed to a recent agreement signed by Israel and Jordan as another example of how cooperation on the environment is moving ahead rapidly in the Middle East.

A week before Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan signed the July 25 Washington Declaration ending the 46-year state of war between their two countries, officials from the two countries, meeting in tents straddling the Israeli-Jordanian border, signed an agreement to cooperate in protecting the region's environment.

Peleg and Jordanian negotiators initialed a four-page agreement which has already begun to be implemented, according to Peleg.

"It was very moving to see that it is not only us, but also the Jordanians, that are so eager to go ahead in this peace on the environment," Peleg said.

The agreement, which protects the Gulf of Eilat and Aqaba, the Rift Valley, the Dead Sea and the area from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea, says: "Jordan and Israel acknowledge the importance of the ecology of the region, its high environmental sensitivity and the need to protect the environment and prevent danger and risks for the health and well-being of the region's population."

During his trip to the United States, Peleg met with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, including Administrator Carol Browner, to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding the United States and Israel have on the environment.

Peleg said he believes that increased cooperation with the EPA will help Israel with its efforts to implement new environmental projects such as air monitoring systems, emission standards and protection of the ozone layer and rivers.

"It is about time to give the MOU higher visibility and more extensive cooperation," he said. "We can learn much more from the American experience than we have so far."

TerraQuest investigates the origin of toxic waste

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Some unscrupulous companies are illegally dumping hazardous waste in fields in northern Ontario, but strict environmental regulations mean landowners are responsible.

To avoid a fine and a very expensive cleanup, a landowner must discover the culprit.

Environmental investigator Eugene Muller, the president of the newly-formed TerraQuest Environmental Strategies Corporation, could determine where the hazardous waste originated by analyzing the chemical in the soil.

"When you find out what the chemical is, you can pretty well find out where it came from through investigative technique," he said.

Certified environmental investigators like Muller are a new breed. He handles the scientific work such as gathering soil samples — they go to a lab for analysis — and he is a sleuth.

Until recently two experts, a scientist and someone with a law-enforcement background, would investigate incidents of illegal dumping or other environmental damage.

Muller, who has a 20-year background in the security field, is a graduate of Richmond Hill's Canadian Institute for Environmental Investigations. This June, a month after graduation, he became the vice-chair of the Association of Certified Environmental Investigators.

He founded TerraQuest with Gino Giancola, Tracey Jones and Brad Nosworthy. The foursome were in the top five of their class of 21 and the second group to finish the institute's five-month-long course.

Contaminant

TerraQuest conducts environmental assessments for companies and individuals, Muller said, before they purchase land that could be an environmental disaster. "Today if you go to a bank to buy land they would want a complete environmental assessment."

An environmental assessment of a site includes an investigation of land, water and air pollution, as well as potential contaminant sources, a review of historical records, and an examination of a company's policies regarding the handling of hazardous waste.

So far, the company has given two sites clean bills of environmental health, but the results of an assessment they did when they were students was not as favorable.

"We now have on file that this piece of land is contaminated," Muller said.

Environmental assessments, though, are only one aspect of TerraQuest's many activities.

They provide an environmental management service for companies that are faced with applying steadily growing environmental legislation. Directors, he says, are concerned about the fines for non-compliance and negative exposure in the media.

TerraQuest performs waste audits for companies, to help them comply with the government 3Rs regulation. Under the regulation, large companies have to reduce their waste output to landfill sites by 35 per cent by 1996 and by 50 per cent in the year 2000.

"We can accomplish that by putting in programs for reducing, reusing and recycling," Muller noted.

A recent waste audit TerraQuest did for Nestle Canada Inc. turned up some excellent results for the company.

"Nestle's is a very conscious company," he says. They found that Nestle's had already reduced their waste to landfills by 48 per cent and that "they can further reduce to a maximum of 76 per cent landfill-free waste."

TerraQuest looked at how each of Nestle's departments — there are 21 departments that produce 24 different types of waste — can reduce their waste and what they can recycle.

TerraQuest's packaging audits aim to assist a company in reducing packaging and determining if recycled or reusable materials can be used. If, for example, a package is made up of a box within a box, Muller said, they figure out "how it can be repackaged to use fewer boxes or how they can use recycled material."

Safety audits include going through a company's procedures for handling and storing hazardous materials as well as training staff.

Seminars for municipalities who want to learn how to implement a blue box program or for anyone who wants information about the 3Rs are part of TerraQuest's educational activities. They will be developing educational programs on "first response" — how to respond to an environmental hazard — for police and fire departments.

Muller is the chair of Beth Avraham Yoseph's security committee and a member of B'nai Brith. He and his wife Rochelle have four children.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in the CJN.

This week The CJN features . . .The Oshawa Group Limited

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

TORONTO — The **Oshawa Group Limited** is one of Canada's largest distributors of food and pharmaceuticals.

It is the supplier to 1,452 franchise markets, 656 of which are **IGA** stores; it owns and operates 142 **Pharma Plus Drugmarts** and 111 supermarkets, including 35 **Food City** stores; and its food service division, **Serca Foods**, is the largest food service supplier in the country.

With sales for 1993 of $5.7 billion, the Oshawa Group has been ranked the 17th largest company in Canada. It employs more than 17,000 people, not including franchise employees.

This huge company started as a wholesale produce company of very modest proportions.

In 1911 Max Wolfe bought a horse and cart and began delivering fresh produce door to door. Three years later he and his brother Maurice founded the Ontario Produce Company, which they operated from a stall in the old Toronto fruit and vegetable market.

Over the next 30 years the company evolved into a major importer/exporter and wholesaler of fresh produce, supplying retailers, institutional customers, and other wholesalers.

But by 1948 its biggest customers, the large grocery chains, began importing their own produce. The company needed to find a new market.

The late Ray Wolfe (Maurice's son), the past chair and CEO of the Oshawa Group, was the general manager of the Ontario Produce Company in 1948. He saw the potential in developing the independent grocery store as a new source of business.

Ray Wolfe acquired Oshawa Wholesale Limited, a small distributor of groceries, tobacco, confectionery and health and beauty products, and through this new company he was able to expand the range of products being supplied to the independents.

By 1951, Wolfe was supplying 750 independent stores. Their combined buying power created the necessary volume to keep their prices competitive, said Tim Carter, vice president of public affairs for the Oshawa Group.

"This allowed the independent grocers to take on the grocery chains," he said.

In 1951 Wolfe obtained the first Canadian franchise of the Chicago-based Independent Grocers Alliance (IGA). About 50 stores became franchises; this enabled them to buy, advertise, merchandise and sell under a single banner. The number of IGA stores increased significantly after 1959 when Oshawa Wholesale Ltd. absorbed the parent company, Ontario Produce, and became a publicly traded company.

Between 1968 and 1972 the company expanded beyond Ontario by acquiring all the IGA suppliers in every province but British Columbia. Today more food is sold under the IGA banner than any other banner in Canada, Carter said.

The money raised through the issuing of public shares was used to set up corporate IGA stores as well as a company-owned discount supermarket chain called Food City. It was the first discount supermarket in the country, Carter said.

The Food City that would be most familiar to *CJN* readers is located at Hilda and Clark in Thornhill. This sprawling 30,000-square-foot store has a 3,000-square-foot kosher food department which has been renovated and expanded twice in eight years.

"We misjudged how large it should be. We had to expand it," Carter said.

The department includes two grocery aisles, a glatt kosher butcher shop which kashers meat on the premises, a deli, a fish market, a dairy section and a full-scale bakery.

The variety of products in the kosher department is a convenience for shoppers, said Peter Marturano, the store manager. "It's one-stop shopping for all your kosher needs."

He said the department is unique. "We are the only location (in North America) with a glatt kosher butcher shop within a supermarket."

To be glatt kosher the supermarket must have a rabbi on the premises from the opening to the closing of the kosher department. Rabbi Moshe Bensalmon is on duty during the day, while a second rabbi, Rabbi Haim Edery, comes early in the morning — when the bakery staff arrive — and returns in the evening.

The rabbis make sure that all the operations of the kosher department adhere strictly to Halachah. They approve the deliveries of meat, fish and deli before they can be accepted into the kosher part of store. The rabbis are on hand to supervise the kashering procedures: deveining, soaking and salting the meat.

Marturano said the store gives customers the best possible price on kosher food. The staff do price checks with their competitors to make sure the kosher items are competitively priced, he said.

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Business Briefs

An Unusual Partnership

JERUSALEM — A member of the Saudi Arabian nobility and a Jewish merchant prince have shaken hands on a deal that makes them co-owners of San Francisco's historic Fairmont Hotel — for starters.

The new partners are Richard Swig, scion of one of the most eminent Jewish families in San Francisco for generations, and Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Alwaleed has acquired a 50 per cent stake in three Fairmont hotels owned by the Swig family. Included is the chain's flagship landmark property atop Nob Hill in San Francisco, and two others in Dallas and New Orleans.

Swig retains full control of the Fairmont properties in San Jose and Chicago.

The price paid by the 37-year-old Alwaleed has not been disclosed, but he also pledged to invest some $50 million for badly needed renovations of the hotels.

Swig said he was approached by Alwaleed over a year ago.

Alwaleed will be chair of the new partnership, with Swig serving as vice-chair.

The new partners intend to buy as many as 25 other hotels in the next five to seven years.

No specific sites have been picked, but the hotels will probably be scattered throughout Europe, Canada and the United States.

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Complaints Against the European Union

JERUSALEM — The European Union has not kept its promises on agricultural trade with Israel and has failed to treat it as an equal with other countries, Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said during a meeting with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The meeting was held before Peres left for Germany later in the day. Tsur asked him to seek significant improvements in trade conditions from the union during his visit.

About 90 per cent of Israel's fresh agricultural exports go to Europe. Yet, Tsur said, Israel is still paying tariffs which are unfair compared with the preferential treatment extended to many other countries.

Tsur said European farmers are heavily subsidized compared with Israeli farmers — some 60 per cent of the union's budget is allocated to agriculture.

He said subsidies amount to 55 per cent of the value of union agricultural produce compared with 25 per cent in Israel. Israel, in addition, faces competition from Third World countries with significantly lower labor costs.

Zvi Alon, deputy director general of foreign trade at the Agriculture Ministry, said the union has eased trade conditions for several other states in recent years.

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Industrial Production Rises

JERUSALEM — Industrial production grew at an annual rate of eight per cent during the first half of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

The rise follows increases of 10 per cent in the second half of 1993 and five per cent during the first half of last year.

Industrial production rates varied significantly during the first half of the year. From May through June, industrial activity turned more vigorous and jumped 12 per cent.

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$20 Million Contract For Tadiran

JERUSALEM — Tadiran has won a contract to supply communications equipment valued at $20 million to a South American country, the company announced.

According to the contract, Tadiran will supply the country with its VHF and HF communication systems, which can be applied under the most hostile battle conditions.

Tadiran will also supply the country with a logistics package for training workers and keeping track of spare parts.

Amiram Raphael, Tadiran's marketing manager, said the company has recently increased its activities in South America.

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New Terminal At Ben Gurion

JERUSALEM — The Airports Authority has chosen Bovis, the British-based international construction company, to provide management services for the new terminal at Ben-Gurion Airport, the authority announced.

The authority issued a statement saying Bovis, a giant firm with an international reputation and extensive know-how and experience in directing the construction of passenger terminals around the world, would assist it in directing the construction.

According to the tender, the company carrying out the project has to share the work with Israeli firms, authority director Motti Debi said.

Bovis' Israeli partners are Nitzan Inbar, which has 25 years of experience in construction, and AMN, which provides administrative services.

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First PLO Bank in Ramallah

JERUSALEM — The Commercial Bank of Palestine opened in Ramallah recently making it the first Palestinian-owned bank in the territories.

At the opening ceremony, Palestinian Authority finance minister Mohammed Zohari Nashashibi said the bank should adopt a conservative management policy and avoid risk, since it will be holding the money of the masses and the local economy is not strong enough to take on risks.

Suhil Gidon, chairman of the bank's board, said that all the directors were local Palestinians and that the bank would specialize in the local economy and not on developing business relations with other countries.

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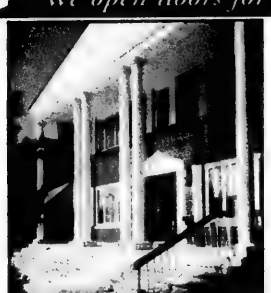

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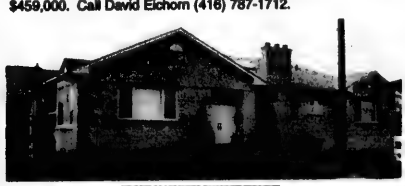

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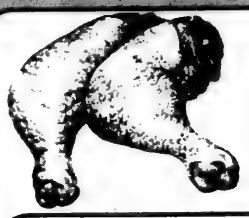

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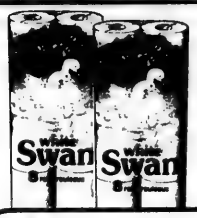

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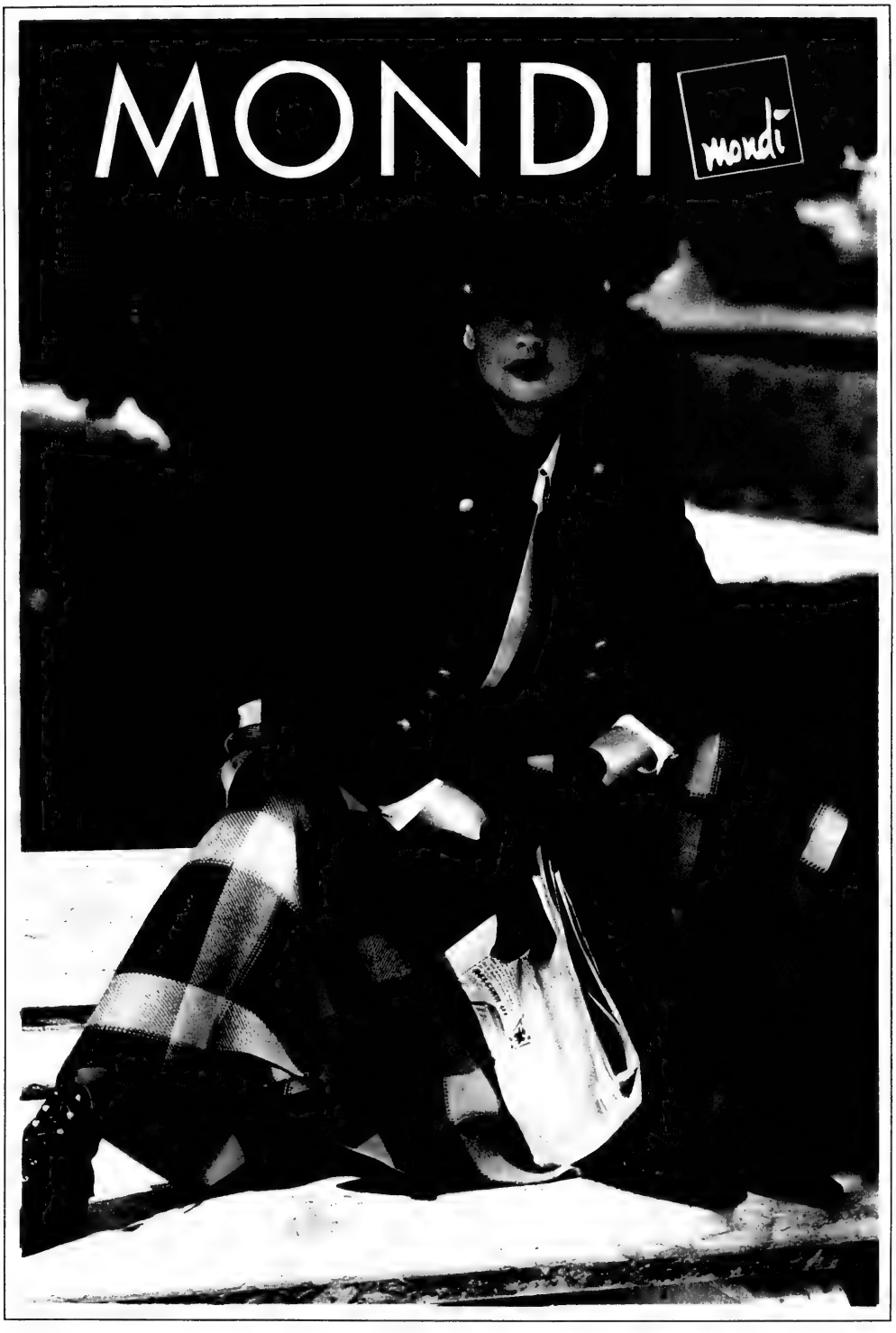

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Mondi expands Fall '94 line to include plus sizes

By ANITA SZABADI-GOTTESMAN
Special to The CJN

Mondi's beginnings were modest. Twenty-five years ago a group of European designers got together to launch a limited collection of innovative knitwear. The rest, as they say, is history.

Mondi is now sold in over 62 countries worldwide. Closer to home, Mondi boutiques are located in every major Canadian city including the prestigious Hazelton Lanes in Toronto and Ogilvy in Montreal. A loyal following of customers has embraced the Mondi Collection from season to season.

"Our customers call us for our catalogues before our collections reach the stores," says Jennifer Elliott, Director of Retail Stores for Mondi in Canada.

Knowing their clients and responding to their needs is the strength of Mondi. "We provide choices and options for our customers," stresses Elliott, "not just 'Here's the suit.' We have mix and match pieces that fit every woman's taste and figure."

Previously, the Mondi collections were only available in sizes four to 14, with not all collections available in 14. New for this year is the addition of size 16 in pants and skirts.

"We are responding to our customers' requests," Elliott points out, "by expanding our size range as well as accommodating the woman who may be a different size on the bottom than on the top."

Astute consumers will also note a major price decrease in the Mondi line. "Now every woman can feel she can afford to buy Mondi," beams Elliott. "Without compromising our top quality, we are making a conscious effort to enlarge our market by eliminating frustration as to size and price."

Tight quality control is another benchmark of Mondi. Manufactured in Germany and the Orient, Mondi ensures attention to detail from manufacturing through to shipping.

The Mondi name is synonymous with color. Greens, yellows, golds and oranges are paired with deep blues, greys and blacks. "And of course, red is always available at Mondi!" says Elliott.

This year "coffee brown is the new basic color instead of navy and grey," she adds. As well, the famous Italian Fabric and Yarn Fair forecasts that bordeaux is the biggest color for Fall.

Twelve designers from across Europe have designed collections this year, creating an international feel that is the signature of Mondi. The result is classic, elegant and functional clothing providing modern femininity for today's woman.

The Vive La Couleur collection presents cherry red and black. Bold colors plus gold incorporate the military look with gold buttons adorned with lions, crests and embroidery. Featured fabrics are poly-wools with soft velvet details.

The Images grouping takes the '70s inspiration all the way to a fresh and soft '90s femininity. Bordeaux and black wool and wool cashmere are featured in solids, checks and a fine pin-stripe. Highlights are velvet and gold with heraldry crests.

The Coffee Colors collection changes the mood to a very soft, clean feminine look. Coffee brown and cream in mix and match coordinates pairs beautifully with a silk blouse. This grouping features a new fabric from Japan — a polynosic microfibre that is soft and drapes beautifully.

New Country takes its inspiration from Europe's long equestrian history. Tied to the countryside with jodhpurs, suede finishing and sporty jackets, the look is now just as comfortable in the city. Shades of chocolate and gold are featured and various pieces combine beautifully with the Coffee Colors collection.

Mondi's club classic look of plaid with black, highlights of gold, cherry and royal. The heraldry motifs and crests celebrate their comeback as an irresistible eye-catcher.

"The best way to wear New Country is to layer, layer, layer," says Elliott. "The blouse, the vest, the jacket topped off with an overcoat."

Soft Details takes you out of the country and back to the city. The shaped woollen jacket is worn with a soft flowing gabardine pant or skirt. The colors of pine, cream and black are teamed with silver embroidery and buttons. Panne and crushed velvet provide the detail on these coordinates which can be combined for business or pleasure.

These collections are now available. Five others to complete the fall Mondi line will arrive in mid-October.

The right accessories can make or break even the most exquisite outfit.

So Mondi carries a full line of head-to-toe items. These include hats, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins, scarves, gloves, shoes, boots and handbags.

"Much of this year's jewelry collection is folklore-inspired, pulling from the Inca, Navaho and Scandinavian cultures," points out Elliott.

And not to be forgotten, the finishing touch to every outfit is Mondi's designer fragrance line, Pursence, which includes a complete line of perfume, soap and body cream.

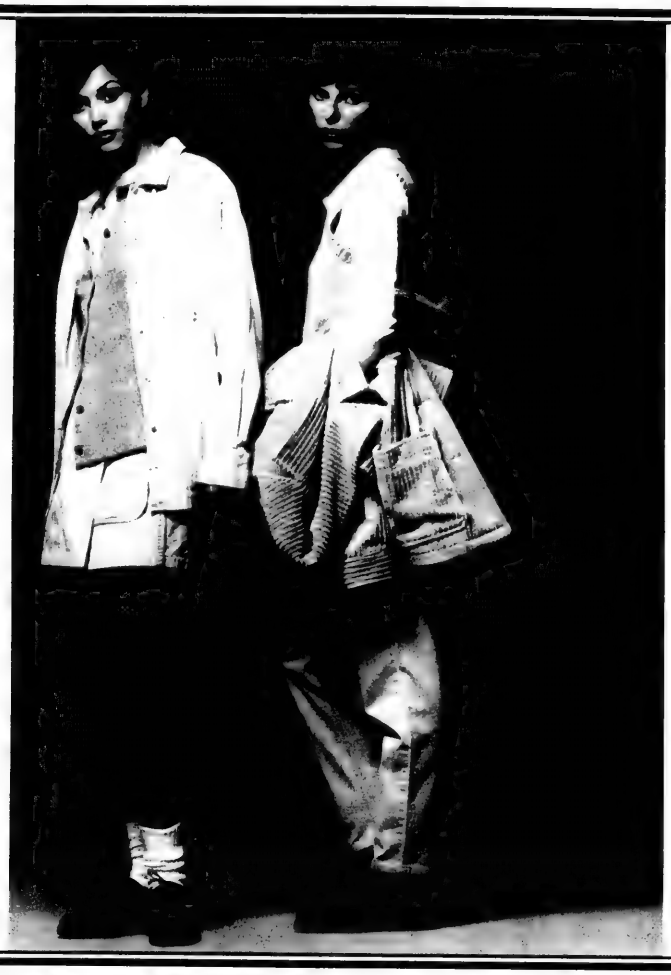
If none of the Mondi line suits your tastes, the Portara collection will surely inspire you. This fashion-forward line is only available at Ogilvy in Montreal and Hazelton Lanes in Toronto.

The '70s influence comes through in five collections featuring an amazing selection of navy blue velvet, black and grey paired with cream, pale green and raspberry. Tie die effects, oversized chenille knitwear, men's influenced suits and leathers form the collection.

"While quite high-end," Elliott says, "the Portara collection has also seen a significant price decrease this season."

Finally, when it's time to dress a little more casually, the Braun collection provides high-end leisure wear. This exclusive line, again available only at Ogilvy and Hazelton Lanes, combines weekend wear such as jeans, trousers and polos with a complete summer Golf line. For fall and winter Braun carries marino wool cable sweaters and exquisite micro-fibre parkas and jackets.

Mondi, as its name suggests, is an entire world of fashion. The colors, style and feel ensure a truly international flavor to the world of Mondi.



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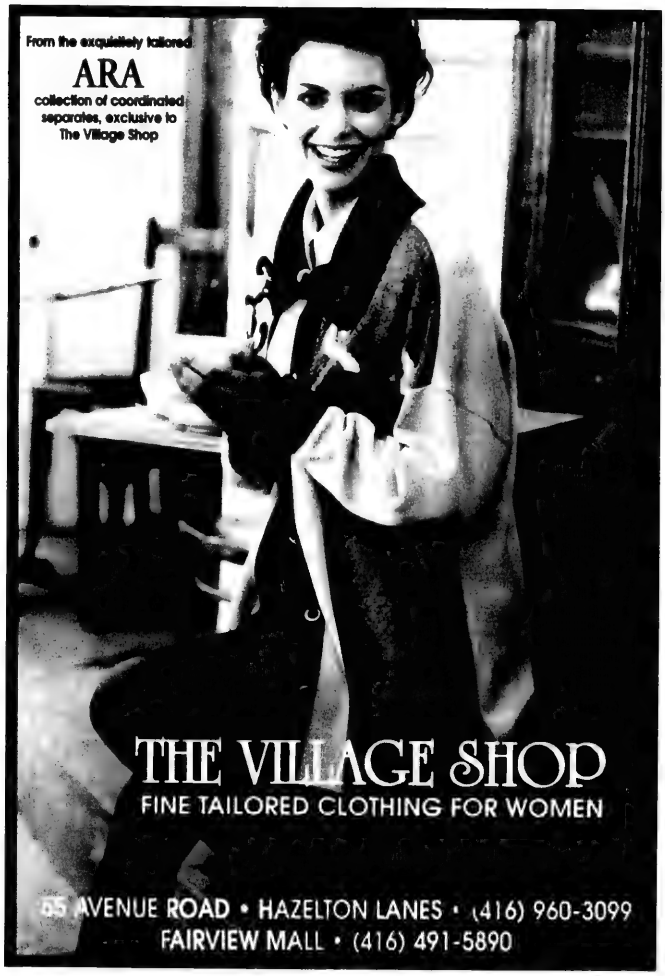
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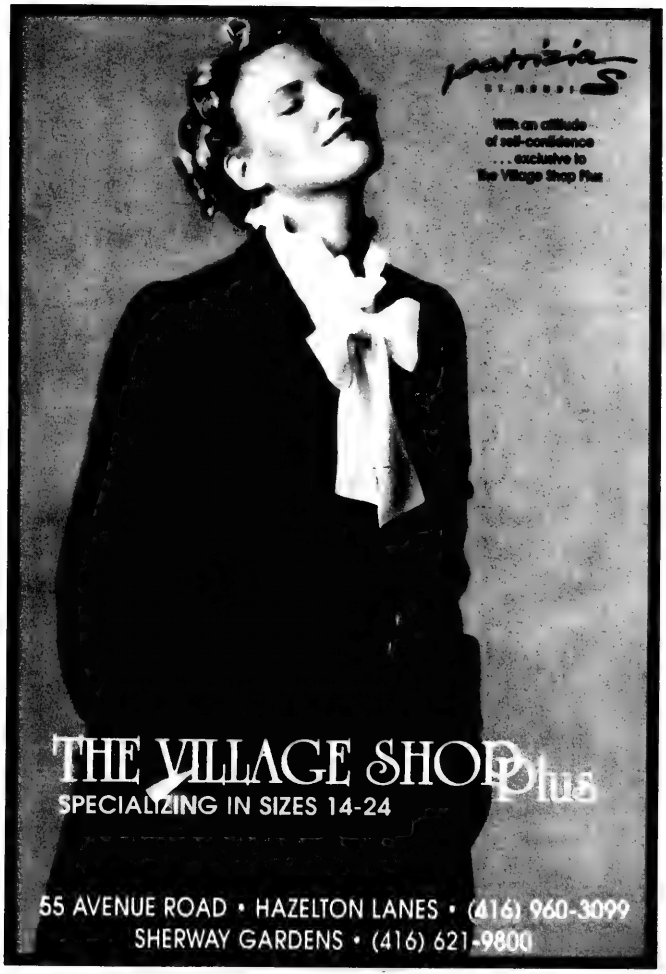
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'A diplomat's coat for the well-dressed man'

By **RACHEL ALKALLAY**
Special to The CJN

Outerwear is the specialty of Cardinal Clothes Canada, a private-label manufacturer which produces better outerwear for men and women.

Cardinal holds the exclusive rights to Joseph Abboud, an American designer based in New York, and the company has also produced coats for Ralph Lauren, Neiman-Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue. The majority of their coats are sold in the United States — Cardinal has had an office in New York City since 1983 — with other major export markets being Europe and Japan.

All coats are produced at the company's St. Viateur Street factory.

Cardinal's big break came when they received their first order with Barney's in New York "after six months of hard work," recalls Jeffrey Ray, co-owner of the company with brother Michael. Once the quality of their workmanship was recognized by the major store, other stores jumped on the bandwagon.

To produce their fine line of coats, Ray works with the best Italian mills to create thousands of designs in natural fabrics.

Season's shades include the family of browns, especially rich chocolate brown and beiges; the deeper olives, which have made a strong comeback, with navy blue and charcoal gray remaining as staples. Tweeds and quiet plaids create a contrast in style choices.

Trim coats make an important statement. Beaver and mink collars are big items. Alpaca collars, with matching linings, present an elegant look. The velvet-collared coat, "a diplomat's coat for the well-dressed man," says Ray, sells well, particularly in the United States.

Ray maintains that soft construction and comfort have been the company's hallmark; current men's styles are catching up with the idea of comfort and easy wear. Soft shoulders, dropped shoulders, raglan shoulders in 22" shoulder widths, make up the majority of the season's coats: all in supple fabrics. The 48" - 50" length is standard.

Button-through coats, belted or unbelted, give stylish options. Slash pockets are on the rise; an elegant touch which provides ease of use.

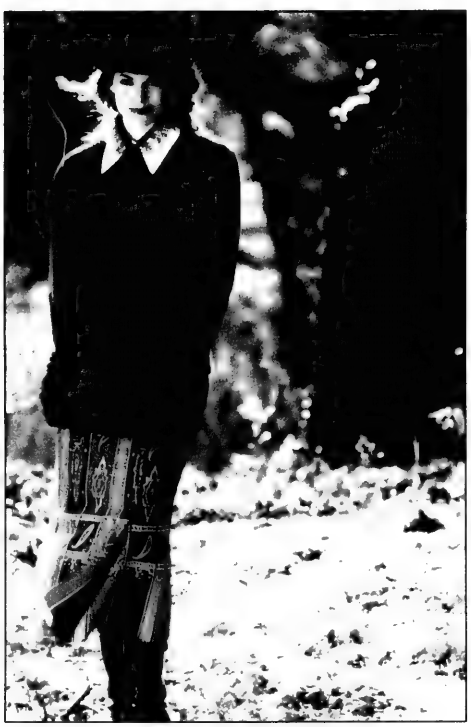
Cashmere coats, alpaca and angora wools which are dyeable in every color, provide an excellent investment in outerwear. Cardinal uses coverts — covered cloth made in England — to produce some of its more elegant clothing.

On average, men buy coats every five years, which are expected to last for several seasons. Ray suggests that in making such an investment, the shopper should check out the coat's qualities.

The manufacturer should be a reputable one, and the store which carries the coat should be equally reliable. Check out the percentage of each fabric: a coat which states a wool/cashmere blend might be 95 per cent wool, and 5 per cent cashmere. Labelling is therefore important.

Lining should be of excellent quality (Cardinal uses only Bemberg and silk linings), with properly-finished seams. The lining should also be fully pressed and crease resistant. The Joseph Abboud line uses a lining the color of melted honey, which suits virtually every shade of coating.

In Canada, Cardinal outerwear is available through Harry Rosen, Holt Renfrew, Perry's Menswear and better men's shops.



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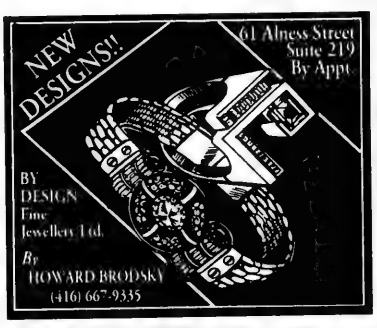

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The picture shows a design by a final year student at Israel's Shenkar College of Fashion. It is inspried by the mixtures of colors and textures found in Tel Aviv's famous Carmel market.

Classic menswear found at Jack Victor

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

A return to refined elegance marks this season's fashions for men, says Herschel Victor, president of Jack Victor, one of Canada's biggest manufacturers of classic menswear.

Men are now more fashion conscious, and the availability of fabrics and styles which allow men to be comfortable in suits is an important factor when fabrics are chosen for the season's line.

Today's natty dresser is looking for the best possible value in both fashion and fabric. Since men buy new suits on average every three years, quality has to be excellent to attract the buyer.

Victor recognizes this, since he learned much of the business working with father Jack Victor, who founded the company in 1913. It survived the tough days of the late '70s and early '80s, when many of the giants in the industry folded under pressure from the recession and competition from the Far East.

"It survived the endurance test," chuckles Victor, sitting comfortably in his office. The company employs 500 people, and manufactures solely at its Montreal factory. The emphasis on efficiency in production in North America has pushed the company to move to fully computerized machinery which is constantly updated.

It is a leader in classic fashions for men. Victor, as president of the Associated Clothing Manufacturers of Quebec, speaks with the authority born of decades of experience.

"Cuffs are the look of today," says Victor. "When I see a man wearing pants without cuffs, I know it's an old suit."

Looser clothing, softer lines, comfort are important for today's well-dressed man. Looser clothing is partially translated into pleated pants, a style which Victor says hides any corpulence around the waist.

Retailers are emphasizing fabric: excellent quality fabrics with suppleness and easy wearability. "Super 100's" is the new term coined by the industry to describe the fine quality of the yarn. Yarn quality is in turn determined by a high yarn count.

High performance fabrics, specially treated to make suits crease-resistant, are another distinguishing mark of quality. Quality fabrics distinguish the Jack Victor line: pure wools and the best worsteds imported from Europe.

Double-breasted blazers in navy blue or black are returning in a big way to the basic wardrobe. Beautiful buttons in gold, or gold and enamel, add a carefully elegant detail to the blazers. Charcoal trousers are out as the classic accessory to the blazer: tan has replaced the traditional favorite.

(A tip for 1995: tan, which has made a strong appearance in 1994, is *the* shade for next year. Tans, taupes, sand and beach shades are featured in suits or as separates.)

Double-breasted jackets as part of a suit are also on the way in. The Quebec market in particular favors the double-breasted look, while in the rest of Canada proportions are about 60 per cent single-breasted and 40 per cent double-breasted, says Victor.

Three-button jackets with buttons that blend in to the suit jacket are a feature which has appeared for a couple of years, and continues to be a feature in this season.

Jackets have soft stripes, thicker chalk stripes: stripes and quietly-worked patterns in tweeds . Lapels are wider — 3½" to 4".

The Jack Victor line is sold at 450 specialty shops and department stores in Canada, and over 300 shops in the United States.

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Fun Fur Boutique provides quality garments

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

A woman strolled into a newly opened Yorkville area boutique specializing in faux fur jackets and coats recently, took one look at the "mink" coat on a hanger and was convinced it was the real thing.

When Sophia Flaumenbaum, one of the owners of the Fun Fur Boutique, told her it was a look-alike she refused to believe it at first.

The faux fur shimmers like mink, and design-wise, the coat is an accurate copy of the ones offered in fur salons around the city. Full length and double breasted, this classic straight-cut coat is truly elegant.

It's no wonder that the shopper did not want to believe Flaumenbaum — the "mink" certainly looks real enough.

The shop's large selection of beautiful jackets and coats in various styles are manufactured by the Flaumenbaum family in their factory at Dufferin and Steeles.

Stuart, Flaumenbaum's son, said the family went into the business of making faux fur outerwear in 1987, when faux fur arrived on the fashion scene, inspired by the animal rights movement. However, the low-end merchandise available at the time left a lot to be desired. We set out to improve the quality and tried to give it more style, said Stuart.

Up until the opening of the Fun Fur Boutique this past July, bits and pieces of the line were available in various stores, but no one retailer offered the entire collection.

Browsing through the bright shop, one can see that the Flaumenbaums have more than succeeded in bringing us high-quality faux fur jackets and coats.

The fabric they use, mod-acrylic, is a lot nicer than the name suggests. It is soft and luxurious, quite unlike the coarse and shaggy synthetic fabrics of the past that would send an animal lover running for wool.

Straight-cut and swing-style ¾ length jackets, which resemble fashionable Persian lamb or beaver, are available in basic colors — black and brown respectively. Attractive and understated abstract designs have been worked into the fabrics of the brown "beaver" jackets.

"Beaver" jackets come in an array of colors, including navy, green and eggplant, as well as various two-tone combinations. Some have black collars, others are trimmed with black at the collar and cuff. Prints include the dramatic black and white "dalmation" and cocktail paisley.

Swing style

Jackets feature winged, notch and shawl collars — some have extra-generous shawl collars — and a few have hoods. Pockets are hidden, and elegant rolled cuffs on some of the jackets make for a dressy look.

Full-length "beaver" swing and straight-cut coats with shawl collars, in brown only, are decorated with a braid pattern.

Sizing is in small, medium and large, with large swing styles fitting extra large.

How warm are they? Lined with cotton and silky acetate to help ward off winter's chill, the jackets and coats are "as warm as a real fur," Stuart said.

Prices are reasonable since the merchandise arrives at the shop on Bellair Avenue directly from the factory, and Stuart says he believes in passing on his savings to the consumer. Jackets start at $200 and coats, including the "mink," are $400.

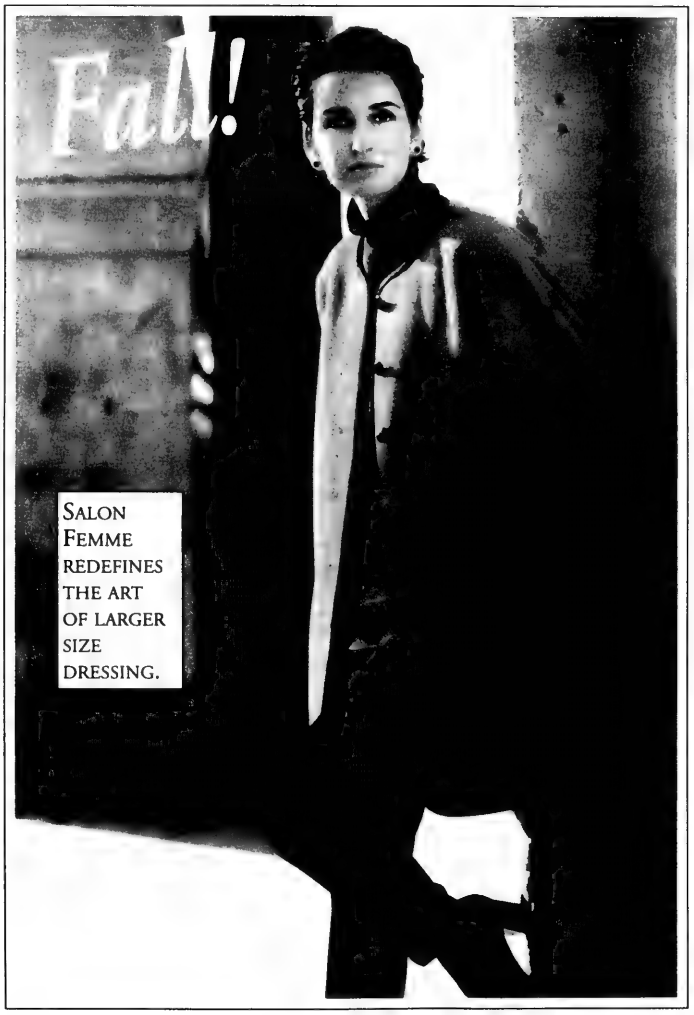
"We're expecting to do very well," he said, "because we're the only store [in Toronto] that specializes in synthetic furs."

Stuart is already planning to expand his retail operations, "if this one works well."

The manufacturing side of the Flaumenbaum family business, Fun Fur Inc., has grown steadily since the company was founded in '87. They began exporting to the United States in 1990, and recently the company captured the Japanese, Korean and Hong Kong markets, where Stuart says there is a big demand for his faux fur outerwear. In fact, business has been so good that last year the factory moved to larger premises.

He said his prices are "very reasonable" compared to those in many other parts of the world, especially European countries. As manufacturing costs in Europe are much higher than ours, he says he could double his wholesale price there.

Next year Fun Fur Inc. plans to venture into the European market.



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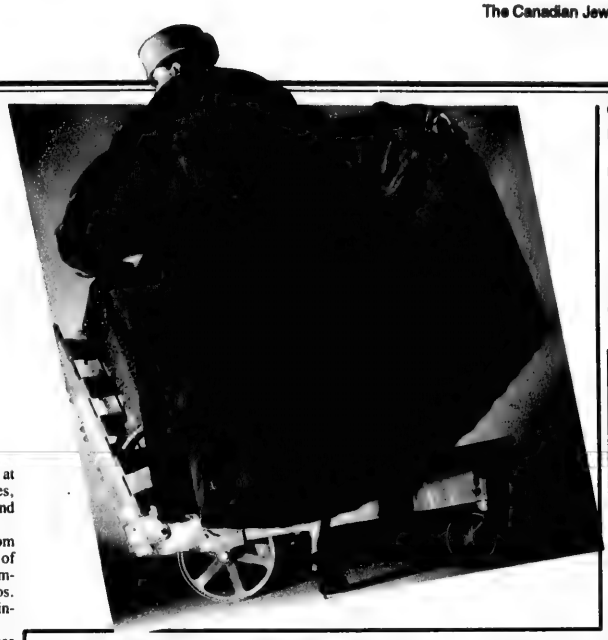

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Natural Furs, one of the leaders in the industry, is at the forefront of the return of fur to women's wardrobes, creating beautiful furs for both the North American and the export markets.

Barbara Gilleck, whose father built Natural Furs from a small retail shop in Jonquiere to one of the giants of the fur business today, has continued to work in the company after its sale last year to Tom and Gwen Naccos.

Fur is in the blood; she grew up surrounded by the industry and understands its often fickle nature.

Gilleck explains that because of the recent hard times experienced in the fur industry, which closed down many fur suppliers, and the upswing in popularity of beautiful natural furs, prices have risen considerably.

With fewer ranches from which to choose, the market for top-quality pelts has become more competitive. The business is also cyclical in nature, says Gilleck, and the cycle is now favorable to buying exciting furs.

Natural Furs creates the elegant furs for Fendi and Native Canadian designer D'Arcy Moses, an innovative young designer who is making his creative mark in the industry.

Capes are big this year, says Gilleck. Whether the fur is used as as trim for a fabric cape, or the cape is made entirely of fur, the look is a classic with a touch of panache.

Fendi-designed coats sport chess figurines in brightly-hued reds, yellows and blues. Matching pompon frills add to the fun look of this season's furs. Green mink is marked with blue Xs on the pockets.

Long, full-length coats and deliciously luxurious wraps of mink and sable are all lined in pure silk, naturally.

The European market is dressier than the North American one, says Gilleck. A European woman is more likely to have several fur pieces suitable for different occasions to match her lifestyle: stricter dressing for cocktails, after five, evening wear. Europeans dress up to attend the theatre or the opera.

Natural Furs has designed fur suits of jackets and skirts for top European designer shows, answering the demand in the European market for the ultimate in elegant suits.

North Americans' more casual lifestyle lends itself to simpler dressing. This is reflected in fur, where a woman will own one fur coat which she will use for most occasions.

While furs are available in every color under the sun, earth tones remain a staple of the industry. Explains Gilleck: "When a woman buys one fur coat, it is meant to last for several seasons. A rich brown mink will always look good and be in style."

Fabulous alternatives exist to make the mink — and other furs as well — more versatile. Natural Furs has created reversible fur coats; coats with removable collars; coats with removable linings. One coat can therefore be dressed up or dressed down.

Fur accessories — scarves and hats worn with style as in the movie *Dr. Zhivago*, are making a comeback. Despite a more casual lifestyle, when buying fur, women want a rich and elegant look. Fur gives it to them.

Sheared beaver coats, soft Russian sable, lavish chinchilla, silky nutria, are the ultimate in luxury coats. Canadian lynx jackets, dotted with honey-colored spots, are the perfect outdoor wear for casual winter fun.

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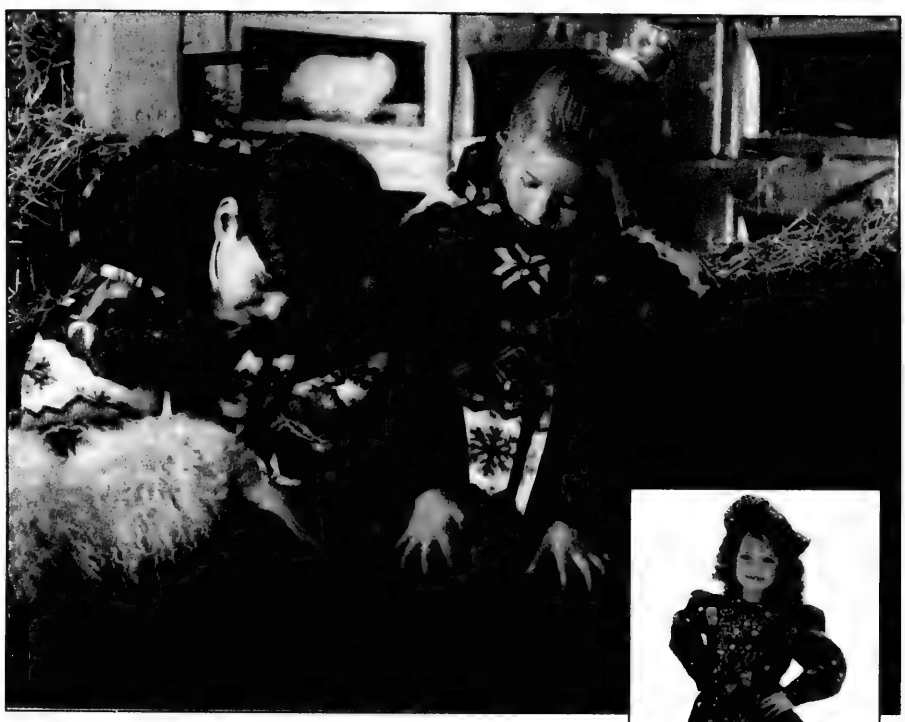

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Deux par Deux took the gold in the Quebec designer category for children's fashions for the second time. There youngsters, pictured above, clearly illustrade that the award was rightly given.

Award-winning looks from Deux par Deux

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Deux par Deux took the gold again last spring, winning the Griffe d'or (gold label award) in the Quebec designer category for children's fashion for the second time.

The annual prize bestowed on those in the Quebec fashion industry was awarded to Deux par Deux based on about ten criteria ranging from originality to product marketing to product quality and price-quality ratio.

Launched in 1986 by Maurice Elmaleh and Claude Diwan, the collection is a combination of exuberance and excitement. Exclusive prints, broad and comfortable lines which give children full freedom of movement, sensitivity to client's needs and product diversity all add to the company's success.

The made-in-Quebec, mostly 100 per cent cotton collection can outfit children from birth to 10 years in everything from outerwear, pants and shirts to co-ordinates.

Elmaleh says, "When we first brought out our clothes, designed by Francoise Toulotte and Claude Diwan, we were a little bit crazy and the retailers were surprised, but the customers recognized the quality as well as the provocation and humor and they were very positive.

"We were the first to bring out larger shapes such as jumpsuits and everything was possible in terms of creativity. Now, however we have had to adapt to the recession and although we are still very fashionable we have placed more effort on pricing."

Everything in the Deux par Deux collection is coordinated by stories and groups. "Prints are created on our own drawing boards so you will not see our fabric anywhere else. Our designs have personality — we put all our heart, soul and sense of creativity into our work, and because of this our retailers and customers follow us," says Elmaleh.

Boys and girls alike will revel in the red, white and blue nautical grouping featuring broad-striped, hooded winter jackets trimmed with a bright red pocket and plaid cuffs and paired with a red and blue checked tuque, or the red, white and blue over-vest, worn over a bulky white sweatshirt. Striped overalls with red straps and cuffs are perfect for the toddler.

Dresses, coats and jackets in the feminine, peach-tone grouping are adorned with roses and little girls' faces. The coat, in a cotton-wool blend is solid peach, with brown fake-fur trimmed hood. The double-cuffs of rose print and brown fur add extra warmth to the already cozy coat.

A delightful brown and mocha striped collection features a sleeveless vest that can be paired with an almost knee-length flounced skirt, printed leggings or corduroy pants trimmed with printed cuffs.

Deux par Deux is available in many stores across Canada, as well as about having 200 points of sale in the United States. As a result of granting licence agreements to European manufacturers in order to produce the line, Deux par Deux is penetrating that continent and the Middle East.

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A versatile Versace!

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
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Silver boots and soft black leather jackets are the dramatic statements created by Gianni Versace for the 1994 autumn line.

As modeled by Claudia Schiffer, the look emphasizes lean, slim clothing in exquisitely original fabric treatments.

Avant-garde jacket treatments, a Versace specialty, mark the line, offering jackets in metallic silver or the softest nappa leather. Versace designs with Italian flair feature shorter jackets worn over big bulky sweaters of silver or big knits of the softest wool.

Short skirts are important; knee-length or well above the knee, they are designed to be shortened or lengthened according to individual taste.

The shorter the skirt, the lengthier the boot — Versace's boots are elegant masterpieces of suede with silver trimmings, big buckles. Lace-up boots come in shorter and longer lengths and are easily matched to Versace suits.

Suedes in the softest baby blue or pastel pink — pastels are major in this season's palette — are easily matched to boucle suits to make solid one-color statements, contrasted with blouses of flowing silk in wild prints mixing and matching floral themes with naval symbols.

Waists are high, often accessorized with a big belt to emphasize the high-waisted look.

Long gowns in gold leather, baring the shoulders, curve in at the waist for evening wear.

Suits are important this season — perfect for the Canadian market which loves buying pieces to mix, rather than less versatile one-piece outfits.

Jackets do well in Canada, and Versace has filled his collection with jackets with noticeable collars — notched and lying flat, notched and softly raised around the neck, contrasting black against red leather.

Accessories are a strong element of the Versace line, and this autumn's styles are no exception. The silver theme continues to dominate, as gold recedes into the background in belts. Silver chains and safety pins, in belts or jackets, continue the strong statement from last year. And while the concept remains in the women's line, the men's line has also adopted the look.

Versace continues with his versatility by offering a total match of clothing from A to Z.

The woman who wears Versace is meant to be noticed, and noticed she is, in fabulously plasticized clothing in shimmering shades. Reds. Soft yellows. Palest of pinks. Leggy looks accented by the fabric. Fitted at the bust. Attention to the waist. Roomy at the hip line.

The '60s look is updated for today and worn by women of fashion of all ages.

And Versace classics fill a need for the client who wants to update an older skirt from a different catalogue.

The Versace line is available at the newly-opened Versace boutique in the Alcan Building, 1260 Sherbrooke St. West.

Springing towards 1995!

"Fashion meets contrasts" is the leitmotif of the spring/summer 1995 fashion summer and were seen in the new fashion trends at ModaBerlin.

New contrasts that create new harmonies determine the image of fashion. Not only by colors, fabrics and silhouettes but also by an exciting and creative mix of coordinates.

REDUCED IDEA

Purity is the symbol of this new trend which puts every shade of white in the limelight. Fresh in linen and cotton, mixed with viscose and cambrics.

Neatly structured in piqué, honeycomb, cotton gauze, net, à jour fabrics, and jersey in relief, as well as in ribbed and plaited patterns.

Line and detail are minimized in order to create a clean image of the fabrics. Basics determine the trend, the white T-shirt sees a revival. Jackets are mainly short, in blazer and fitted style. Coats are short and white. Dresses come in shirt, tent and underskirt style, short and long.

Trousers are tubular and soft. Waistcoats with varying hemlines, short tops, camisoles, bodies and ribbed pullovers with short sleeves.

GENTLE IDEA

Angelic, fragile, esoteric and etheral, these are the key words characterising this fashion theme for summer 95. The color scale is delicate and gentle ranging from the blue of the air and sky, mauve of blossom, the green of spring and a variety of gentle shades of skin.

Transparency dominates the fabrics like tulle, organdy, chiffon or nylon teamed with fluid silks, satins, opaque and shiny viscose, printed with soft and romantic flowers in a rustic and antique style.

The styling is predominantly Botticelli and nymph-like. Empire, layer and lingerie look. For decoration we find laces, hooks and eyes.

ARTISAN IDEA

Ethnic influences from Africa and Asia underline the colonial, exotic, primitive and symbolic origin.

In Asian blue, khaki green, beige with brown, curry, oxblood and Indian red, everything slightly faded and worn, whether in cotton, silk, satin, voile, embroidered macramés or madras.

Preferred designs: multi-colored stripes, tie-dye, ikat, batik, exotic floral motifs, Indian style prints and Kashmiri pattrerns.

Ethnic influences determine the contrast styling: maharini and bush jackets, city pareos and safari sarongs, Sarouel and Indian trousers.

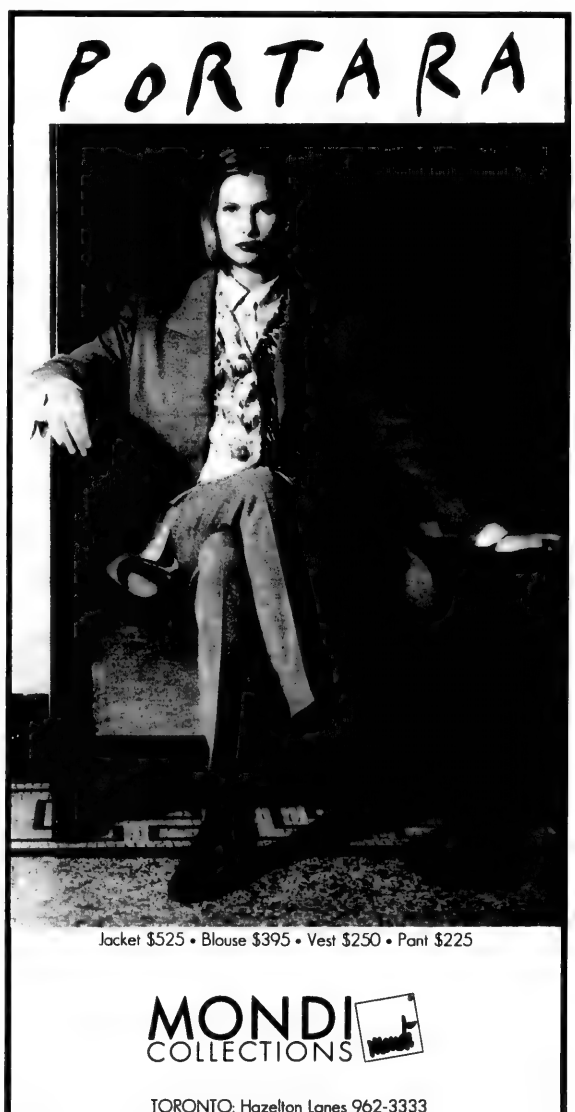
SPEEDY IDEA

Multi-cultural and cosmopolitan, urban, dynamic, architectural and sporty. In this trend city and street wear meet in contrast.

Qualities are cool wool, cotton with acetate and viscose, hi-tech fabrics, stretch satin, nylon and net.

Trendy colors: white, blue, black, red, fluorescent turquoise, pink, orange and green.

Activewear greatly influences the stylings. Tank tops worn over tennis polos, jogging pants, wind-cheaters mixed with the schoolgirl look and punk power à la Mick Jagger. Skirts in mini, trapeze and kilt style.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Fall Fashion

Take a good look at Heaslip Headwear

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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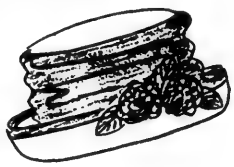
Fall styling at Heaslip Headwear, manufacturers of ladies hats and complementary accessories, swings from casual to sophisticated, mostly in soft shapes and unstructured bodies.

Established in 1945 and owned since 1986 by Robert and Elaine Siegel, Heaslip manufactures under the classic Heaslip Headwear label and the trendier Vicki Sather label.

This season's creations by Vicki Sather create a mood of elegance and romance with colors ranging from rich jewel tones of crimson red, hunter green to navy, chocolate and black. The velvet line is trimmed with rich velvet flowers and has leaves cascading from swirled and draped crowns and ruffled and pleated brims. The melton and velvet ribbon grouping features hats with velvet bound brims and velvet bows adorning the crowns. The large brimmed Audrey is trimmed with a band of velvet and a double bow at the back of the crown, while the bucket and pansy sport three bows in the front.

Sather's fringed melton group of hats are trimmed in a three-colored varigated fringe which matches the color of the melton while the chenille-trimmed suede line takes suede hats to a new level by draping crowns and pleating brims. The brims are trimmed with a chenille and rayon braid to match the suede.

Designer Slav Maglov has created silhouettes for this season's hats that are fashionable, yet functional. Styles range from draped crowns, close fitting cloches to large, face framing brims. Colors are deep rich shades of burgandy, hunter, chocolate, vicuna, navy and eggplant. Soft washed shades include plum, tobacco, brown, taupe and oatmeal.



The ribless cord group is made up of warm earthtones of celery, cactus, camel, cafe, expresso as well as teal and black cord. Styles have draped crown or pleated brims and are trimmed with black velvet roses and bows or a whimsical ribbon carnation arrangement in a complementary color. A strong Russian influence is evident in the chunky Persian lamb look, with fur brimmed draped cloches to softly draped Breton styles in rich tones of black and muted brown.

Heaslip hats are available in Canada as well as several major American department stores and specialty chains. It anticipates further penetration into the U.S. market as well as Mexico.

Beautiful Autumn Face

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

Autumn, in my opinion, is the most beautiful time of the year.

Blazing leaves and cool crisp mornings are all sure signs that the season has arrived. With the glorious summer months behind us, thinking about the long cold winter is not the most fun thought we can have, but you know what they say, reality bites.

Its time to pay close attention to your makeup and most importantly your skin care regime.

Over the summer we all tend to get a little lazy, so the first thing you want to do is have a professional facial. If your budget does not allow for that, then do an at home facial scrub. There are many good products on the market. This treatment will not only improve your skin tone but, will give you that overall look of freshness.

Use your moisturizer twice a day and don't forget your eye cream. Whether you are male or female my advice is to take a little extra time and make your skin look like you are proud of it.

Beauty most definitely comes from within, be sure your outer body reflects what is going on inside. I know life can become very stressful, relaxation tapes can be very helpful in keeping your facial muscles relaxed. Stress can really play havoc with your skin.

Makeup for the fall months will be well defined, yet, sultry. Soft muted colors will be most popular, with lips being your main focal point once again.

Foundation that is relatively light in texture will be most effective. Choose a shade that is closest to your natural skin tone and be sure to blend well. Cover-up will be your best friend during the fall season. As your glow from the summer sun fades your dark circles under your eyes will become more apparent. Choose a thickly formulated cream, apply under your eyes, using a pat, blend motion.

Most popular eye shadow shades this season will be butterscotch, sand, brown and celery. Apply your lightest shade under your brow, a medium shade on your lid and a dark shade in the crease of your eye. Blend all shadows well, there should be no demarcation lines. Eye shadow should enhance the color of your eyes, making them appear brighter.

Kohl pencils applied close to your lash line will add definition and width to your eye. Your best color choices here are chocolate, taupe, grey and black. Eyeliner, applied on your top lid only, can be most dramatic but probably most appropriate for one of your special evenings out.

Mascara, should be thick in texture, but, should not look clumpy once applied. Your only color choices here are definitely either black or brown. I have never seen anyone with navy eyelashes, have you? If you have a hard time applying your mascara evenly, then have a dry brush on hand to help separate your lashes.

Brows are also important, they should be well shaped and well defined. Choose an eyebrow pencil in a similar color to your hair. Pencil in your natural brow and then brush up with a brow brush.

Lipstick colors will vary from natural tones to deep red. Your lips should be full and sensuous, but don't get carried away, you want to keep them looking natural and kissable. Too much lipstick can be totally offensive looking. Lip pencil in a similar color to your lipstick will give you the definition you are looking for without overdoing it.

Enjoy these helpful hints and enjoy the beauty of autumn.

Carol Wise promotes a total concept of beauty. She specializes in makeup application and instructions for women in all walks of life. Carol's career in beauty has taken her to work in New York and Los Angeles. Her host of clients have included such celebrities as Sally Struthers, Sara Purcell and Lynda Carter. She now works exclusively in the Toronto area and can be reached at 510-2243.

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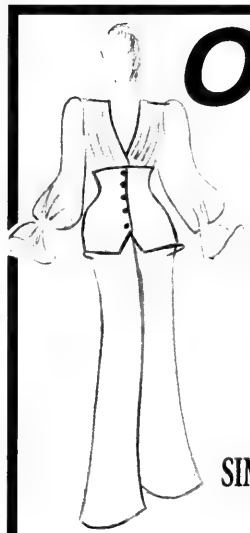

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Citywear: Relaxed ..yet.. elegant

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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With the appointment of Andy The-Anh to design its womenswear collection, Irving Samuel Canada Inc. is giving its line a new orientation while retaining its 50-year-strong tradition of excellence.

The-Anh, born in Viet Nam in 1965, studied fashion design in Montreal and was the recipient of the 1988 Dubonnet award for menswear as well as the Jeune Designer du Quebec award. In Quebec he is known for his personal creations, notably those he designs for Quebec singer Mitsou.

Coming up for fall at Irving Samuel is citywear that is elegant, yet relaxed and thoroughly modern. Shapes are long and lean, always feminine with smaller shoulders and skimmed waists. Wool, soft and textured in deep and rich colors is the fabric of choice.

The black and stone grouping, known for its Oriental detailing such as Mao collars and subdued embroidery, features the black and stone theme on tweedy wools with leather and velvet trims added for a rustic/refined look.

Long pants with unpressed pleats, long, rounded-shaped single and double-breasted jackets, simple and neat short skirts and straight-cut blouses with pointed cuffs and embroidered collars form an important part of the grouping. A classic blazer is revamped with a Mao or shawl collar and a casual velvet outfit features jean-style pants and a leather-trimmed jacket.

For a look that will take a woman from the boardroom to dinner, The-Anh has created the navy and vicuna group featuring easy pants and short skirts matched with long vests and collarless or shawl collared jackets.

Patterns include a plaid check on a navy and vicuna herringbone background, large pale yellow checks, a false solid with a mini-herringbone effect or a true solid with a herringbone texture. Suede trimmings add elegance.

For a look that spells countryside comfort, Irving Samuel is showing unstructured straight shapes influenced by horseback riding gear. A long, softly tailored, belted shirt-jacket in large, colorful checks in red, beige, mustard and black or khaki, kelly green, powder blue and black variations is paired with leather trimmed jodhpurs.

Outerwear is not forgotten this season and coats are warm, comfortable and luxurious. Styles include a group of kimono shapes detailed with subtle embroideries, tassels and braid closures; long, oversize duster coats detailed with leather, and double-breasted styles with multiple buttons for a military look.

The line features many fabrics, including angora, alpaca, baby alpaca and velvet — plus the Irving Samuel classic wool/cashmere blend. Novelty fabrics include ribbed wool and herringbone grounds.

The in-between colors are deep with a red hovering between eggplant and burgundy and a green that is neither kelly nor forest. Also important are khaki, deep red and stone.

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Parkhurst's fall line-up features different styles, colors

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Women are wearing hats again and the business of making them has grown substantially, according to a merchandise manager at Parkhurst, a leading Canadian manufacturer of hats.

The company, which has been producing fashion knitwear and accessories for more than 60 years, is so busy that they are building a new mill around the corner from the current one in the Eglinton/Laird area of Toronto, said Philippa Madigan.

Parkhurst's fall and winter hat collection includes more than a hundred different styles in a rainbow of colors. The core of their hat business is the beret, still the most popular woman's hat by far, according to Madigan. But Parkhurst designers have created quite a few variations on the basic beret.

They have updated the beret by adding brims, faux fur, lacework, velvet and buttons. Many styles are available in cotton too. "Cotton is really taking off for fall," said Madigan, adding that the hats are warm.

The wool, unfelted beret, has caught the eye of buyers from a couple of the largest U.S. department stores, she says. This beret, which has a knit look, is as soft as cotton.

Close-fitting hats are the rage. In other years the large beret dominated, but Parkhurst has received orders from stores throughout North America for small and medium-sized berets this year, noted Madigan. Their wool rolled hat, which has a tight roll of fabric at its base, fits close to the head like a '20s-style cloche.

Among the brimmed styles, the floppy moppet hat is a Parkhurst bestseller. Available in wool and cotton, the moppet fits loosely around the head as do the many other brimmed styles.

Variations on the fez, in cotton and wool felt, are featured in the collection as well as elegant pillbox hats.

There is a cheerful multi-colored cotton blend hat, in fez and toque styles, that has been inspired by traditional Icelandic accessories. Matching scarves and gloves are available. "This whole group has done very well," said Madigan. "It's for someone who doesn't want just a plain hat."

Scarves are getting wider and the shawl, which disappeared a couple of seasons ago, is making a comeback. Madigan predicted that women will be wearing shawls over sweaters this fall.

Fingerless gloves and leg warmers — another accessory that Parkhurst has rescued from oblivion — in combination with casual wear are the perfect accessories to create the fashionable rustic look.

This country look can be enhanced with sleeve extensions, which are similar to leg warmers but worn on the arms, said Madigan. Sleeve extensions are one hot fall item that is not in the Parkhurst collection. For everyday wear, Parkhurst makes regular, medium, long and fur-trimmed gloves.

Color-wise, shades of browns are big this year, according to Madigan. Most Parkhurst hats, scarves and gloves come in a wide selection of colors, among them black, natural (ivory), red, navy, tartan (green), burgundy, russet (warm brown), teal, thistle (purple) and twilight (dark blue). Shawls are available in basic colors only.

Since the average price for a hat is $20, Madigan says they make inexpensive accessories. Many of the hats retail in the $20 to $30 range, while the basic beret costs less. Gloves are about $15, scarves $15 to $25, and shawls $75 to $100. Parkhurst continues to manufacture luxurious peaked caps, berets, gloves, scarves and mitts made of 70 per cent angora in various colors and prints, which retail at slightly higher prices.

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Wayne Clark means sexy short, feminine designs

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Feminine, sexy and short — especially short — these are the major trends in fall evening wear, according to leading Canadian designer Wayne Clark.

Women are less likely to buy a full-length gown these days, and instead, they are opting for shorter skirt lengths — from just above the knee to thigh-revealing minis.

Clark, who has been specializing in evening wear for the past two years, said sales of his short dresses and skirts at Holt Renfrew, one of the retailers that sells his collection, have been brisk.

In his fall evening collection, Clark has responded to the demand for shorter skirt lengths by featuring a silky georgette cocktail dress in purple, black, sage and scarlet. With its swing skirt and horizontal "rouche" pleating from the waist up, this fabulous dress exudes a playful and perky sexuality. Clark has combined sheer cap sleeves with traditional strapless-dress styling, which in this particular dress adds a note of demureness. The sleeves can be worn full or folded onto the shoulder for a strap effect.

It's pretty and feminine, like a ballerina's rehearsal dress, said Clark. An Empire-waisted "baby doll" version of the ballerina dress with a fuller skirt is available.

Clark's collection of cocktail dresses will certainly appeal to the sophisticated shopper, especially the sleek Empire-waisted dress — a georgette dress that shares some similarities with the ballerina dress. The bodice is horizontally pleated, but the skirt with diagonal "fortuny" pleating lightly and comfortably hugs the body. Available with sheer cap sleeves or strapless, it comes in the same colors as the ballerina dress.

Clark's holiday collection includes a spectacular line of separates made of velvet and georgette, lovely velvet dresses and a charming taffeta skirt with a crinoline underneath for fullness.

Velvet will be as strong as ever, Clark says, if not stronger.

Velvet and georgette in combination play a prominent role in his holiday collection. On one of his buying trips to New York, he found a georgette decorated with floral velvet prints. He designed a line of separates for Holt Renfrew with the fabric, among them a tank top, a kimona and a blouse. On another trip, he found georgette decorated with abstract pebbly shapes made of velvet or, as he calls them, "flintstones." The store preferred the abstract pattern, so Clark used the fabric to create a line of separates and dresses, including a spaghetti-strap gown and a slip dress.

Clark, a graduate of the Sheridan College fashion program, has been active in the Canadian fashion industry for 20 years.

When he opened his own business, he decided to go into evening wear exclusively first because of his reputation for evening wear designs and second because he believed that no one was willing to pay full price for anything but evening wear in the midst of a recession. He also reflected on his own shopping habits. "I looked at the way I was buying clothes. The only time I was being extravagant was all of a sudden a special occasion would come up and I would go out and treat myself," he said.

Clark's instincts have proven to be correct. Business, he replied, is "just terrific."

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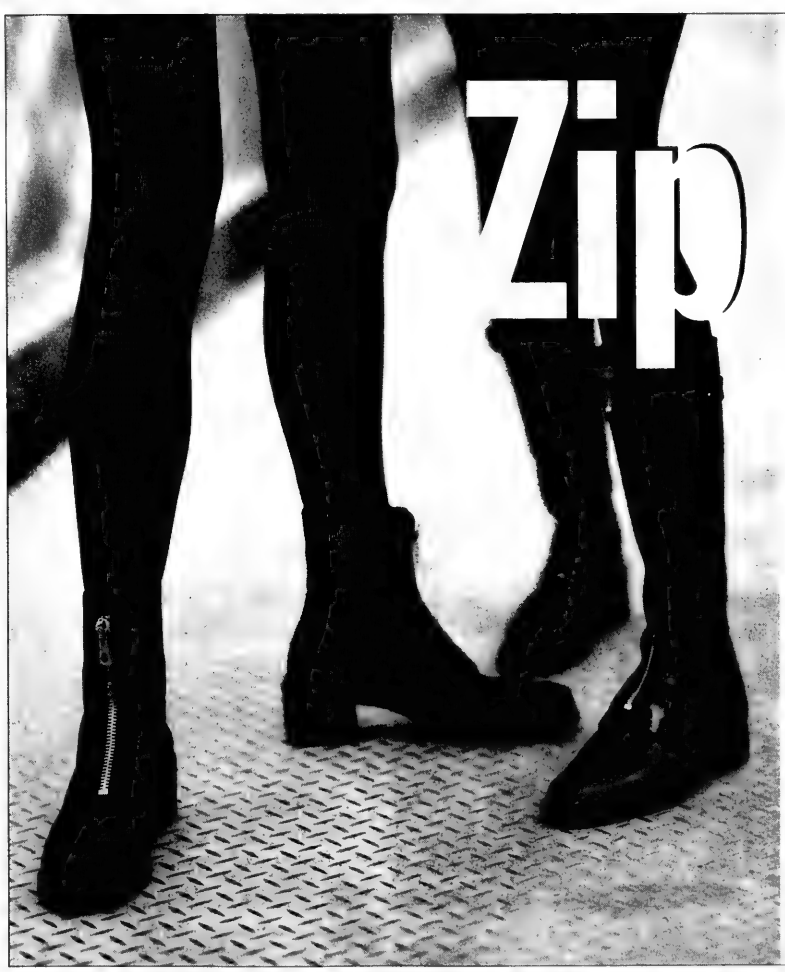

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Liberal victor Lawrence Bergman (left) is congratulated by Robert Libman, who failed in his bid to be re-elected as an independent. [Howard Kay photo]

Jews take PQ win in stride

Popular vote encourages federalists

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — After being resigned for months to a Parti Quebecois (PQ) victory — and after being told by polls throughout the campaign that it would be a big one — Montreal Jews woke up the day after the Quebec election feeling unexpectedly optimistic.

Community leaders insist the mood in no way resembles that of 1976, when the PQ was elected for the first time and many Jews were gripped with a fear of the unknown. They are confident the community has forged enough links with the PQ since then to ensure that the community's vast array of health, social and educational institutions that partially depend on public funding are in no danger.

None see the election and the launch of the referendum as sparking an out-migration of Jews as in the late '70s.

"The community is taking a wait-and-see attitude," said Jack Jedwab, community relations director of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC). "No one is rushing to do anything at this moment."

The fact that the popular vote for the PQ and the Liberals was almost equal at 44 per cent (the spread was only 15,325 votes) is encouraging for federalists. But Jedwab does not underestimate the power of a determined Premier Jacques Parizeau, with the help of Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard in Ottawa, to gather support for sovereignty as a referendum approaches. Nor does he discount the "volatility" of the electorate.

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CJC will take an active federalist stance in the campaign, he said, but it is not certain at this time whether it will form a coalition with the Greek and Italian communities as it did to support a Yes in the 1992 constitutional referendum on acceptance of the Charlottetown Accord.

Jedwab is not afraid that high-profile Jewish opposition to sovereignty will harm the community's relations with the government. "It is incumbent upon the Parizeau government to address the needs of all Quebecers irrespective of their position in this debate."

The goal of CJC's involvement in the campaign will be to convince the population that it is "in the best interest of all Quebecers" to reject sovereignty, he said.

"Calm" is the word Federation CJA executive vice-president Steven Drysdale used to describe the community. He noted that the day before the election, the CJA's big Super Sunday telethon, he heard almost no mention of politics among the hundreds of volunteers.

Most Jews see the election as expressing above all a desire to change governments and not a vote for separation, he believes.

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WJC issues terrorism alert

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — In the wake of a threatened terrorist attack against the German Jewish community, the World Jewish Congress (WJC) has issued an alert to its offices around the world to be on guard against potential terrorist acts.

The threat that the Abu Nidal terrorist cell would attack in Germany included a specific day — Sept. 25 — and a specific target — Ignatz Bubis, head of the German Jewish community, according to Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director.

Steinberg said WJC was alerted last Friday by both Israeli and German authorities about the threat in Germany.

"The German Jewish leadership from Bubis on down was made aware of what the German government officials described as concrete threats," Steinberg said.

Both the German Security Service and the German Interior Ministry have confirmed that Abu Nidal activists have entered Germany and are preparing terrorist attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets.

"The nature of the threat is such that there was even an indication of a specific date, Sept. 25 [this Sunday]," Steinberg said.

"While the specific information related to Germany, it did not necessarily mean that other targets in other places were exempt," he added.

As result, he said, "we sent an urgent fax to all WJC regional offices around the world alerting them to the information, and providing whatever details we had to take whatever precautions they could."

Canadian Jewish Congress, effectively the WJC's arm in this country, is aware of the WJC directive, said CJC spokesman Mike Cohen on Monday.

But Cohen said no new precautions will be taken across Canada, as beefed-up security measures implemented before the High Holidays and following the attacks this summer on Jewish institutions in Buenos Aires and London remain in place.

"We don't wait for new threats," Cohen said. "This [security] is something we do 12 months a year."

Steinberg said the attacks in Germany were being traced to the so-called Abu Nidal group.

Abu Nidal is the nomme de guerre of Sabri al-Banna, a rejectionist Palestinian whose group has been accused of masterminding various murderous attacks, such as those on the Vienna and Rome airports in 1985 and on an Istanbul synagogue in 1986.

Abu Nidal had strong connections with the Stasi, the former East Germany's feared secret service. The organization is believed to be taking advantage of its past connections for its preparations of further attacks inside Germany.

The warning in Germany was extended to Jewish leaders, businesses and community centres, and has prompted stepped up security at Jewish sites around the country.

German authorities posted armored personnel carriers at Jewish and Israeli institutions in Bonn and Berlin.

For over a week, police in bulletproof vests carrying automatic weapons have been posted along the Kurfurstendamm, Berlin's main shopping boulevard, where Jewish-owned businesses are located.

Police have been doing random checks of people entering stores and parking lots, according to reports.

Police are also guarding Berlin's Oranienstrasse synagogue, recently reopened after extensive renovations.

In Bonn, police closed off the streets on which the Israeli Embassy and Jewish community centre are located.

Steinberg said there were no known threats to Jewish communities elsewhere but that precautions are being taken.

German officials publicized the threat from the Abu Nidal group about three weeks ago, and it made headlines in the German media.

Bubis told a youth gathering in Dortmund, in central Germany, over the weekend that he believed the planned terrorist attacks were intended to disrupt the Mideast peace process.

He said he was not concerned about his safety and had not stepped up his personal security in the wake of the threats.

However, German police have, at their own initiative, intensified their guarding of Bubis over the past two months.

Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, is a well-known figure in Germany and has been outspoken against the neo-Nazi danger to the Jews in Germany.

The latest threats come just months after reports that Abu Nidal had smuggled four activists into Germany to carry out attacks against Israeli targets there.

According to the weekly newsmagazine *Der Spiegel*, Abu Nidal was planning the attacks in conjunction with the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah to avenge the kidnapping of a Hezbollah leader from eastern Lebanon in May.

Israel had kidnapped — and is still holding — Shi'ite Muslim leader Mustafa Dirani with the hope that he would shed light on the whereabouts of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad.

Last week, German officials arrested seven men in Berlin said to be of Arab origin, but released them the following day because of insufficient evidence.

It was a busy Yom Kippur

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Over 100 children were injured in bicycle and skateboard accidents, 82 people fainted, and 92 babies were born during this year's Yom Kippur fast, which was otherwise mostly uneventful.

The streets of Jerusalem were filled last Wednesday night and Thursday with people on their way to pray at synagogues and at the Western Wall.

The traditional quiet in the capital was preserved, with few cars on streets. Police said beefed-up forces secured the paths leading to the Western Wall and the plaza itself.

Eighty-two persons reportedly fainted from fasting.

In Jerusalem, 92 women gave birth to Yom Kippur babies, four of them delivered at home or in ambulances on the way to the hospital.

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Super Sunday sets new record

$2.6 million pledged in just 12 hours

TORONTO — This year's Super Sunday telethon set a one-day fundraising record: $2.6 million pledged in just 12 hours.

The figure is $200,000 more than was raised at last year's Super Sunday.

The telephone blitz helped kick off the 1995 United Jewish Appeal campaign, whose goal is $40 million.

Super Sunday chair Roz Davidson attributed the improved results to a better economy, well trained canvassers (some 700 of them, using over 150 telephones) and a reliable corps of contributors.

A total of 40,000 calls were made, reaching 20,000 households. The telethon is the largest fundraising event in Toronto.

Roughly 5,000 donations were pledged, each averaging $525.

Russian-speaking canvassers targeted some 600 Russian Jewish immigrants in Toronto.

The oldest volunteer was Irving Green, 95. The youngest was 6-year-old Sheera Kendal, who volunteered for the second straight year.

"UJA donors don't need to be sold on the cause," Davidson noted. "They have already demonstrated their commitment. Super Sunday reminds them of Jewish needs, and they respond generously."

This is the bar mitzvah year for Super Sunday. The first canvassing marathon netted $100,000.

This year, Super Sunday was followed by Super Week telethons every night, and by Federation Sunday on Sept. 18, during which those involved with community organizations volunteered their time.

Contributions to UJA finance education and social services in Toronto. As well, half of all funds raised go to Israel.

The theme of the 1995 UJA drive, co-chaired by Wendy Eisen and Bob Masters, is Saving Jewish Lives.

Volunteer canvassers at Super Sunday work the telephones. Another blitz last Sunday netted an additional $500,000 in pledges. Calls were also made all last week, bringing a total of $4 million in pledges. [Ron Csillag photo]

UJA Women dine and donate

$500,000 pledged

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — They came, they dined, they donated.

Kisses flew through the air at society hostess Marsha Bronfman's Forest Hill home, as 147 women gathered there last Monday for a garden lunch.

Then, after dining on poached salmon and dilled potato salad, they pushed back their gilt chairs and pledged $500,000 towards the United Jewish Appeal's $40-million fundraising campaign. Power lunching indeed.

The women are part of the 230-strong Lion of Judah and Atarah Women's Campaign divisions, which plan to canvass another $1.5 million this year. The divisions raised $2.8 million last year.

A Lion of Judah pledges at least $5,000, with Atarah donors pledging $10,000 and up.

Mingling under sunny skies, many of the women sported golden Lion of Judah pins on their lapels.

"I try and wear mine whenever I can," said Atarah division co-chair Carole Herman Zucker. She most recently wore the pin to Rosh Hashanah services at Holy Blossom Temple. "I told people I saw in line, 'You should be wearing this, too.' " She said at least one woman at the luncheon took up the challenge.

A lot more have taken up that challenge in the 10 years since a Lion of Judah division was started in Toronto. What began with 61 women soon grew to 175 members, and spawned the sister Atarah division in 1989.

The pioneering members were honored at the luncheon, the role call a who's who of Jewish society: Hendeles, Koschitzky, Koffler, Lunenfeld, Posluns, Solomon, Tanenbaum, Wolfe.

Their donations match their stature. CJA women's division chair Barbara Bank, herself a Lion of Judah, said three women have pledged over $100,000 each, with 10 more pledging over $25,000 and another 18 pledging $15,000 or more. The two divisions last year accounted for 60 per cent of women's donations, she said.

"These are women of financial means who believe in giving to others, in giving tzedakah," she told *The CJN*. "They are [fulfilling] their responsibilities to the Jewish community here and in Israel."

Guest speaker Carole Solomon of Philadelphia took it one step further. "You are the philanthropic role models for the Toronto Jewish community," the UJA national women's division chair told her fellow Lions of Judah. "We strive for a finer quality of life, not only for ourselves, but for others."

The division began in Miami in 1972. There are approximately 7,000 Lions in America and 700 across Canada.

Lion of Judah Florence Cooper, in hat, dines al fresco at fundraising lunch. [Ronny Shinder photo]

UJA Women's division chair Barbara Bank (left) joins speaker Carole Solomon at (right) hostess Marsha Bronfman's house. [Ronny Shinder photo]

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Rock outlines reasons behind handling of Grujicic case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A meeting last week of the lawyers' division of the United Jewish Appeal got early word of the decision to stay charges against accused war criminal Radislav Grujicic, and they got it right from the minister himself.

Justice Minister Allan Rock told about 120 lawyers attending the evening assembly that he decided around noon the same day to stay the charges because of Grujicic's physical condition. Over the summer, the 83-year-old murder suspect had his leg amputated, suffered a heart attack and did not have the mental faculties to instruct counsel, Rock said.

With a poor prognosis ahead, the decision was made to end the prosecution. "I felt we had done everything possible to proceed," Rock said.

The minister, who has held the post since 1993, said he viewed the prosecution of war criminals as a "priority" item. Since last March, he has reviewed a batch of 18 "priority cases" that involve serious allegations.

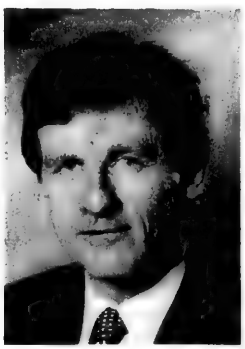
"I have been singularly impressed with the research and the depth of analysis" by the department's war crimes unit. "The briefs are extremely thorough and elaborate," he said.

The recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Imre Finta case has been a factor in his decisions on whether to recommend criminal prosecution or alternative remedies, Rock said. Other approaches include denaturalization and deportation or dropping the cases entirely.

Turning his attention to the Finta decision, Rock said the legal principles enunciated by the High Court are unacceptable. "It cannot stand as the law of the country," he said, though he did not indicate any specific proposals for changing the law.

B'nai Brith and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association were extremely critical of the Supreme Court decision, which they contend allows a suspected war criminal to rely on a pervasive anti-Semitic atmosphere in society to justify criminal acts. The decision will make the successful criminal prosecution of someone operating in an anti-Semitic milieu almost impossible, the groups say.

Rock's decision to stay the charges against Grujicic elicited disappointment from Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith, but not heavy criticism.



Allan Rock

"While we are disappointed that the process of prosecuting suspected Nazi war criminals continues to be stalled, we understand the Crown's decision," said Milton Harris, chair of Congress' war crimes committee.

Harris called on federal authorities to begin denaturalization proceedings against other war crimes suspects.

Concerns over delays

Marvin Kurz, a spokesman on war crimes for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said, "The problem is one of delay and it points out the difficulty in dealing with [these cases] on a criminal basis. We're still concerned over the delay in processing war crimes cases. Why did it take so long to charge him in the first place?"

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, recalled that on Dec. 14, 1992, shortly after Grujicic was charged, he had cautioned then justice minister Kim Campbell about the case.

Littman recalled that even then, he had suggested that Grujicic be immediately subjected to a medical examination to determine whether he was fit to stand trial. Despite that caution, the case proceeded. "The result was numerous delays while Grujicic went in and out of hospital," Littman noted.

"Frankly, it was as if the Justice Department, which has never been enthusiastic about the chase after war criminals, was determined to discredit the whole war crimes prosecution process; to make it seem pitiless and vengeful in the eyes of the Canadian public," Littman said.

Earlier, Justice James Donnelly revealed in court Grujicic's post-war involvement as an RCMP informant spying on suspected communists in Canada. Operating under the alias Marko Jankovic, Grujicic's cover was blown in 1951 when a communist newspaper in Toronto revealed his background, the *Windsor Star* reported.

Yugoslavia then began calling for his extradition but the RCMP told Ottawa that Grujicic was not the man Yugoslavia wanted. That deception continued until 1983 when the last Yugoslav request for his extradition was made. Altogether, the East Bloc country requested his extradition four times, in 1952, 1961, 1971 and 1983, the *Star* reported.

Canada had the opportunity to deal with Grujicic for more than 40 years, Justice Donnelly told the court, according to the *Star*. In a two-hour and 45-minute ruling in which he read from Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) documents, Donnelly said the special branch of the RCMP withheld information regarding Grujicic's true identity from police offices and Canadian government departments.

Justice Donnelly quoted an in-office memo, dated June 29, 1961, saying that the RCMP had deliberately misled the Department of Citizenship and Immigration with respect to Grujicic's true identity, the *Star* reported.

"The time to try Radislav Grujicic has come and gone," Justice Donnelly told court. "This would be a gross violation of the community's sense of fair play and decency." Grujicic's physical and mental condition are so bad that "his presence [in court] is no more than tokenism," the judge said.

HISTORIC CEMETERY DEDICATED

Montreal and Quebec Jewish community figures help dedicate the Beth Israel Cemetery in Quebec City as a National Historic Site. Pictured (from left) are Manuel Schacter, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region; Moe Rosenbek, president of Quebec City's Chevra Kadisha; MP Sheila Finestone; Ste. Foy municipal councillor Gilles Lavoie; Ena Robinson of the Quebec City Jewish community; and Fernand Harvey of the Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada.

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Film festival's actions upset Israeli Consulate

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Israeli Consulate says it would consider raising the level of diplomatic intervention if the Montreal World Film Festival does not respond to a letter it sent to festival director Serge Losique over the inclusion of "Palestine" as a participating country.

After several weeks of trying the informal route and waiting for a return telephone call from Losique, an increasingly impatient consulate mailed him a formal letter on Sept. 9, Israeli consul Aviva Raz told *The CJN*.

The letter "simply says that Israel has always had a very good relationship with the festival, but that it has found it necessary to write him to explain that according to the Declaration of Principles [signed between Israel and the PLO] and the international community, Palestine is not recognized as a country," Raz said.

"We have asked him that it not happen again."

If Losique replies that it would again be prepared to list "Palestine" as a country, then Israel might have to reconsider the nature of its relationship with the festival, approach festival sponsors, or raise the level of diplomatic intervention, Raz said.

"Right now it's at the festival level. We hope it can stay at the festival level," she said.

The film listed under the "Palestine" heading at the festival, which ran from August 25 to Sept. 5, was a Palestinian-Dutch production, *Curfew*, depicting the life of a family in the Gaza Strip.

The film has won three awards, including a UNESCO prize at Cannes, which also listed the film as coming from "Palestine."

Raz stressed that Israel "has no problem with" and even "welcomes" the presence of Palestinian film productions at the Montreal festival. Such films have also been screened in Israel, she said.

"The only thing wrong is the way it was published [as a participating country]," she said. "We just want them to acknowledge they made a mistake."

She said the consulate was prepared to give Losique sufficient "time to respond" by waiting until the end of the month before trying other options.

Raz, in reply to a question, said it was completely normal for a consulate such as Israel's to try first the informal approach before resorting to a formal letter.

Israeli, Arab representatives join in maritime symposium

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — A recent four-day symposium on Mideast maritime cooperation held here would have been "unthinkable" two years ago, said a high ranking Israeli defence ministry official.

The official, who requested anonomity, attended the Canadian-hosted conference along with an admiral and captain from the Israeli navy.

Beginning August 29, they met with representatives of 10 Arab nations to discuss marine search-and-rescue operations, prevention of incidents at sea and regional maritime security.

Mideast delegates represented Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Tunisia, Yemen, United Arab Emirates and the Palestinians. There were also representatives from Russia, the United States, Canadian Maritime Command and the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Israeli official said it was amazing that everyone "could sit in one room and talk about how to work together. There is growing recognition that Israel is part of the region, a legitimate player. That was a tremendous reaction."

This was the fourth of an ongoing series of meetings of Middle Eastern nations generated by the United States and the former Soviet Union. Canada was asked to lead the maritime confidence-building measures.

The process, said the Israeli official, was not easy for the Arabs. "For them, it was a shock this was happening. But the ice melted. They saw we didn't have horns and gradually we got to talking business."

Jill Sinclair, director of the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament division of Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, led the Canadian delegation and called the meetings "productive."

"The issues we discussed transcend the peace process in the Middle East. We were talking of life, of saving people in distress. Naval forces work in very confined areas and we discussed developing systems to help avoid confrontations at sea or political problems that could result."

She said the delegates were very willing to put politics aside and talk. "They developed relationships that had never existed before. The ambiance of the meeting was really extraordinary. They held many impromptu conversations and socialized together after-hours. They were really developing human relationships."

The first meeting was held in September 1993, at the Canadian Coast Guard College near Sydney, where search-and-rescue and prevention of incidents at sea were discussed. Talks resumed last March in Turkey and continued in a practical demonstration off the coast of Italy in July.

Sinclair said it is significant that Israeli and Arab naval officers would get together. "The fact that such high-level officers were sent here means their governments are concerned. We know the officers will return to their countries, talk to their people and take back a positive message."

She said there are plans to hold another, more formal, session in November to study the results of the first series of meetings and decide where to go next.

The symposium was organized by Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Police Studies on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

A senior Dalhousie University official termed the conference "sensitive and semi-secret," but called it one of the most interesting things in the decade he has been at the university.

"At a dinner we hosted, I sat between an Israeli and Egyptian and was amazed at how well they communicated. Later at the bar, they were talking together and I found it really touching. They were establishing relationships that will make it easy to pick up the phone and talk about search and rescue situations and other issues."

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Women's issues project to be launched

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A national project dealing with a multitude of women's issues will be launched in Winnipeg by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO on Oct. 6, to mark the opening of Hadassah-WIZO month, says Judy Mandleman, national president.

The project, called Women for Women, is part of an undertaking by the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) to help Israeli women in crisis with shelters for battered wives, telephone hot lines "to provide a listening ear and moral support," prevention and treatment of family abuse while the family continues to live in the community, information centres on women's rights and other relevant services. WIZO is a non-governmental organization (NGO) recognized by the United Nations.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is also involved with the Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, a lobby group calling for a woman's right to receive a get. It is also an active member of the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR).

Shirley Croll of Montreal, national chair of Women for Women, says that "the moment our national president presented the concept to the national executive, the response was resoundingly enthusiastic."

A minimum contribution of $180 enlists members in Women for Women, says Croll. A specially designed pin will be given to all donors.

Croll said in a message in *Orah*, the organization's publication, that "the problems are many and it is incumbent on us, the largest women's Zionist organization in Canada, to address these needs."

Besides the battering of women, desertion and the fear of leaving an abusive husband to seek employment, said Croll, there are increasing demands for day care. And, she added, "there is the plight of the agunah and the problem of obtaining a Jewish get . . . We can't alleviate all these shocking conditions but the longest march begins with the first step. Let's take those first steps," she urged.

The launch of Hadassah-WIZO month, to be chaired by Lenore Kagan, of Winnipeg, will feature Sheila Finestone as keynote speaker. Montreal MP Finestone, a longtime Hadassah member, is secretary of state for multiculturalism and the status of women.

Finestone revealed in a statement to Hadassah-WIZO that she will be attending an international conference of Jewish leaders in Israel in November. This will be a forerunner to a series of international meetings to prepare for the fourth United Nations World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995.

Neo-Nazi catalogue cause of concern

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg police and community leaders are expressing concern over the appearance of a catalogue promoting racism and Nazism.

The catalogue features consumer items such as mugs, ashtrays and T-shirts with racist and Nazi messages. It is put out by a company called New Dawn Distributors — the latest venture of William Harcus, the self-proclaimed leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Manitoba.

Two years ago, Harcus, then 21, and two associates were charged with advocating genocide. It was the first time that charge had ever been laid in Canada. The charge and other charges were dropped after their lawyer Doug Christie forced an undercover police officer to admit under oath that she had used information from illegal wiretaps in writing her notes about meetings with Harcus and friends.

While no charges are currently being considered against Harcus as a result of his catalogue, Winnipeg police crime inspector Con Gislason reports that the Hate Crimes Unit has been monitoring Harcus's activities on an ongoing basis and will continue to watch him carefully.

For Michael Werier, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's vice-president in charge of community relations, the answer is public education.

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Liberal Russell Copeman celebrates in Notre-Dame-de-Grace with his wife Beverly and sons Romney, 5, and Alexander, 8. [Howard Kay photo]

Bergman, Copeman savour victory in Quebec election

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Liberal Lawrence Bergman's 2-to-1 margin of victory is a clear indication that the Jewish community wants to be on the side of the organized opposition to the Parti Quebecois' (PQ) sovereigntist agenda.

Robert Libman's personal popularity and hard-fought campaign were not enough to re-elect him as an independent in D'Arcy McGee.

Bergman's decisive victory came after an awkward start — he began his campaign with the ill-chosen statement "Independent thought and action will not get us anywhere" — and a finish that saw him subjected to criticsm for bowing out of two debates with Libman — one on the mass audience CJAD radio station and the other at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue.

Bergman also weathered the controversy over the Liberal candidacy of Yvon Charbonneau, former anti-Zionist. (Charbonneau was elected in Bourassa riding.)

Correctly gauging the mood of the electors, Bergman stuck to the same theme throughout: this election is about national unity and the only way to stop separation is to vote Liberal.

The Liberals evidently considered Libman enough of a threat to make a sudden decision, announced with much fanfare at a press conference in D'Arcy McGee, in favor of permitting the Jewish schools to associate with the Montreal Catholic school board.

Bergman never had any doubts. "The support was there right from the time I announced my nomination in January. People were coming back to the Liberal party even then."

He credits his campaign team and their determination to keep discourse at a "high level" for much of his success. Nevertheless, exchanges between Libman and Bergman were often petty.

As for the rough ride he took in the last 10 days of the campaign, Bergman commented: "I was always convinced I could talk over the heads of the press to the people. I debated four times during the campaign, but this [bowing out of the last two debates] was not really an issue with the people anyway."

Bergman, 54, said his priorities are the needs of the youth and elderly of the riding. He entered politics, he says, because he believes Jews have deep roots in Quebec and should play an important role in its future. He points to the fact that his parents were born and raised in small francophone towns in Quebec, where they were fully accepted.

"Fear is a powerful motivator," Libman said of the Liberal win. "But I don't think I have anything to be ashamed of by getting 10,000 votes as an independent.

"In 1989, I rode a wave; in 1994 I was staring one down," he said. In 1984, he led the newly-formed Equality Party to four National Assembly seats in the wake of anglo anger over language legislation (Bill 178).

For Libman, 34, it is literally back to the drawing board. His plans are to return to his former profession of architecture. But he is not ruling out a return to politics someday; he offered to assist the federalist forces in the referendum campaign if he is asked.

After leaving Equality, Libman was rebuffed by the party in his attempt to seek the Liberal nomination in D'Arcy McGee last December.

"If there is any consolation it is that it was a unique experience for a young Jewish anglophone to play such a role in Quebec during such an exciting time."

Bergman is one of two Jews elected to the National Assembly. Russell Copeman, 34, enjoyed a landslide in Notre-Dame-de-Grace, garnering 21,716 votes to the PQ's 3,944 and obliterating independent incumbent Gordon Atkinson and Equality leader Keith Henderson.

"One of my goals was to double the Jewish representation in the National Assembly," Copeman joked. "But even I was surprised by the margin of victory."

Copeman, who once worked for Alliance Quebec, was former premier Robert Bourassa's constituency aide in the St. Laurent riding office.

"The Equality message just didn't click," he said, promising to serve the riding "honestly and faithfully."

In Outremont, the PQ's Salomon Cohen, whose Jewish and Sephardi identity was displayed as proof that the party welcomes ethnic minorities, went down to a stunning defeat. Gerald Tremblay, the former industry minister, won by 19,094 votes to Cohen's 9,673. In 1989, Tremblay took the riding by a margin of less than 2,900 votes.

Tremblay probably was helped by a change in the riding's boundaries, extending it into the Snowdon area which has a significant Jewish and non-francophone population.

Cohen's attempts to woo the large chassidic community in the city of Outremont appear to have been in vain. The polls in their neighborhoods showed solid support for the Liberals.

Libman gracious in defeat

Bergman sees himself as having the ability to reconcile the interests of the minorities and majority in Quebec, a skill he said he acquired after 30 years as a notary.

He is president of the Adath Israel Poale Zedek Synagogue in Hampstead.

Libman was gracious in defeat, crossing the concourse of the Cavendish Mall to congratulate Bergman when it became clear he was well on the way to his eventual 21,325 to 10,381-vote victory.

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Montreal shuls to press for reopening of Finta case

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Supreme Court of Canada will hear new arguments next month urging it to rethink or clarify its refusal last June to reconsider the 1990 acquittal by jury of suspected war criminal Imre Finta.

The arguments will be presented by a coalition of six Montreal synagogues.

In June the Court rejected by a narrow margin a request by B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Committee to rehear the case.

The Jewish organizations launched the appeal after hearing a majority Supreme Court ruling in March that Finta, an 81-year-old Torontonian acquitted of helping to round up over 8,600 Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary, should not be tried again and that federal prosecutors had made legal mistakes in presenting their case against him.

Jewish groups are worried that the ruling will hamper or even put an end to efforts to pursue suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada by possibly allowing an "acting in good faith" defence.

Now, new arguments are being put forward by six Montreal synagogues that have filed a new application before the Court requesting that the case be reheard or that its June decision be elaborated upon.

The coalition said its synagogues speak for a total of 5,000 families, "many of them survivors or children of survivors of the Holocaust and/or relatives of persons who did not survive the Holocaust."

"We hope the Court will reconsider this case," Rabbi Martin Penn, spiritual leader of the Congregation Shomrim Laboker Beth Yehudah Shaare Tefillah, told *The CJN*. "We really feel there are merits to it. The brief has additional information and reference points in law."

The five other Montreal synagogues in the coalition are the Beth Hamedresh Hagadol Tifereth Israel, Beth Israel Beth Aaron, Beth Ora, Communaute Sepharade Petah Tikvah, and Shaar Hashomayim.

The 62-page brief, prepared by the Ottawa law firm of Soloway, Wright and Victor on behalf of the coalition, raises 13 legal points it wishes the Court to consider.

Among them are the definition of "barbarous cruelty" as used by the original trial judge and the concept of what constitutes "instant obedience" with regard to a war crime.

What appears of particular interest to the appellants is the legal distinction between orders that "*must* be obeyed" and those that "*may* be obeyed."

The brief also raises questions about using the "mistaken belief" argument as it pertains to war crimes.

The brief says the "mistaken belief" argument can not be used as a defence against war crimes because if "the actual lawfulness in foreign law is never a defence [as the law already states], then it will follow that mistaken belief in [the] lawfulness of foreign law is [also] never a defence..."

The brief, in its final point, takes issue with the Supreme Court's opinion that Finta's original trial judge dealt appropriately with the fact that Finta's defence lawyer, Doug Christie, read from the trial of Jesus in the Book of Mark.

The Supreme Court concluded that the trial judge "carefully instructed" the jury not to be "influenced" by the potentially prejudicial nature of Chrisitie's action.

But the coalition is arguing that the trial judge did not go far enough.

"A clear, unequivocal direction with respect to a significant prejudicial statment of counsel cannot be made without naming and contradicting that statment," the brief states.

"The coalition is concerned that if there is not a rehearing on this issue, any Jews appearing in court in Canada will be subject...to having the trial of Jesus read against him or her, with no more specific correction than was provided by the trial judge in Finta..."

Rabbi Penn said Jewish groups would continue to "press the court" and consider lobbying for legislative changes to increase the odds of war crimes convictions, since none have taken place since the "made-in-Canada" legislation allowing domestic trials for suspected war criminals was passed in 1987.

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Israel Pledges to Haiti Mop-up

TEL AVIV — Israel has pledged to send 30 police officers to Haiti once U.S. Army forces leave there.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin authorized the contingent after President Bill Clinton telephoned for Israeli assistance in the efforts to oust Haiti's military regime.

Israel's commitment was made prior to Sunday's last-minute aversion of a full-scale military invasion of Haiti.

Clinton did not request Israeli military participation in any invasion but was seeking civilian police participation to maintain law and order in Haiti.

The Israeli police officers will include current and retired police officers.

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'Dual' Israelis Can Cross

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week signed an order allowing Israelis with dual citizenship to travel from Israel to Jordan on their foreign passports.

The move enables Israelis to make the trip to Jordan without having to obtain formal permission from the Interior Ministry.

Travel agents have already reportedly signed up scores of such dual-passport Israelis for visits to Jordan.

When Israel and Jordan signed their non-aggression pact July 25, Rabin and King Hussein agreed to open border crossings for third-country nationals to travel between the two countries.

But Israelis holding a second passport were unable to travel to Jordan until now.

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Israeli to UN Post

UNITED NATIONS — For the third time in a year, an Israeli has been elected to a United Nations post.

David Kretzmer, a Hebrew University professor who is director of the school's Centre for Human Rights, was elected to serve on the UN's Human Rights Committee.

"As meaningful as the vote itself is the new atmosphere in Israel-UN relations that the vote symbolizes," said Gad Ya'acobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

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Guatemala to Move Embassy

TEL AVIV — Guatemala is relocating its embassy to Jerusalem, Guatemalan President Ramiro de Leon Carpio has announced.

Until 1980, the Guatemalan embassy — along with 13 other foreign missions — was located in Jerusalem. But after the Knesset passed the Jerusalem Law, declaring Jerusalem Israel's capital, Arab pressure led the embassies to relocate to the Tel Aviv area.

With the recent announcement, Guatemala joins Costa Rica and El Salvador, which returned their embassies to Jerusalem in the early 1980s.

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Envoy to Russia Named

MOSCOW — Aliza Shenhar, rector of the University of Haifa, has been named Israel's next ambassador to Russia.

Shenhar will fill the post left vacant by Haim Bar-Lev, who died of a heart attack in May.

Shenhar, 51, a literature professor with a specialty in folklore, is a political appointee with no diplomatic background.

She speaks English, Hebrew and German, but she does not speak Russian. However, she is currently undergoing intensive Russian language training.

Her date of arrival in Moscow is not yet known.

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Bones of Jews Unburied

MOSCOW — The bones of thousands of Jewish victims of Nazism are lying exposed on a hillside in Crimea, and local authorities say they cannot afford to bury them.

"It is absolutely dreadful. Bones and skulls lie on the surface mixed up with dirt and litter, and nobody even worries about it," Leonid Geftman, a Crimean Jewish leader, recently told the Moscow *Times* newspaper.

Geftman said the bones date from a massacre in December 1941, when 4,000 people — almost all the Jews from Yalta and nearby — were herded to a site near Yalta and killed.

The massacre site was then blown up to hide the evidence, Geftman explained. But this March, heavy rains washed away the soil on the hillside, revealing hundreds of thousands of bones.

Local officials told the *Moscow Times* that while it is "necessary" to bury the bones, their budget is so stretched that they lack funds "even for the living."

In the interim, said Geftman, the massacre site has become a popular spot for thieves, who pick through the remains in search of gold tooth crowns and other items of value.

An official at the Israeli embassy in Moscow said he thought Israel would try to help the Yalta city government, but did not provide details.

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Yiddish Conference in Kiev

KIEV — About 150 scholars and writers from Ukraine, Russia, other European countries, Israel and the United States recently took part in an international Yiddish conference here.

The conference, held in late August, returned Kiev to the map of Yiddish-speaking cities, following a gap of more than 60 years, during which the Communists erased traces of Jewish culture and the Nazis eradicated Jews.

The conference, held in the House of Artists, was preceded by a "Seminar on Jewish Civilization and Jewish Thought," attended by about 100 scholars.

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Camp Monument Defaced

AMSTERDAM — Swastikas and other Nazis slogans were daubed by unknown vandals on a monument at the site of the former Vught concentration camp one day after it was unveiled this month.

The daubings, in white paint, were immediately removed and a second gathering was held later the same day to honor the 2,800 men, mostly members of the Dutch resistance, who in the autumn of 1944 were taken from there to Sachsenhausen, in Germany.

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Dutch Royals to Visit

AMSTERDAM — Holland's Queen Beatrix and her husband, Prince Consort Claus, will pay a three-day state visit to Jordan Dec. 8-10 and a three-day state trip to Israel from March 27-29.

Announcement of the visits follows years in which the Dutch Foreign Ministry determined that an official visit by the royal couple to the two countries was too sensitive.

There is no longer any apparent obstacle to the visits since Israel and Jordan have ended their state of war.

Beatrix and Claus paid a semi-official visit to Israel in the early 1970s when she was still a crown princess. She made the trip to open a hospital wing that had been named after her.

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Jewish Candidate Attacked

CURITIBA, Brazil — A Jewish candidate for governor of the Brazilian state of Parana has become the target of anti-Semitic attacks.

Vandals sprayed anti-Jewish slogans on the wall of the Jewish cemetery and on 15 billboards advertising the candidacy of Jaime Lerner last week.

Lerner, who is leading in his race for governor of Parana, is the former mayor of Curitiba.

The graffiti called Lerner "Jew and anti-Christ."

As well, Lerner has been labeled "anti-Christian" on radio and television.

Vincent Goulart, an evangelical minister who is running for state deputy in the same elections, said during a political broadcast that Lerner could be compared with historic figures who had been against God and were therefore "punished." Among those he mentioned were Lenin and Hitler.

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Dolphin Inquiry Launched

JERUSALEM — Twelve dead dolphins have washed up on Israeli shores this year, prompting an investigation by sea mammal specialists.

A veterinarian who did the postmortem on the dead dolphins found high amounts of lead in the animals, said Oz Gofman, a dolphin researcher at Ma'agan Michael's Sea Mammal Research and Rescue Centre.

"Dolphins are to sea creatures what man is to land creatures," Gofman stated. "If so many start dying in such a short period, it should turn on a red light among humans."

Researchers point to poisoned fish as the most logical reason for the dolphins' deaths, and hinted that humans could also be affected.

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CJC Blasts Veil Ruling

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed its "profound dismay" at the recent decision taken by a school official here to dismiss a Muslim student from classes because she wore a veil.

Normand Dore of the Montreal Catholic School Commission was reported to have stated that he took the measure because the wearing of "distinctive garb like the hijab (veil) or a neo-Nazi insignia might invite aggressive behavior from young people."

Such an analogy is "abhorrent," said Max Bernard, chair of CJC Quebec region's community relations committee.

CJC has called on school officials to re-examine policies on the wearing of religious headgear.

Israelis show solidarity with Golan settlers

Heads of a Jewish settlement in the Golan Heights sip water during their hunger strike to protest against possible Israeli withdrawal from the region. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Thousands of people from throughout Israel trekked to Gamla, on the southern reaches of the Golan, over the weekend to show solidarity with a hunger strike protest by settlers fighting to keep the region under Israeli rule.

The hunger strike is now in its second week.

Among the visitors were 15 residents of Druse villages on the Golan, as well as Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur and United Kibbutz Movement secretary-general Arik Reichman.

Tsomet party leader Rafael Eitan and members of the party's secretariat held a meeting at the site.

The entire population of Kibbutz El Rom, in the Golan's north, also made the trip to Gamla on Friday to show solidarity with the strikers.

The kibbutz was closed down for the day in protest over reports that it was likely to be the first Jewish settlement on the Golan to be dismantled in the initial stage of a peace deal with Syria.

Kibbutz members said they called for an urgent meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to clarify the Israel Radio reports on Friday that El Rom would be dismantled as part of the first stage of withdrawal Israel has proposed to Syria.

El Rom member Shalom Blair said Rabin had to honor pledges that a referendum or election would be held in the event of any territorial concessions on the Golan.

No response from Rabin

He said that so far, Golan residents had not received any response to their phone calls, letters and faxes to Rabin, calling for an urgent meeting.

El Rom, founded in 1971, is one of the oldest settlements on the Golan. At an emergency meeting last week, members decided to support the fight of the Golan Settlers Committee against any withdrawal from the region.

Reform Party expells Heritage Front member

TORONTO — The Reform Party of Canada expelled a member of the white supremacist Heritage Front from its ranks last week.

Max French, a 34-year-old transportation worker, had his membership terminated, after it was revealed he was a member of the party's riding association in Scarborough West. Earlier, he had told the *Toronto Star* that he intended to run for mayor of Scarborough on a Heritage Front/Reform ticket. He also stated that three members of the Heritage Front currently serve as executives on Reform riding associations in Scarborough.

Preston Manning

Reform leader Preston Manning called for an investigation into whether the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) or the Progressive Conservative Party were connected to the involvement of Heritage Front members in the Reform Party. He called on the parliamentary subcommittee which had begun an investigation into CSIS activities to check into possible political connections between CSIS and the Tories.

Reform party spokesmen have suggested there may be ties between alleged CSIS informant Grant Bristow, who infiltrated the Heritage Front, and the involvement of Heritage Front members in Reform as part of an attempt to discredit the Reform party.

Manning said the party will make every effort to root out Heritage Front members.

Jewish community's dialogue with PQ expected to continue

[Cont'd. from page 1]

"The community maintained a constructive dialogue with the PQ while it was in opposition and we expect that to continue," he said. "The Jews of Quebec have the same right to public funds as any citizen."

Drysdale is a recent immigrant. American-born, he came to Montreal from Vancouver two years ago on the eve of the Charlottetown vote. "I have absolutely no regrets."

"There's no sense of panic," Rabbi Reuben Poupko affirmed. "People are taking what has happened in stride. They see this as a normal, healthy desire for change in government and not a threatening event," he said.

Jim Torczyner, the McGill University professor who co-authored the recent demographic study of the Montreal Jewish community, says that by his "perverse reasoning" the election results are probably a best-case scenario.

"If the Liberals had won, the PQ would continue to badger them. The fact that the PQ won with the tiniest majority (percentage-wise) means they have not been given a mandate to push very hard for separation. It's going to have to balance so many interests and that cannot be done through radical options."

Pequistes went to Israel

Thomas Hecht, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region, who has made it a point to form close ties with the PQ and other nationalists, believes the Jewish community must be "pragmatic" in its relations with government.

He is confident the relationships he has cultivated will serve the community well. Three of the Quebecers who went on a trip to Israel Hecht led in 1993 are newly elected Pequistes: Sylvain Simard, Richard Le Hir and Rita Dionne-Marsolais.

Hecht believes Quebec is in for a period of instability but ultimately will choose to remain a part of Canada in a "looser confederation" — an option he supports.

"Canada is too large a country with too small a population [to continue with the status quo]. In addition, the global trends are north-south not east-west."

Nevertheless, he stressed that he is "pro-Canada" because it has provided Jews with a "generous and tolerant society" in which to be themselves.

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Rabbinical Reflections

Simchat Torah

Torah education must continue despite sacrifices

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

I am distressed to no end, together with many others, each time I think of the fact that our province blatantly discriminates against Jewish educational institutions (and other non-Jewish systems) by not providing them with provincial aid as it does for the Catholic school system.

What adds insult to injury is the fact that a hefty part of my tax dollars (and yours) goes to support the public school system or the Catholic system, but I (we) cannot even earmark those dollars for the education of my (our) own children.

Kudos to all those in our community (led by Murray Segal, Rabbi Irwin Witty and Bernie Farber) who have fought so hard (and who I am sure will not give up the battle in the future), to rectify this gross inequity. It really is mind-boggling when you think of it. Halevai we would have the political clout necessary to convincingly demonstrate to government the absurdity in our time of this position.

Until that time, may it come speedily, we must recognize that Torah education must continue despite all the sacrifices, both personal and communal. And those who do not send their children to Jewish day schools, with the excuse that the cost is prohibitive, (and it is), must re-examine their priorities in life.

I want to share with you just one story of the many that portray for us how Jewish parents once valued a Torah education and the extent of their sacrifice to ensure that their children would not be deprived of it. It would do us all well to reflect on it as we celebrate Simchat Torah and dance with the Torah — the source of all Jewish knowledge and education.

One of the great gaonim (Torah giants) of the 19th century, Rabbi Yaakov David Wilowsky, known as the Ridvaz, (1845-1913), who published two classic commentaries on the Jerusalem Talmud, lived the last years of his life in Safed (Tzefas), in Eretz Yisrael.

One cold winter afternoon on the day of his father's yahrzeit he came early to shul for Mincha. As he stood meditating at his shtender (lectern), lost in thought, tears welled up in his eyes and he started to cry softly to himself. People in shul knew the Rav had yahrzeit so they respectfully kept their distance, assuming that he was remembering his departed father.

But a close friend summoned up the courage to confront Reb Yaakov and asked him why he was so upset. After all, his father lived to a ripe old age and had died fifty years ago! The Ridvaz, composing himself, told his questioner the following story.

"When I was a young boy my father hired for me the best melamed (teacher) that was available. My father was poor and worked very hard to scrape together the ruble a month (quite a large sum of money in those days) to pay my tuition. One winter, business was bad, for my father made his living constructing furnaces, and there happened to be a severe shortage of cement and lime. One day, after three months of not paying tuition, I brought a note home from the melamed informing my father that if payment in full was not received the next day, he would be forced to discontinue teaching me, and would have to look for another student.

"My parents were devastated. My Torah study meant everything in the world to them. Nothing could stand in the way of my becoming a Torah scholar.

"That evening at shul, my father heard a wealthy man offer six rubles to whoever would be able to provide a furnace for the house that was being built for his son and future daughter-in-law. A furnace meant heat in the home and the ability to cook hot food. Due to the shortage of materials the contractors could not build the furnace.

"When he came home from shul, my father discussed the matter with my mother, and they agreed to dismantle their furnace brick by brick so they could build the furnace for the rich man and thus have six rubles for my tuition. They did just that and when he received the six rubles my father said to me proudly, 'Tell the melamed, three rubles are for what we owe, and three for the next three months tuition for my Yankel Dovid.'

"The winter was bitter and we suffered and shivered through the cold. All for what? So that I should have the best melamed and develop my Torah knowledge."

The Ridvaz paused and then continued. "This afternoon it was very cold outside and I was thinking of arranging a minyan for my father's yahrzeit at home rather than at shul. Then in honor of my father I decided it was proper to make the effort to go to shul. When I arrived I reminded myself of the sacrifice my parents made to endure that bitter winter just for me and my Torah learning. I cried because I realized and remembered the boundless love and devotion that only parents can have so that their child can learn our holy Torah."

That's why the Ridvaz grew up to be the Torah giant that he was. And that's how we can ensure that our children grow up to be Torah-knowledgeable Jews. It will definitely take some sacrifice — but it's worth it. Let's think a little about this, this Simchat Torah! Chag Somayach!

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATIONS
Youngsters celebrate Simchat Torah on the streets of Holon near Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]

Israel denies pursuing peace with Iraq

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Washington and Jerusalem are said to be on a collision course over Israeli attempts to draw Iraq into an expanded Middle East peace process and, in the process, dilute existing UN sanctions against Iraq, according to sources in London.

Citing British intelligence, last weekend's edition of *The Sunday Times* reported that senior Israeli officials and Iraq's deputy prime minister Tarik Aziz had met secretly in the Moroccan capital of Rabat last month to discuss "an accommodation."

The *Times*, which attributed its report to the MI6 intelligence agency, said the Israeli officials included Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and a second minister, possibly Police Minister Moshe Shahal, both of whom are of Iraqi origin.

The Rabat encounter was reportedly held when Aziz flew to Morocco from Amman, where his visit had excited widespread speculation over a possible rapprochement with Israel and where he had spoken confidently of UN sanctions being lifted.

According to the sources, Iraqi and Israeli officials also met in Jordan around the time Foreign Minister Shimon Peres made his first public visit to Jordan.

However, Israeli officials last Sunday denied a summit meeting has occurred with Iraqi leaders, or that Israel is pursuing any deal with Baghdad.

Officials say Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is unequivocal that such contacts must be avoided at all costs, as it can only weaken the the international community's resolve to maintain UN sanctions against Iraq.

Participants in a closed door meeting of the Labor Party parliamentary faction last week cite Rabin as saying there were "signs" Baghdad's attitude towards Israel was undergoing change, but made clear that Israel would not meet with any Iraqi officials.

The latest row comes against the backdrop of strenuous U.S. efforts, supported by Britain, to resist pressure from the other permanent members of the UN Security Council (Russia, China and France) to abandon the sanctions.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

TARTICK

Tartak is Polish for sawmill. It is also the name of a village. While the surname may derive from either of the above, it definitely has no connection with Antarctic.

LACKSTONE

My friend, Serle Lackstone, gets his name from a shtetel named Lukshtany.

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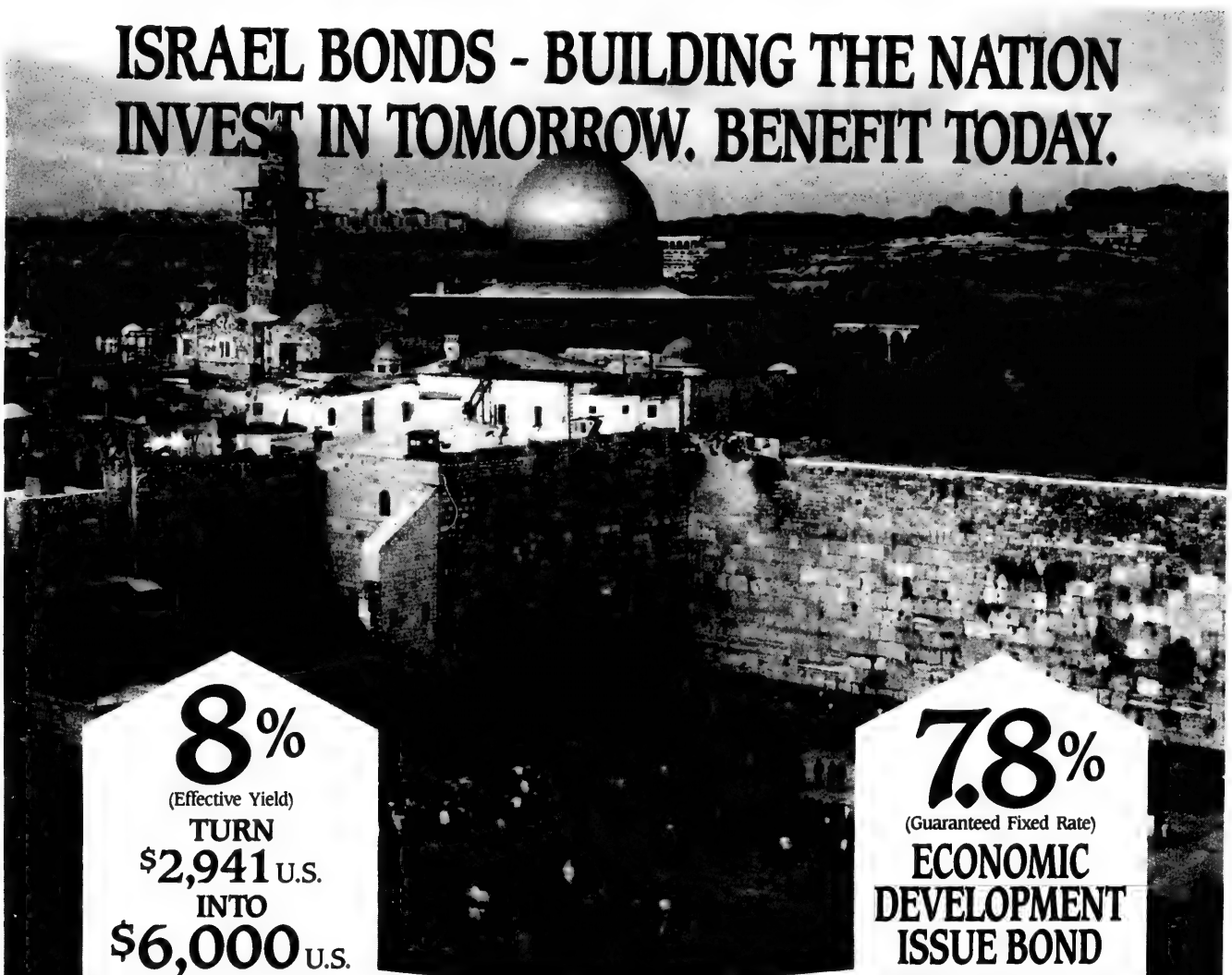

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Buyers at a market in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim area check out hadassim (myrtle branches), one of the four species of plants used in the observance of Sukkot. [IPPA photo]

Israelis enjoy balmy Sukkot

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Warmer than usual temperatures and the completion of the shmitta year are adding a new dimension to this year's Sukkot celebrations in Israel.

The fact that the Jewish holidays began in early September this year has provided Israelis with an extended summer vacation — and they are making the most of it.

Taking advantage of the balmy weather — and the fact that all schools and many companies are closed for Sukkot — hundreds of thousands of Israelis have flocked to the seashore or completely flown the coop to Europe, Greece and Turkey.

About 1,000 Israelis with second passports were also expected to travel to Jordan, now that Israel is permitting dual passport-holders to visit their Arab neighbor.

Many of those who decided to remain in the capital for the holiday shopped for lulavs, etrogs and sukkah decorations in the huge Mea Shearim open-air market.

Located on the main street of Jerusalem's most religious neighborhood, the market is a once-a-year happening that attracts religious Jews from all over the country.

Closed to traffic a few days before the start of the festival, Mea Shearim Street was all tumult and activity as people walked from booth to booth, comparing the price and selection of sukkah decorations.

In addition to posters of religious texts and famous rabbis, the decorations included red and green tinsel and tiny flashing lights — items usually associated with Christmas.

American yeshiva students in Israel for the year could be heard exclaiming, "Those are the lights people put on Christmas trees. What are they doing here in Mea Shearim?"

Amused by the question, which he had heard many times before, a vendor told the students, "These are just decorations, and since Israelis don't celebrate Christmas, they don't associate lights and tinsel with anything Christian. As far as people here are concerned, these are just pretty lights."

This year's selection of etrogs was smaller than usual, other vendors said, because of the shmitta year that was just concluded.

Oded Elbert, one of the hundreds selling etrogs, explained that "during the shmitta year, the land lies fallow. Theoretically, all of the fruit is there for the taking, but the reality is that the farmers must continue to make a living."

In order to comply with tradition and still make a living, he said, "the farmers sell their land to the Beth Din (the religious court), which in turn sells the produce to the public at cost."

This year's crop of etrogs was much smaller than usual, Elbert said, "because during shmitta, farmers are prohibited from providing all but the most basic care to their trees and plants. They can keep their plants alive by watering them, but nothing more than that."

The etrogs on sale reflected this low level of maintenance. According to many vendors, much of the shmitta-year crop was not fit for use during Sukkot. Yet, despite the smaller number of etrogs on the market this year, prices remained fairly consistent with non-shmitta prices, thanks to the non-profit policy of the Beth Din.

A young yeshiva student who identified himself only as Yonasson admitted that the shmitta year had made the selection of etrogs "much more challenging." But, he added, "only people living in Israel can fulfill this mitzvah, and I consider it a privilege."

David and Ayala Levin-Kruss, one of the few married couples shopping together for lulavs and etrogs, recalled how they bought a sukkah before they were married.

"It was our first joint purchase before we were married," Ayala Levin-Kruss recalled, "and we used four of the poles for our chuppah. It's a nice thing to think about when we sit in the sukkah."

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Front Line

Austrians coming to terms with Nazi past

Reporting from Vienna, Sheldon Kirshner looks at Austria's Nazi past and its attempts to come to grips with it.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For years after World War II, Austria basked in the blithe, blissful belief that it was a victim of German Nazism rather than an active participant in its crimes.

But of late, the Austrian government itself has begun to question this convenient, self-serving view.

Until quite recently, most Austrians claimed, somewhat self-righteously, that they were victims by virtue of Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria in 1938. Indeed, Austrians could point to the 1943 Moscow Declaration, signed by the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain, which described Austria as "the first victim of Hitlerite aggression."

After the war, buoyed by this document, Austria's political establishment buried the ugly, unsavory past. And, observes historian Walter Manoschek of the Institute of Political Studies, Austrians "tried to pretend that the period from 1938 to 1945 was *not* a chapter in Austrian history."

Austria's attitude of self-forgiveness and its refusal to accept historical responsibility for its role in the Third Reich — which was neatly encapsulated in the 1965 Hollywood film *The Sound of Music* — was totally unlike that of Germany's, notes Richard Mitten, director of the Centre for International and Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Vienna.

As a result, Austrian reparation payments to Holocaust survivors were minimal and school texts all but ignored Austria's Nazi legacy.

Yet the unvarnished, unpalatable truth about Austria haunted the enlightened portion of its population: Adolf Hitler, born in Braunau, Austria, developed his pathological anti-Semitism in Vienna. Many Austrians exulted in the 1938 Anschluss (Austria's incorporation into Germany). A disproportionate number of high-ranking Nazis and concentration camp administrators were Austrians.

"Austrian society was a society of perpetrators, not victims," charges Manoschek whose father, an ordinary soldier in the Wehrmacht, was wounded in the momentous Battle of Stalingrad.

A "strong and important" minority belonged to the Nazi party, and most Austrians took advantage of the Aryanization decrees which stripped Jews of their wealth and property, according to Anton Pelinka, director of the Institute of Conflict Research.

In all fairness, however, the majority of Austrians just tried to get by, he says. And, writes Fritz Molden in *Fires in the Night*, approximately 125,000 Austrians fought inside or outside Austria against the Nazi regime.

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In the past three years, Austria, moved by the example of Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, has challenged the dogma that Austria was merely a hapless victim of German imperialism. He has done so in a series of bold, calculated steps.

In July 1991, Vranitzky, a Socialist, issued a long-awaited formal apology for Austria's role under Nazism.

Historian Walter Manoschek of Vienna. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

As he put it: "We must not forget that there were not a few Austrians who in the name of this regime brought great suffering to others, who took part in the persecutions and crimes. We own up to all facts of our history and to the deeds of all parts of our people. As we take credit for the good, we must apologize for the evil."

Analysts believe that Vranitzky's myth-shattering statement was largely prompted by the fallout from the Waldheim affair.

Waldheim, the former secretary-general of the United Nations, was elected president of Austria in 1986, and served until 1992. On the eve of his victory, *Profil* magazine in Vienna and the World Jewish Congress in New York City accused Waldheim of moral negligence for having concealed his wartime record in the Balkans as an officer in the Wehrmacht.

In the ensuing uproar, Austria's image abroad was gravely damaged, if not compromised. Yet in the process, Austria's complicity in Nazi crimes was inadvertently highlighted.

Vranitzky's apology was also triggered by an incendiary remark delivered by the leader of the right-wing Freedom party, Jorg Haider, who praised the Nazis' labor policy.

In June 1993, Vranitzky went beyond his 1991 apology during a state visit to Israel, the first by an Austrian leader.

"We have always felt, and still feel, that the connotation of 'collective guilt' does not apply to Austria," he declared. "But we do acknowledge collective responsibility... We share moral responsibility because many Austrians welcomed the Anschluss, supported the Nazi regime and helped it to function."

While in Israel, Vranitzky promised to improve and broaden assistance to Austrian victims of the Holocaust. (In 1990, Austria concluded an agreement with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for almost $200 million (US) in reparation payments).

What is more, he announced that former Austrians could regain their old citizenship and thus be eligible for social welfare benefits.

Last but not least, Vranitzky disclosed that a chair in Austrian Studies, named in honor of a distinguished Austrian Roman Catholic cardinal, would be established at the Hebrew University.

Later that year, the Jewish Museum in Vienna, which had been closed by the Nazis, was reopened with the financial aid of the Austrian government.

More recently, Austria became the 10th nation to pledge funds for the preservation of Auschwitz and Birkenau, a project launched by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation. In a ceremony in New York, Vranitzky explained that this was an "extremely important" task in light of efforts by propagandists to deny the Holocaust.

Vranitzky's 1993 statement in Israel generally went down well in Austria.

Paul Grosz, president of the Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, the chief body of Austrian Jewry, found it "appropriate" and sufficiently far-reaching. "We had talks, but there was no pressure (exerted) on Vranitzky. He is sympathetic to the Jewish community."

Helmut Zilk, the mayor of Vienna, told *The Canadian Jewish News* that Vranitzky spoke on behalf of most Austrians, though it "would be a lie to claim that he represented all Austrians."

Ernst Gehmacher, a member of the Institute of Empirical and Social Research, elaborates. His statistics indicate that upwards of 15 per cent of Austrians disagree with Vranitzky's show of penance, and feel that Austria "lost" the war. Nevertheless, there is a growing open-mindedness of, and receptivity to, knowledge which clarifies Austria's place in the Third Reich.

Mitten — author of a 1992 book entitled *The Politics of Anti-Semitic Prejudice: The Waldheim Phenomenon in Austria* — believes there was "a great deal of acceptance" by Austrians of Vranitzky's message. But politically speaking, he went as far as he could without alienating his fellow citizens.

Manoschek concurs. "It was like a line drawn in the sand — the virtual end of official efforts to wrestle with the past. Still, Vranitzky was sincere. He meant what he said. He is not an opportunist."

In general, Austria's intellectual elite applauded Vranitzky, Pelinka says. But he adds this caveat: "I'm less optimistic about the overall population."

Manoschek tends to agree. "Most Austrians believe that while some Austrians — notably Adolf Eichmann and Ernst Kaltenbrunner — were Nazis, they wern't really representative of Austria."

Referring to the Nazi era, he says that Austrians are interested in the future, not the past. "There has been no real self-examination, as in Germany." And he regrets that the ministry of culture has stopped funding scholars studying the 1938-45 period. "In my opinion, this is a scandal."

Austrian schools, though, now present the Holocaust realistically.

"When I was a high school student in the late 1950s, I got plenty of information on Roman emperors and the Thirty Years' War," recalls Pelinka. "But nothing on the Nazi times."

The spiritual journey that Austria has finally taken to acknowledge its Nazi legacy is best reflected in a story that once made the rounds here.

In the old days, Austrians were certain that Hitler was really a German and that Beethoven — a German — was actually an Austrian. It was a "truth" to which they clung tenaciously.

But today, no serious Austrian would ever present this as a fact. It seems as if the majority of Austrians have come to terms with their troubling past.

New guidelines will affect dependent children

By PAMILA AHLFELD

Canada is a country that has always prided itself on fairness and consideration of humane values, particularly within the immigration programs. The Canadian government has made programs available to various groups of immigrants and in particular has stressed and promoted family reunification.

In 1992, Canadian Immigration rules changed with regard to dependent children. Prior to 1992, all unmarried single children could be included in their parents' applications for permanent residence regardless of their age.

Now new rigorous guidelines have been imposed on dependent children over the age of 19. These guidelines will cause irreparable harm to potential Israeli immigration applicants.

The definition for a dependent daughter or son is that they must be less than 19 years of age and unmarried. The exceptions are for children 19 years of age or over who are unmarried and have continuously been enrolled and in attendance in a full-time academic program and who are wholly or substantially supported by their parents. (The second part of the definition relating to mental or physical disability is irrelevant to this article.)

The definition appears to be clear enough; however, from the time these new guidelines were introduced, many practitioners have seen one major flaw which discriminates against dependents from certain countries.

These guidelines have not taken into consideration mandatory military service in various countries worldwide. The Canadian government is taking the position that a person performing more than one year army service is no longer a dependent. In most countries where military service is mandatory, the conscription age is 18.

There are, of course, some exceptions but this seems to be the general consensus. Throughout their service, soldiers are paid meagre wages and while they do receive some training, it is not necessarily training in the career of their choice. Only on being released from the service can they aspire to attain the career training of their choice. They have not become independent, as they are still within the framework of an organization which dictates what they can and cannot do.

In most cases, these children will return home to their parents and resume their education in colleges and universities. Why then are they not treated as dependents?

The policy smacks of discrimination. If military service is an option and one chooses to enlist then one is making a career choice. You could then argue that this person has become independent. If, however, you take a scenario where two 20-year-old males are applying to immigrate with their parents, one from England attending university full time and one from Israel, then the one from Israel who is in the middle of his army service will be disqualified.

Is it fair to expect people to try to circumvent the system and become draft dodgers from their country of origin? I believe we should seek those immigrants who fulfil their obligations and display commitment and dedication. These are the people who will contribute to the Canadian economy and culture.

The feedback from the visa offices has been positive. I have been told that they would like to help but that "their hands are tied." There is a directive from national headquarters which clearly outlines how these cases are to be handled. I recently expressed these concerns to Laura Chapman, director general, Policy and Program Development, and needless to say, her answer was disappointing.

In her reply to me, dated June 28, she stated: "The issue of dependency of those performing mandatory military service was carefully considered before the current dependency regulations were introduced in 1992. As Canada receives immigrants from many cultures, it would be impossible to arrive at a definition that would satisfy all cultural norms or cover all situations. A person performing military service is normally no longer considered dependent on his or her parents."

In other words, unless there are extenuating circumstances, a person performing military service is to be considered an independent.

If Canadians want to attract quality immigrants to this country, we must project the image of being fair and compassionate. Canada cannot and must not treat people from different parts of the world differently. Canada must be prepared to develop immigration policies which will treat all applicants equally. The dependency guidelines must be revised to maintain Canada's equal standards in immigration.

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An encouraging trend

One of the most welcome by-products of Israel's rapprochement with the PLO is the warming of bilateral relations with Egypt, the first Arab country to have signed a peace treaty with Israel.

Since the Rabin-Arafat handshake in Washington a year ago, the so-called cold peace that has unfortunately characterized Israel's relationship with Egypt has begun to thaw.

That Egypt is reassessing its correct but cool policy toward Israel is clear. The Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, gave voice to this trend in August when he expressed a desire to upgrade ties with Israel. Several weeks later, he dispatched the foreign minister, Amr Moussa, to Jerusalem. It marked the first official visit of a high-ranking Egyptian official to Israel in several years.

Moussa's presence in Jerusalem was one of the first in a series of developments since 1993 which illustrate Egypt's seriousness in enhancing relations with its former adversary:

•Egypt has suspended the special "yellow pass" would-be Egyptian tourists to Israel had to obtain. It is now far easier for an Egyptian civilian to visit Israel.

•Egyptian newspapers appear to have abandoned the practice of not sending correspondents to Israel. This holds out the promise that Egyptians will be better informed about Israeli society.

•Israel and Egypt have inaugurated a direct fibre optic cable link, and a consortium of Israeli and Egyptian businessmen have decided to build a refinery in the Alexandria Free Trade Zone. Furthermore, there is talk of building a new gas pipeline linking the two countries.

Much more remains to be done. Mubarak, for example, has never set foot in Israel, despite numerous visits by senior Israeli officials to Cairo. Thus, Israel's president, Ezer Weizman, was right to say that he would fix a date to visit Egypt only after Mubarak ends his personal boycott of Israel.

Egypt has played a constructive role in the Middle East peace process, but it can do far more to widen the circle of peace if it continues to improve relations with Israel.

Dramatic changes

After 45 years of relatively small economic growth in the Middle East — primarily as a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict — dramatic changes are beginning to take place.

The changes have been caused by the rapid move towards peace between Israel and several of her Arab antagonists, notably the PLO and Jordan. The rapidity of these moves has been startling but they have not inhibited speculation over the economic and trade benefits predicted to accrue from them.

This is the exercise indulged in by Brian Scudder, writing in the *Middle East* (September 1994), a British-based monthly which has traditionally been pro-Arab in its orientation. The author feels that the economic shape of the Middle East is about to be transformed both by the current treaties and by a prospective deal with Syria that is in the works.

Although he has a number of reservations, Scudder suggests a Middle East free trade area is a realistic scenario. This arrangement will involve Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the PLO in a common infrastructure "linking electricity grids, transport networks, telecommunications and water."

Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has been especially sanguine in predicting that full peace will result in a combination of "Saudi oil plus Turkish water plus Egyptian labor plus Israeli know-how." Others in Israel feel that a relaxation of political and military tensions will encourage multinationals to relocate in Israel, a country with a plentiful supply of high tech industries and a skilled work force.

While most of these optimistic plans are still in the speculation stage, there are some concrete moves afoot to improve immediately the business climate between Israel and her neighbors. The removal of the Aqaba-Eilat border fence and the fact that British newspapers are already advertising joint Israeli-Jordanian tours bode well for an increase in the tourism sector.

Plans are also underway, says Scudder, for the "reconstruction of the coastal highway along the whole eastern littoral of the Mediterranean." Cooperation between Israel and Jordan on east-west roadworks and water allocations from the Yarmuk River are also proceeding smoothly.

A Middle East economic utopia is still a distant dream while Syria remains recalcitrant and the Arab League boycott remains in force against Israel. Yet the initial steps towards regional cooperation, despite the obstructions, appear promising. Even if one-tenth of the projected scenarios come to fruition, it will represent a giant stride for Israel and the Middle East.

Letters to the Editor

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CLOSE JCC ON SHABBAT

As a regular user of the JCC, I was most saddened to hear of the financial plight the institution finds itself in. I agonize over the loss of jobs to good people whom I have come to admire over the years for their devotion and dedication to the JCC.

I beseech every Jewish family who belongs to another facility to search their heart and ask themselves what our community would be like if the JCC were to fold. It is the one place where all Jews can come together as one people without labels and without an agenda. I urge every Jewish person to become part of the solution by joining the JCC and helping it now in its hour of need.

To the JCC executive committee and board members, I humbly offer the following for deliberation: El Al Airlines, from its inception, operated in debt and was subsidized by the government of Israel. In 1974, El Al made the decision to stop flying on Shabbat and Yom Tov, and since then, it has been earning a substantial profit. I am not a prophet, so I don't know if there is any correlation. Nevertheless, for the sake of Jewish pride and dignity, the JCC should be closed on Shabbat. Surely, if it is going to "downsize" and cut expenses, consideration must be given to this proposition, which will understandably enhance the character and majesty of the JCC in Toronto.

To the Federation who has taken charge of the JCC, I make the following observation. A study was commissioned recently by the Jewish Federation to advance the cause of Jewish continuity. It is now this same Federation, in its efforts to cut the JCC budget, which also eliminated the JCC Jewish education programming whose very existence perpetuates Jewish continuity. Is it any wonder that most people, especially the younger generation, are somewhat cynical and outright derisive of the "Jewish establishment."

Rabbi Moshe Stern
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Toronto

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COME BACK TO JCC

As a Jew living in Toronto, it is very disturbing to me to see the negative reports of the financial difficulties of the JCC. This past week was particularly bad since the bank has chosen to exercise a bankruptcy position with this property.

Now, it is rumored that some Jewish "heavyweights" will be approached to pledge substantial sums in order to save the "Y."

May I suggest that those former members who joined the YMCA, Bally and other health clubs, reconsider their position and "come back to the fold" to Yiddishkeit and support this fine Jewish organization.

Murray Rich
Toronto

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WHERE WERE JCC DIRECTORS?

I have been following your stories describing the ever-deepening woes that the Jewish Community Centre is expressing. My first reaction is, of course, sympathy for those who have just lost their jobs. However, my second reaction is surprise at how this situation could have been allowed to arise.

An institution does not get $15 million into debt overnight. I understand that the JCC management could not have foreseen that a recession would hit just as they were planning an expansion program. However, when it was obvious that they would not be able to raise the money they needed, why didn't they put an immediate stop to the construction instead of continuing to incur more debts? It would have been better to be a little embarrassed with a semi-finished building, rather than virtually bankrupt with a completed one. When the JCC Bathurst Street branch was first constructed in the early 1960s, the original plans called for a much larger institution. However, then, as now, not enough funds were raised. However, management made the correct decision to live within their means and go ahead with what they could afford.

I have mentioned my feelings of sympathy and surprise. My third reaction is outrage that the innocent ex-employees are suffering, while those who were supposed to be overseeing the entire operations, the board of directors, get no more than a tut-tut. Where were these directors when management failed to remit taxes to the government? Why did they not ask the hard questions before allowing construction to continue? Where were the JCC's auditors when all this was happening? Was everyone asleep at the switch?

I've focused on the past, but what of the future? What is being done, besides asking the community to pour more money into the JCC, to ensure that it will operate under sound management principles from now on? Will the theatre remain dark for the foreseeable future, or will other groups be allowed to use it (so that at least some revenue can be generated)?

In Toronto, we have seen that Garth Drabinsky and the Mirvishes are able to profitably operate live theatre; could we perhaps tap their expertise?

I would like to see answers to these questions before we throw more good money after bad.

Moishe Kinneret
Toronto

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MARCHI OFF BASE

It was disturbing to read federal Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi's recent comparisons between Israel and Iraq. Mr. Marchi had the audacity to suggest that Israelis claiming refugee status in Canada were no different than Iraqis who might be claiming refuge from dictator Saddam Hussein.

Mr. Marchi would have been well advised to do a little research before making such comparisons. If he had, he would have discovered that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. He would also have discovered that Israel has an almost 50-year history of opening its arms to those seeking refuge. Suggesing that any experience former Soviet emigres might have had in Israel could compare with the plight of genuinely persecuted Iraqis is preposterous and insulting.

It is commonly assumed that there are no such things as "refugees" from open societies. I would be interested to know whether an emigrant from the U.S. or France or Italy can be granted refugee status in Canada. If he would, you can be sure that country would protest as emphatically as Israel has.

Glenn J. Nashen
Montreal

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Opinion

Spotlight on stings and scams

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The High Holy Days were the time when we confessed (or were supposed to confess) our sins and failings during the last year. But not every sin can be laid at our door, and the events of the last few weeks could have given us a chuckle if they weren't so sad.

The sting

First there was the revelation that the Not So Secret Canadian Intelligence Service was embroiled in the Grant Bristow affair. This man, alleged to have been a spy for the government, is said to have in fact helped to found the Heritage Front, the new umbrella group of neo-Nazi in Canada.

This escapade was financed by taxpayers' money, as if we didn't have enough problems on our hands already. Of course, so the excuse goes, this was done in order to give us inside information on the right wing extremists. But, as one commentator properly pointed out, the government would not think of robbing a bank in order to expose some of the robbers.

The sad part in all of this is of course that the Heritage Front has gotten a million dollars' worth of free advertisement. People who had never heard about it now ask, "Who are these people really?" And maybe some of them will be inclined to take a more active interest in it and hope it will upset the public apple cart and, at the same time, bash the Jews.

Rabbi Plaut

The scam

More serious, however, is the lamentable way in which some members of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) have abused the process themselves and have declared a fair number of applicants from Israel to be refugees, deserving of the permanent hospitality of Canada.

What has been well known to people on the inside has not been generally made a part of public understanding: 70 per cent of the people who have wheedled their way into Canada have been approved in Quebec, while elsewhere in the country the IRB has turned away these "refugees" at a 90 per cent rate. I will let my readers draw their own conclusions: Why indeed did this happen in Quebec, and practically speaking, nowhere else in the country?

As told in the *Jerusalem Report* (Sept. 8), in Israel itself the news is getting around that if you can tell Canadian officials the right story you may become a resident of the Great White North. "Consultants" have it all worked out: When you arrive at the airport you tell the officials that you intend to apply for refugee status. You are then taken to an immigration officer and advise them as follows: We are people originally from Russia where we were persecuted; we then went to Israel, but we were persecuted there as well for (so their story goes) there is widespread discrimination against us, especially if we are not Jewish. If we are female we are sexually harassed, because there's a stereotype that all Russian immigrants are in fact prostitutes.

The immigration officials then do what they have to do: they give the applicants a temporary residence permit and the case goes to the IRB who will hear it some weeks down the line.

Meanwhile, the arrivals go to a downtown accommodation which their consultant has arranged. They have paid him already $2,500 (U.S.) and now shell out a further thousand Canadian dollars for a month's stay. Two months later their case is heard.

If they are rejected they are sent back and are now back in Israel, $5,000 poorer.

A lot of Israelis have fallen for such scams, some of them having shelled out $15,000 in borrowed, personal monies, and if their plane takes them anywhere except Montreal the likelihood of their being refused is almost 100 per cent.

Behind it all, so I understand, is an Israeli lawyer who converted to Catholicism, who apparently has made it her life's task to give Israel the worst reputation possible.

Meanwhile, it has been hard to tell people in Israel that this is not Canada's government, but an independent judicial agency which has fallen prey to its own misconceptions or prejudices.

But then, this too will pass, and as we begin the reading of the Torah from the beginning we hope that the temporary cloud that has settled over Canada-Israel relations has disappeared along with the old year.

Jewish world torn by ideological distress

Diaspora Jewry faces anti-Semitism, other problems

By AVI BEKER
The Jerusalem Post

While leaders and scholars in Israel and the Diaspora were redefining the New Jewish Agenda, the bombing in Argentina in July brought back scenes from the Jewish past and some not-so-new notions of Jewish existence and fate.

The challenges of a changing world have created ideological distress and confusion within the Jewish world.

The end of the Cold War brought an end to the struggle for Soviet Jewry, one of the strongest unifying links for Western Jewry. Similarly, the Middle East peace process has drastically diminished, for the time being, the need for public action in support of the State of Israel.

American Jewish leaders thus feel left in the role of gallery watchers at ceremonies on the White House lawn.

The Dialogue with the President, held recently in Jerusalem, left most Diaspora participants thoroughly dissatisfied. President Ezer Weizman didn't agree that he was also president of the Jewish people, and reiterated his position that Jews don't have a real future outside Israel.

Diaspora participants didn't receive the appreciation they had been expecting for their political and philanthropic efforts on Israel's behalf. And while they were seeking a more sophisticated partnership, the Israelis insisted on the monolithic objective of mass aliyah.

The image of a more prosperous Israel and the declining external threat only reinforced existing trends of resentment toward the Diaspora.

The July 18 terrorist bombing of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires (followed by two bombings in London) demonstrated that recent attempts in Israel among some intellectual circles to develop simplistic theories about a new "post-Zionism" are premature.

Argentinian President Carlos Menem clearly intended his appeal to the Mossad for assistance in investigating the attack to be publicized. He has also requested assistance from the security forces of the United States, Europe and other countries; he wants the international community to share in the responsibility of terrorist actions carried out in the heart of the Argentinian capital.

Menem's words awakened memories of another visit to Argentina the Mossad, in connection with the abduction of Adolf Eichmann. His capture, in 1960, was carried out in disregard of the internationally accepted laws of extradition and constituted a clear violation of Argentinian sovereignty.

During Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem, Robert Servatius, Eichmann's German defence counsel, came up with an interesting argument aimed at undermining the Israeli court's right to try his client.

Israel, he said, had a priori no right to put Eichmann on trial, since the state did not exist at the time the alleged crimes were committed.

The judges' response was that the State of Israel in effect constitutes a link in the long chain of Jewish history, and was the legal heir of the Jewish victims.

The Holocaust, following decades of anti-Semitic persecution, proved the need for a sovereign shelter and homeland for Jews. As such, Israel is responsible for Jewish destiny.

Thus, the prosecution and the judges explained, Israel had the legal authority to deal with Nazi crimes, which had already been defined by international law as crimes against humanity.

Just over three decades after the definition of the legal significance of Israel's responsibility in Jewish history, Israel is now exposed to a totally different dimension of responsibility toward Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

Some "post-Zionism" advocates will find it difficult to digest these instances of anti-Jewish terror connected to the peace process in the Middle East. These attacks underline the common fate of Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

As these "abnormal" aspects of the Jewish existence surface, it is difficult to evolve a clear definition of Israel's role and responsibility to protect civilians who are loyal citizens of other sovereign states.

Traditional Zionist doctrine can no longer supply a clear-cut and significant answer to Jew-hatred in all its different expressions.

In contrast to Herzl's vision, the existence of an independent Israeli state has not eradicated anti-Semitism around the world. Quite often, in both war and peace, Israel's existence only worsens the phenomenon of Jew-hatred.

The international terrorist connections of Islamic fundamentalism or neo-Nazi elements means that the State of Israel must bear the responsibility for Jewish groups around the world.

Thus Diaspora Jewry will be facing domestic problems such as assimilation and weakened Jewish identity, while, at the same time, confronting anti-Semitic terror tied to Israel — its other source of identity.

The Zionist message, that Israel is the homeland of all the Jews, acquires extra clout when terror strikes, even if it does not supply a realistic answer to the more complex needs of Jewish existence in the Diaspora.

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Plastic history: How we build our Sukkah

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Last year, my Dad looked around our sukkah, noted its white vinyl pipe structural supports and metal screen walls, and grinned, "I bet this sukkah is just like the one Moses built."

Okay, so Moses didn't have PVC pipes, or prefab wooden lattice, or screens, or an electric fan, or crepe paper grape vines, or a big camping lamp mounted on a hat rack, but it's the thought that counts, right?

We are trying, at least, to dwell in booths . . . that is, to eat there. I am not yet up to sleeping in my driveway, so we don't literally dwell in the sukkah for several reasons.

You will understand that I intend no slur on my husband's construction abilities when I mention that I'm not sure the sukkah is up to the strain of becoming our primacy residence. The screening and lattice might not take the punishment, and the walls are, after all, transparent. The sukkah is in the driveway not because we welcome the stares of passers-by who must wonder what in the world we are doing, but because the driveway is the only dry, level ground we own. The back yard, which has too many trees and not enough space, is also bumpy, buggy, and damp.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

The entire sukkah is only 12 by six feet, not quite enough space for a family of five plus two dogs. Maybe we could make do with it if, like the biblical ancestors we are trying to honor, we were crossing the desert on foot, but we are only crossing the front yard. And, in terms of setting up housekeeping, it is barely big enough for a folding table.

My spouse is actually quite handy with tools, but Sukkot seems to bring out the carpenter in even the least handy handyman. People who usually hire outside laborers to change their light bulbs can be found climbing ladders and hammering boards in preparation for Sukkot.

In fact, we have neighbors who stand up from breaking their Yom Kippur fast and proceed immediately to the garage to start constructing their sukkahs. We have them, but we don't like them, at least not until we catch up.

We never seem to be ready on time. Make that I never seem to be ready. My husband gets the structure built, number coded PVC pipes, rolled up screen, palm fronds (actually a pretty easy commodity in Miami, not to gloat or anything) and all, but I don't seem to get around to the fine points of decor until the last minute.

High up in my laundry room is a packing box marked "sukkah decorations." It is jammed with artificial fruit, construction paper chains, holiday signs and various leftover elementary school arts and crafts projects. Each year's new contributions from the kids get centre stage in decorating, and we fill in around them with the contents of the sukkah box. Age, rain and sun do not improve their condition, so every year we add a few new things.

Over time we have added comfort as well as beauty to our sukkah, having finally secured enough heavy-duty, weatherproof extension cords to allow us to have both a fan and a light, after years of having to settle for one or the other. We have also added padded folding chairs and a longer table, waterproof table covers, and a serving table on the side. This isn't the equivalent of al fresco dining on some classy hotel's scenic balcony, but we're working on it.

As I watch my husband build the sukkah (I call it helping, but he calls it watching), I try to express only admiration. I try to stay in the spirit of the holiday. I try not to sound like people who say, "If we can put a man on the moon, why can't we invent a thermos bottle that really works." That means I don't stand there asking, "Gee, honey, if you can build this nifty little house, why can't you hang all the paintings? Or fix that rickety bookshelf? Or replace the air vent in the living room?" I think it, but I don't say it, or else I'd find myself out on the street . . . without even screen and branches to shelter me from the elements. I'm all for replicating the Exodus, but I'm not willing to give up my PVC. After all, one should have some sense of tradition.

Features

New Synagogue set to reopen

The New Synagogue in Berlin, once the largest shul in Germany, is being rebuilt. Sheldon Kirshner takes a closer look.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

To the pungent odor of glue, tar, fresh paint and wood, workers are completing the renovation of the New Synagogue on Oranienburger Strasse.

The restoration of this once-grand, Moorish-style synagogue is expected to be finished next May, in time for the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

But, for all intents and purposes, the work is already done, said Hermann Simon, the director of the foundation — Stiftung Neue Synagoge Centrum Judaica — which is supervising reconstruction.

In actual fact, only one-third of the synagogue will be rebuilt. Slightly damaged during Kristallnacht, and all but destroyed by an Allied air raid in 1943, it was an abandoned, forlorn ruin in the postwar period.

Due to the danger of collapse, the central portion was torn down by the Communist authorities in August 1958.

This section is not being rebuilt because of the prohibitive cost and because the original plans were lost, explained Simon, a 14th-generation Berliner and former museum curator.

However, a slice of an old, battered wall will be preserved and encased in glass to remind visitors of the trials and tribulations to which German Jewry was subjected following the rise to power of the Nazis.

Built to accommodate some 3,000 worshipers, the red-brick New Synagogue was consecrated in September 1866, when Berlin had an estimated Jewish population of 28,000. Designed by Eduard Knoblauch, it was an impressive edifice, 28 metres high, 44 metres long and 39 metres wide. Its great central golden dome, flanked by two smaller domes with minaret-like towers, was somewhat reminiscent of a mosque.

Centrally located, the New Synagogue stood in the Mitte, the heart of a thriving, growing city, near the College of the Science of Judaism and almost within earshot of the Scheunenviertel, where the residents were mainly East European Jewish immigrants.

On the night of Nov. 9, 1938, Nazi thugs set fire to the shul's wedding hall. The blaze was extinguished thanks to Wilhelm Krutzfeld, the district police chief. By Passover 1939, the synagogue was in use again. But in 1940, the Wehrmacht commandeered it, converting it into a warehouse.

The ruins of the New Synagogue on the eve of reconstruction.

The building was hit by Allied bombers on Nov. 22, 1943. A police report of the day described it as a "total loss."

The synagogue remained empty after the war, a ragged, weed-infested structure on the periphery of the capital of East Germany. In 1961, the local Jewish community approached the government and suggested that it be turned into a Jewish museum.

No action was taken.

Ten years later, Dr. Peter Kirchner, head of the East Berlin community, tried again. Not until 1988, the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, did his proposal meet with success.

The reason was clear. In an attempt to revive its lagging economy, East Germany sought to increase trade with the West, particularly the United States, by appeasing the Diaspora.

"The country was practically bankrupt at this point," said Simon, who was Kirchner's deputy.

The domes of the New Synagogue in Berlin.

So, at a time of severe fiscal restraint, East Germany poured a small fortune into the renovation project. Work began six years ago with the laying of a cornerstone. Erich Honecker, the East German leader, took part in the ceremony.

With German unification in 1990, Bonn assumed overall responsibility for reconstruction. However, the municipality of Berlin agreed to pay the salaries of Simon and his staff.

According to Simon, the final cost is expected to be DM 70 million, or about $42 million (US), a portion of which will be borne by private contributors.

When they finally got down to renovating the synagogue, several challenges faced the building contractors — who, Simon declared, "put their hearts into it."

First, the ruins had to be secured to facilitate a proper inspection of the premises. Walls were wet and iron columns were shaky. "The synagogue was more or less a pile of rubble, and as overgrown as a jungle."

Second, workers had to laboriously remove a heavy concrete floor which the Nazis had installed.

Third, there was a shortage of high-quality materials, ranging from copper wiring to water pipes, and contractors had to scramble.

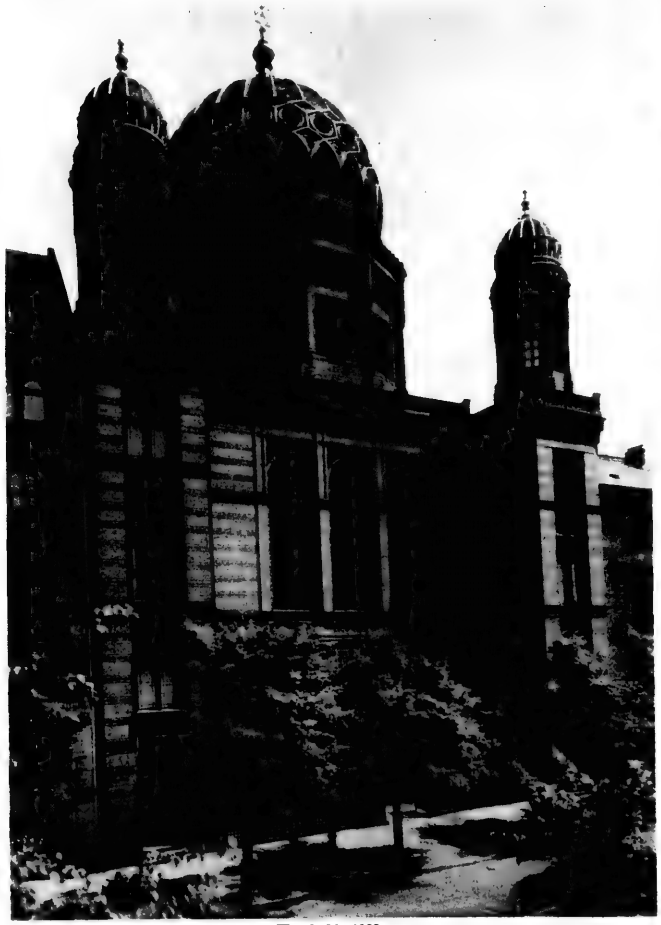
Fourth, new building regulations came into force after unification, making life still more complicated for everyone.

Good craftsmen and specialists like mouldmakers and metalworkers were not hard to find. But Simon realizes that he was lucky. "Everything had to fit just like a puzzle."

When the last nail is driven in and the final wall is primed and painted, the synagogue will function as a "living museum," in Simon's words.

It will be a documentary centre-cum-archives on Berlin Jewry, as well as a meeting ground for Jews and Germans. "It will not be a dead, dusty place," said Simon.

"We're not doing this for ourselves," he added. "We're doing it in memory of those who are no longer here. And we're doing it for our children's generation."



The shul in 1932.

I have more than a passing acquaintance with Lodz. It is not just another anonymous city in Eastern Europe. It is where my parents, David and Genia, were born and raised. And it is where they endured unspeakable degradation and suffering.

Lodz, in the geographic centre of Poland, was one-third Jewish before World War II. When the Wehrmacht invaded on Sept. 1, 1939, my father was a soldier in the Polish army. He was wounded on the battlefield, and recuperated in a hospital behind German lines. My mother, who had recently given birth to a boy, waited for him to return.

When he was finally repatriated some months later, Lodz had a new name — Litzmannstadt — and the surrounding region had been annexed by Germany. More important, the Germans had herded the Jews into a corner of Lodz and had converted it into a crowded, squalid ghetto.

Lodz was the last ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland to be liquidated. The remaining Jews there were rounded up and shipped to Auschwitz in August 1944. My parents were on one of those dreaded transports.

These thoughts coursed through my mind as I watched *Lodz Ghetto*, the finest documentary I have yet seen on the subject. The film, which was broadcast on PBS two years ago, is now available on cassette through Atlas Video in Bethesda, Maryland.

It is graphic and poetically moving, a seamless compilation of film footage, black and white and color photographs and poignant voiceovers from diaries and monographs.

The Lodz ghetto

It begins as German troops, accompanied by a procession of trucks, tanks and bicycles, arrive as conquerors on Sept. 8. Ethnic German residents-cum-fifth columnists greet them rapturously with raised stiff arms and shouts of heil Hitler. The Jews are doomed. A German official contemptuously refers to the Jewish population as "this pestilent abscess."

As might be expected, *Lodz Ghetto* is a litany of horrors. Children cry and whine, complaining of hunger, and adults are beaten back mercilessly as they attack food wagons. And in a foretaste of things to come, the Germans clear out apartment buildings, killing 100 of the inhabitants in a March 1940 pogrom.

Chaim Rumkowski, the Jewish elder of the ghetto, assures everyone that if they keep the factories running for the Germans they will survive. In an intriguing curbside meeting with SS chieftain Heinrich Himmler, who's settled snugly in a convertible, Rumkowski humbly spells out his guiding philosophy — "work, peace and order."

Rumkowski, a benign autocrat, keeps his end of the bargain. The Jews produce uniforms and spare parts for the Wehrmacht. But the Germans keep tightening the screws.

The ghetto is a miasma of muck, stinking garbage, shabby stores and vacant-eyed children, where destitution and starvation reign supreme. In October 1941, hapless Jews from Prague are crammed into the ghetto, dressed as if they were on vacation. Not long afterward, German Jews join the pathetic assemblage.

When the Germans order the evacuation of 10,000 people, a wave of terror inundates Lodz. Who will it be? Rumkowski gives his "word of honor" that nothing "bad" will happen to "people of good will." But, of course, he is misinformed. The evacuees are dispatched directly to Auschwitz. The Jews who've been spared face the prospect of famishment as food shipments, which had been paltry, are curtailed. Now no one is safe anymore. "I despise this life," wails a woman.

More tragedies lie on the horizon, following a bizarre Beethoven concert. Mothers weep as their children are taken away for "parts unknown." The Germans raid the hospital, throwing children out of windows. The ghetto writhes in convulsions. "There is no justice in the world," a man muses. "Even less here."

In May 1944, 80,000 Jews still languish in the ghetto, hoping against all hope for salvation. The final deportations begin. Rumkowski is politely escorted into a cattle car on a one-way journey. When Lodz is liberated by the Soviet army, 800 Jewish survivors remain.

A chapter in Jewish history is closed.

Jewish high school possible for Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — An expanded Hebrew language and advanced Jewish studies program now being offered to Jewish high school students may well be the first step towards the establishment of a Jewish community high school here.

Dr. Judah Denburg and Prof. Adele Reinhartz, who together with Larry Katz form the planning committee for Midrasha, as the program has been named, hope that Hamilton will have the school within a couple of years.

At present, the only option open to parents of Hamilton Hebrew Academy (HHA) graduates, or of any other Jewish students wishing to continue their Jewish education through high school, is to send them to Toronto.

The majority of HHA graduates go on to public high school, and although Hamilton now has a yeshivah, only a few of its 80 students are local. And, as Denburg points out, it is only for boys.

Denburg has two sons, the older one just starting Grade 9. The eldest of Reinhartz's four children, a girl, graduates from the HHA next year. Like many others, neither parent wants to "break up the family" by sending the children out of town.

Their dream is a community, non-denominational — and the stress, emphasizes Denburg, is on *non-denominational* — high school along the lines of CHAT, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

That there is support for the project was seen in the enthusiastic applause which greeted Denburg's proposal at a recent Federation planning and priorities meeting.

In his office at the McMaster University Medical Centre, where he is head of the immunology and allergy department, Denburg explains that the initial courses became possible thanks in part to a Federation subsidy, and to the offer of classrooms by Beth Jacob school.

And across the campus in her office at University Hall, Reinhartz, an associate professor in the department of religion, provides details of the courses.

Parents enthusiastic about project

Three levels of Hebrew, including OAC level, will be offered at Westdale Collegiate under the Hamilton Board of Education's third language program.

The first level, which Reinhartz says will require "a good level of prior Hebrew," is actually the second level of the general high school language study program. Students wishing to attend but who are not Academy graduates, will probably have to take a test. But if there is enough interest, she adds, "we could offer the first level."

A course on Jewish texts requiring an advanced level of Hebrew, and a third course of general Jewish studies without a Hebrew prerequisite and open to all, will be held at Beth Jacob School.

Principal of the Beth Jacob school, Larry Katz, who conducted and taught similar programs in Cincinnati, helped formulate the courses.

He already conducts Beth Jacob's highly acclaimed after-school high school and "in a way," he says, the new courses "will be a natural extension."

HHA Hebrew teacher, Rachel Hauser, helped plan the Hebrew program; the first semester of the Jewish texts course will be taught by Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Sholom, and the second by Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Congregation. Dr. Louis Greenspan of the McMaster religious studies department is in charge of the third course, which will consist of a variety of topics, with teachers drawn from the "great repository of academics, teachers and scholars of all streams we have here in Hamilton," as Denburg puts it, as well as others from Toronto and elsewhere.

The son of the late eminent Montreal rabbi and scholar, Rabbi Chaim Denburg, Judah Denburg has "a very strong Orthodox background" and is himself an accredited Hebrew teacher.

But "where you belong is less important than what you do," he says as he once again stresses that the new courses and projected high school will be non-denominational and open to all.

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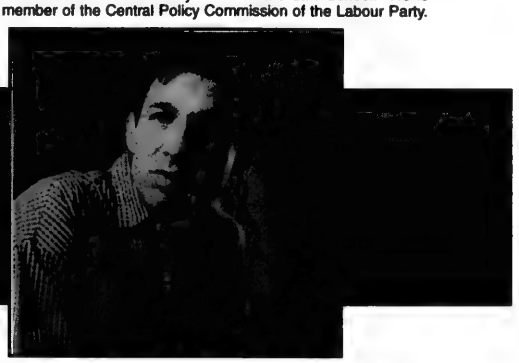

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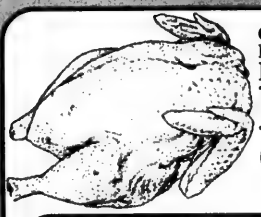

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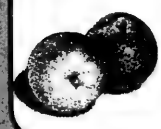

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Associated principal returns from Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Jerry Rosenfield

TORONTO — Jerry Rosenfield leans forward in his chair, animatedly discussing his recent year-long sabbatical in Israel.

The sounds of boisterous students playing at recess float in through the open window of his office, which overlooks the playground at Associated Hebrew Schools' Neptune Avenue branch.

Rosenfield, 51, is in his element. The general studies principal of Associated's two-campus junior high division and an admitted perennial student has an association with the school that dates back to his student days at the old Brunswick Avenue location.

"This is my second home," he says.

Throughout the past 24 years as an administrator at Associated, and prior to that as a math and computer science teacher at Bathurst Heights Secondary School, Rosenfield has pursued Judaic and educational studies.

Most recently he immersed himself in a program for senior educators at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat-Gan. He and his wife Bea, a teacher of English as a second language, packed up and rented out their Toronto home and moved with their two teenage daughters to Jerusalem, a 50-minute bus ride from Ramat-Gan. Their two sons had preceded them to Israel.

The only Canadian of the 10 educators at the university's Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, Rosenfield joined colleagues from the United States, France, England and Russia.

The program comprised seven full courses plus weekly seminars on the teaching of Israel and Hebrew and on the problems facing Jewish educators in the Diaspora. There were also visits to pedagogic centres and meetings with army officials, politicians and education officials.

Rosenfield chose to take additional courses, and estimates he spent 50 hours a week in study, of which the Lookstein program made up 30 hours. "It was marvellous," he says.

A highlight for him was studying with renowned Torah scholar Nehama Leibowitz, 89, who conducts small classes in her Jerusalem apartment.

Rosenfield was also fascinated by a course in cantillation (trope) — the musical notations attached to the words of the Torah. The subject formed the focus of his research paper at Lookstein. Trope is "probably one of the most ancient commentaries on the text," he explains.

Rosenfield credits Associated for allowing him to enrol in the Lookstein program. "While my title is general studies principal, Rabbi [and Hebrew studies principal Pinchas] Brumer and I run the school as a team. I am as involved in discussing programs for Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Purim as he is in planning English speaking contests.

"Our philosophy at Associated is that there are general studies, but no secular studies. The whole curriculum is [aimed at] developing the Jewish child into a mature, knowledgeable, thinking, vibrant adult who will ultimately take his place in the Jewish community."

After conferring extensively with colleagues from other countries, Rosenfield has concluded that Jewish education in North America, particularly in Toronto, is "outstanding."

A trace of disbelief is evident when he mentions that one overseas day school of which he knows offers only four hours of Jewish studies a week.

Associated, in contrast, devotes 40 percent of its curriculum to Judaic studies. The secular program, Rosenfield points out, follows Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines and "is viewed as a very fine program."

There is much to be gained by making an investment of time and money into Jewish identity, says Rosenfield. He reflects on his own investment at the Lookstein Center, for which he received a partial stipend from Bar-Ilan University. "Many of the things you pick up are intangibles. Clearly our love of Israel was enriched. It was so refreshing. It opened the door for me to share with colleagues around the world.

"It's vital to recharge your batteries. I would recommend it to all my colleagues."

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The increasingly close ties between Weizmann Institute and their Japanese counterparts were reflected recently by a visit to the Weizmann campus of Prof. Leo Esaki, one of the winners of the 1973 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on semiconductors. Here Esaki, president of the University of Tsukuba (left), is shown with Weizmann Institute Prof. Ephraim Katzir, fourth president of the State of Israel and one of the first two recipients of the prestigious Japan Prize in Biotechnology.

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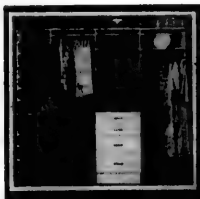
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Kosher cooking classes being offered this fall

TORONTO — The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced its lineup of fall cooking classes.

Three new classes will be offered this fall, while a successful class from last season will be repeated.

The cooking classes and demonstrations will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist with many years' experience in presenting food-related programs to all segments of the community.

A special seminar on healthy Jewish lifestyles will be presented by dietitian/nutritionist Sharon Gottlieb. Gottlieb is director of nutrition of the Fitness Institute and she has a private practice and extensive experience in counselling.

The classes will once again be held at the Shaarei Tefilah Congregation, on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. There is ample parking and convenient public transportation. The fee for each class is $15; $10 for students under 18 years of age.

Seminar on Healthful Jewish Living (V26) on Oct. 11 by Gottlieb will have the format of a discussion and question and answer session. The program will include a review of Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating, how to be a "label-maven" and learn supermarket smarts, and how to adapt the healthier guidelines to your own lifestyles. This special session will be of interest to people of all ages.

Quick and Easy Cooking (V27) to be presented on Oct. 18, is a new cooking class and demonstration by Anhang. This class will include a strawberry cottage cheese salad, honey fruit compote, vegetable soup, cabbage surprise, chocolate chip chocolate cake, and more.

Gourmet Cooking and Entertaining (V5) on Oct. 25, will be a repeat class by popular demand. This gourmet meal course will feature sweet and sour fish, superb vegetable soup, stuffed boneless veal roast, pasta salad, potato rice gourmet salad, chocolate roll and cinnamon roll (yeast).

Casserole Galore — Part II (V28) on Nov. 8, is a new session and will include a number of casseroles including a beef and rice casserole, an eggplant meatless casserole, a salmon noodle casserole, bok-choy and mushroom casserole, pudding cake/bread pudding and more casserole information.

Dreamy Desserts (V29) on Nov. 15 will be a demonstration of the world of wonderful desserts for family or entertaining. This session will feature chocolate chip chocolate supreme cake, marble cheesecake, springform lemon cake, turnovers, ice cream bars and other mouth-watering desserts.

The classes, which are open to males and females, are limited in enrolment. Registration is first-come first-serve.

To register, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) and a postdated cheque for the day of the class to: Cynthia Gasner, Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale Ont. M2R 3V2.

If registering for more than one class, please send a separate cheque for each class and for each participant. For more details, call (416) 635-9550.

Peace Now founder to visit

TORONTO — Tzaly Reshef, one of the chief founders of Peace Now, the largest grassroots movement in Israel's history, will speak about the realities and challenges of making the current peace process work at the annual meeting of Canadian Friends of Peace Now on Thursday, Oct. 6 at Temple Sinai at 8:15 p.m.

Reshef, the official spokesperson and a principal organizer for Peace Now since its inception in 1978, serves in the Intelligence Unit of the Israel Defence Forces (Reserves). He will report on the latest development between Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan and Syria, as well as on the role of peace movements in supporting the Israeli government's peace process at a grassroots level.

A prominent attorney who has litigated civil rights cases before the Israeli Supreme Court, Reshef is a graduate of Hebrew University and received his LLM from Harvard Law School.

Reshef is a member of the Central Policy Commission of the Labor party and is actively involved in its Central Committee and Bureau.

Reshef, who lives in Jerusalem with his wife and three children, is considered a likely Labor candidate for the next Knesset elections in 1996.

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BGU chapter marks 25 years

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University celebrated its and the university's 25th anniversary with an evening of music and dessert recently at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue.

The first public Ben-Gurion event in Winnipeg this year, attracted about 70 people and succeeded in reinforcing numerous longtime memberships and adding a few new members as well.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was immediate past president Marshall Freed. (The post of president has been vacant since Freed completed his term at the end of last year.)

Harry Walsh, Q.C., a founding member of the Winnipeg chapter, began the evening by outlining the history of Israel's youngest university and the Winnipeg chapter. Ed Vickar invited everyone to join him and his wife, Marion, in Israel in November for the official opening of the Ed and Marion Vickar Information Centre at the university.

The evening was organized and the deserts prepared by the women's committee, while the music was provided by 16-year-old Russian Jewish pianist Victoria Gomon, accompanied by her father, Naom, who plays the clarinet.

According to Pauline Goldstone, the Ben-Gurion office administrator in Winnipeg, the reception was very successful.

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The Association of Young Jewish Adults recently made a donation to Mazon Canada. Seen (from left) Ted Wigdor, presient of AYJA; Elana Schrier, outreach committee; Rhonda Isenberg, social committee; Ruth Teper, office administrator, Mazon Canada; Marilyn Aarons Guttman, executive director, Mazon Canada; and Maria Cohen, chairperson, AYJA.

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Non-profit housing gets a boost

Beth Emeth, Solel get the nod

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

From left: Irving Pisarek, vice-president, Sviva; Rabbi Joseph Kelman; Avrom Gossack and Brian Antman, both of Sviva, are all smiles on receiving government funding approval for a non-profit housing project.

TORONTO — Two non-profit housing projects initiated by local synagogues were among the 35 proposals approved recently by the Ontario Ministry of Housing under the second wave of its Jobs/Ontario Homes program.

"Non-profit housing is generating thousands of much-needed jobs in construction and other industries," said Bob Rae, premier of Ontario, following the announcement about the proposed projects. "We know that increasing the supply of affordable housing is an essential part of a responsible approach to the housing problems in Ontario."

Seyva (Non-Profit) Apartments Inc., an independent offshoot of Mississauga's Solel Congregation, and Sviva Community NP Housing Inc., which started out as a committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Downsview, have received approval to build 41 to 60 units and 41 units respectively. Ed Starr of the Starr Group in Concord is development consultant for both projects.

Seyva, which means "elderly" in Hebrew, is awaiting rezoning approval to build a Mississauga seniors' residence. The building would be located on synagogue land directly behind Solel.

The synagogue, located at 2399 Folkway Drive, stands on a pie-shaped lot of approximately 2 3/4 acres, said Ella Stoch, chair of the Seyva board.

The Seyva initiative was inspired by a similar project which Solel's Rabbi Lawrence Englander saw in Winnipeg in the late 1980s.

The increasing number of Solel members whose parents were moving to Mississauga was the raison d'etre behind the project, although the apartment, like all those funded under the government program, will be open to people of all backgrounds, pointed out Rabbi Englander, who is a member of the Seyva board.

Seyva represents Solel's third foray into non-profit housing. The congregation is a partner with Streetsville United Church and South Peel Unitarian Congregation in Pathways, an independent corporation with two non-profit apartment buildings in Mississauga — a 132-unit partially-subsidized building and a 98-unit building scheduled to open early next year. The former project is the recipient of a design award, Rabbi Englander said.

Sviva, which means neighborhood, has plans to construct a building within walking distance of Beth Emeth, said Avrom Gossack, Sviva board member. "The area we're aiming at is Sheppard Avenue between Bathurst [Street] and Wilson Heights [Boulevard]." The synagogue is located at 100 Elder Street, eight blocks north of Sheppard.

The project will consist of a mixed-use building, said Gossack. Tenants will include singles, families, seniors and handicapped people. Approximately 15 per cent of the units will rent for market value, while the rest will be geared to tenants' incomes, a representative of the Starr Group told *The CJN*.

The idea for the initiative goes back about two years, says Gossack. It was proposed to Gossack, who was then social action chair of the synagogue. Beth Emeth's history of social action includes helping Jews leave the former Soviet Union, Gossack told *The CJN*.

On a local basis, the shul has a longstanding association with the Reena Foundation, a non-profit agency dedicated to integrating developmentally disabled adults into mainstream society. Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth's longtime spiritual leader, was a co-founder of Reena.

Although Sviva is independent of Beth Emeth, there will be an "ongoing relationship" between the two entities, says Gossack.

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CBC radio drama features Jewish themes

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is your 75-year-old father smart enough to figure out that a bank employee didn't lie down on the floor like everybody else during a robbery because she was the one who had to get rid of a computer virus?

Or that the father's uncanny observation powers would lead to the solving of a downtown Ottawa bank heist of $5,500,000 slated to buy arms for the IRA?

Jewish writer Henry Comor figures his late father was, and that's why Isaac Bloom, a retired Toronto shmata trade manufacturer, is the hero of *Albert's Father*, a four-part, half-hour CBC drama airing Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on CBL (740 AM).

The final two episodes run Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, the latter being the one in which the elderly Bloom figures out that the computer virus was the signal to start the robbery. The bank employee, a partner in the robbery, was transferring money electronically to Ottawa from Bloom's Toronto account when the virus hit, giving the robbers their signal to enter.

This was only one of the brilliant deductions made by the retired Bloom (Toronto actor Marvin Goldhar), who sprinkles his talk with lots of Yiddishisms, not only those familiar to non-Jewish listeners, but many with a salty, satirical bent, including some juicy curses. True Yiddishists will revel in them.

"Comor gave us a Yiddish glossary," said director and executive producer Bill Howell.

Though some might think the character of Isaac Bloom is passe and stereotypical (How many Jewish garment manufacturers are there today?), this weakness is overcome by Comor's resourceful scripts with their clear understanding of the way computers, banks, police, news reporters and railways work. It's also refreshing that Comor knows that a 75-year-old widower does not lose his interest in sex.

"The relationship between Albert [a CBC-TV broadcaster] and his father is what I imagine I might have had with my own father," said Comor, a medical doctor turned actor, writer and broadcaster, who now lives in Ottawa.

In the Oct. 1 *Bank Job*, Comor himself has a brilliant cameo part as a Scottish shoemaker who made three-inch lifts for one of the bank robbers who wanted police to believe he was six feet tall.

In the Sept. 24 episode, Bloom rides the train from Toronto to Ottawa and is captivated by a vivacious young woman from Rimouski, Quebec. As she prepares to get off at Kingston, an RCMP officer arrives to question her and asks for her luggage. Because he can't resist a pretty woman, Bloom covers up for her, and says her valise is his own. Naturally it turns out to have $350,000 in profits from smuggled cigarettes. You may not be suprised to know that Bloom solves that crime too.

Toronto actor Marilyn Lightstone is Jill, Albert's boss at the TV station.

Howell said mild coronaries suffered by Comor held up production, but two other episodes of *Albert's Father* have already been scripted by Comor, and Howell hopes to produce six more in all as part of his *Mystery Projects* program on CBC radio at a later date. It was his team which did the highly successful *Midnight Cab* series on radio.

Jewish calendars now offer more than a list of dates

By ROSE KLEINER
Special to The CJN

The purpose of a Jewish calendar is to give the dates of Jewish holidays, candlelighting times throughout the year, and Torah readings for each Shabbat.

A Jewish calendar therefore takes us on an annual journey through our heritage.

But today's Jewish calendars have another dimension. They often come with striking illustrations, and with commentaries which capture the remarkable scope and diversity of Jewish civilization.

For example, the fascination with Hebrew letters and words throughout the ages has resulted in a body of art work that is almost magical in its beauty and content, and illustrated Hebrew manuscripts are a magnificent aspect of Jewish civilization.

Illuminations: A Jewish Calendar from the British Library (Pomegranate) makes selections from these manuscripts accessible to every home or office.

The manuscripts presented in this calendar are among the best in the British Library's collection of Hebraica. They date as far back as the year 1300 and come from Spain (Haggadah, c. 1320), Syria (marriage contract, 1771), Italy (Machzor, 15th century), Portugal (Lisbon Bible, 1482), and Germany (Duke of Sussex Pentateuch, c. 1300).

The Jewish Calendar 5755 (Universe) gives inspirational quotes from the Talmud and other texts for each week of the year. Information about the holidays, a challenging puzzle, and diverse photos of Jewish life and art are another aspect of this calendar.

There is also a 1948 letter from a rabbi to his congregation asking forgiveness on the eve of Yom Kippur; a Ladino synagogue sign in Hebrew from Izmir, Turkey; two poems, *Jubilation (On Turning Fifty)*, and *She Sang of Rachmones*; and a photograph of children in Turkmenistan, wrapped in a large, 100-year-old family tallit.

The Universe wall calendar, *Family Scenes*, from the Jewish Museum Collection, lists Jewish holidays through 1999. Family scenes from the work of several artists include Moritz Oppenheim's *The Return of the Jewish Volunteer*, Raphael Soyer's *Dancing Lesson*, Marc Chagall's *Exodus*, Max Weber's *Sabbath*, and Andy Warhol's *Ten Portraits of Jews of the 20th Century — The Marx Brothers*.

From Hugh Lauter Levin Asssociates comes a calendar with beautiful illustrations from the collection of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

Here one finds silver Torah finials from Rangoon, Burma; a synagogue memorial lamp from Sefrou, Morocco, and a Torah shield from Ankara, Turkey. There is a 19th century charoset dish, shaped like a wheelbarrow; a beautifully embroidered Shabbat tablecloth; and most touching — a commemorative handkerchief from 1870 Metz (Germany), showing Jewish soldiers, who fought in the Franco-Prussian War, at their Yom Kippur prayers.

Holiday dates are given through the year 2000, and Hebrew candlelighting blessings are given in transliteration. Four wallet calendars are included.

New on the market this year is the *Executive Jewish Calendar* from Kar-Ben Copies. This 16-month Planner has a year-at-a-glance calendar on each page, plus space for taking notes. The one-page directory has space for vital information, including fax numbers.

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Among past participants in CHAT's career planning program are (from left) Moti Rosen, Ilana Shainhouse, Sara Werb and Ashley Ross. They are seen with Jane Rendely, a career counsellor at CHAT. [Jane Rendely photo]

CHAT, JVS join forces to help kids plan future

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A joint program offered by the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) in conjunction with the Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS) enables young people to explore career opportunities of the future.

They examine what kinds of jobs will be in demand 10 years from today, keying in on those school subjects most pertinent in achieving their goals.

To allay some of the anxiety young people have about future job prospects, the guidance counsellors at CHAT turned to JVS and asked them to create a mini-course to introduce Grade 11 students to the complex process of career planning.

For many of the 150+ youngsters who have enrolled in the program since its inception two years ago, it has proven an exciting exercise in self-analysis and evaluation, while helping broaden their perspective as to employment options.

A battery of personality profile tests are used to assess, areas of interest, aptitudes, personal strengths and weaknesses. Students are encouraged to research the reference materials available that list thousands of career categories and qualifications necessary for each.

Jane Rendely and Cecile Barington are career counsellors at JVS and coordinators of this project. They are familiar with the apprehensions kids have about the future, fears not always articulated to parents.

According to Barington, teenagers often express frustration that they may not have the same opportunities as their parents. "They perceive school as being much harder and more competitive than the older generation encountered," she says. "They ask what kinds of jobs will be waiting for them after their education is completed. Some are angry that even attending the best schools and getting the best education will not necessarily guarantee them a 'good' job in the end."

Rendely adds that kids these days are more serious and more concerned about employment issues than the previous generation was.

"One reality is that the standard of living of today's young people may well be less than that of their parents," she says. "It's a scary thought, but one that does motivate many to strive even harder to enhance their prospects."

Sara Werb, 17, who is going into Grade 12 at CHAT, agrees. "Many of us see the future as a great unknown and are troubled. Not only by the career choices we may have, but also the sad state of the world — poor economies, wars, poverty. Then there is the added pressure parents put on their kids to become doctors, lawyers, or accountants. I feel fortunate in having supportive parents who want me to be happy in whatever I eventually accomplish."

To ascertain what career options she has, Werb decided to enrol in CHAT's 1994 program. Counsellors worked with her in group sessions and in private consultations, to come up with alternatives. Through research and discussions, she discovered more about herself as a person and the spectrum of career choices open to her.

"Now I can tailor my high school and university courses on an informed basis," she reports happily.

Rendely explains that the program helps students concentrate on their skills, values and personal styles. "These are vital in formulating a clearer idea of one's self and of career directions."

This is also achieved through visualization techniques where students are asked to picture themselves a decade from now. What does their day consist of? Do they have a family, or are they working in an office, in their homes, or in wide open spaces? Do they find satisfaction in what they are doing?

"This year, we will be conducting the program at the offices of JVS on Tycos Drive," says Rendely. "We have found that students gain a heightened sense of intensity when taken out of the traditional classroom setting. The comprehensive library here also provides the latest database on matching people with potential careers."

Ed Segalowitz, executive director of JVS says his agency has a long history of working with schools and the community at large in guiding clients to prepare for future work situations and conditions.

"Our integrated, community-based approach, we feel, optimizes opportunities for those who are prepared to face the realities that confront a rapidly changing work environment," he says.

Career planners remain optimistic about today's young people as well as their future employment outlook. They insist that all indicators point to an expanding job market, spurred by new technologies and fueled by people's creativity and imaginations.

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Psychologist's centre helps parents deal with children

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If there is one talent most of us like to think we have, it is being a good parent.

We think that, even when one kid is sitting on the floor refusing to put on his shoes, a teenager is telling you that you are totally out of tune with reality, and your mother-in-law is explaining how in her day, parents were really parents.

Enter psychologist Dr. Stanley Shapiro, founder and director of the non-profit Parenting Education Centre of Ontario. He deplores the fact that "people are not expected to do other jobs without training, but ... we assume that people will know instinctively what to do when they have children."

The Parenting Education Centre was established to "teach family members to enjoy each other," to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet with others who have children of similar ages, and to teach parenting strategies and problem solving."

The intention is to prevent problems, rather than to correct them after they have appeared.

Goldie Litwin is a trained facilitator for the centre. In series of eight two-hour sessions, she and a small group of parents work together so that "the parents feel more confident."

The courses are based on the theories of Rudolph Dreikurs' *Children: the challenge*, which encourage democratic parenting and a "logical consequences" approach to child rearing.

Children are treated with respect, listened to and expected to return this respect and sense of cooperation to the rest of the family.

If they do not, then, rather than the parent shouting, spanking or losing his or her temper, the child accepts the consequence of his or her unacceptable behaviour.

One simple example might be that if children do not pick up their toys, the toys are calmly removed until they decide that they will pick them up. A child who refuses to wear gloves in the winter gets icy hands.

Because the child sees that his or her opinions are valued (even if they are wrong), self-esteem develops.

Another technique the program recommends is to encourage, rather than to praise.

"Don't say, 'You got a great report card!' Say, 'You must be so proud of your report card.' "

When a child is praised, he feels he constantly has to live up to it, she explained.

"This is not a band-aid," Litwin pointed out. "If this technique is used persistently and consistently, it works."

A parent is not abdicating his right as a parent to set rules, Litwin said. The centre assumes that if rules are explained and children are consulted about the rules, they will be likely to cooperate.

The courses are designed for "the parent who wants to be a better parent," said Litwin, who noted that participants come from all walks of life and all family configurations, from couples to single parents.

"Some people even send their nannies," she said.

Courses deal with such basic topics as sibling rivalry, temper tantrums, meal time problems, dealing with teenagers, and family meetings.

"After three or four sessions," Litwin said, "I remove myself from the discussions. Based on the tools they have been given, the participants begin solving their own problems and finding their own solutions."

Shapiro believes that "children from secure, encouraging families have the healthy self-esteem that keeps them out of trouble and helps them become productive adults." Thus, "people who have been trained in effective parenting skills are the cornerstone of a safer and more productive society."

For more information, call the Parenting Education Centre of Ontario at (416)512-8135.

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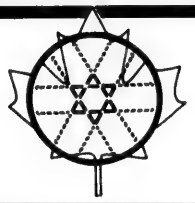

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Sept. 22, is deadline for the Oct. 6 issue, and Thursday, Sept. 29, is deadline for Oct. 13 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Sept. 22

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER BBW

Northern Lights chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada's program meeting, taking place 8 p.m. in Aurora, features Alternative Punishment. All interested women are invited. For information, (905) 853-8755.

Regular program meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month. Northern Lights chapter serves northern York Region including Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford East/West Gwillimbury, and Keswick/Georgina.

Sunday, Sept. 25

MUSIC AT THE KOFFLER

Sunday Afternoons at the Koffler with Music, a new program funded by du Maurier Arts Ltd., celebrates Artsweek with Art to Art when **Fern Lindzon** and **Brian Katz**, alone and together, on piano and guitar explore the many dimensions of music from classical to jazz. Concert time is 2-4 p.m. in the Koffler Loggia Gallery. Admission is free but donations are really welcome!

SHOW YOU CARE!

Mount Sinai Hospital is teaming up with Runners' Choice for the GMC Toronto Half Marathon and Show You Care! 5-kilometre Jimmy Jog/Walk. More than 5,000 runners and walkers are expected to participate in the event, targetted to raise $100,000 for the hospital's Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre. Olympic decathlete and Commonwealth Games gold medalist **Michael Smith** will kick off the event at 9 a.m. at Yonge and Wellesley. Both the half marathon and the 5-kilometre event finish at College Park, followed by a family fun party for all registrants and their children. Free refreshments, crafts, loot bags, fire engine and police motorcycle will ensure fun for everyone.

Lucky draw prizes include two tickets to Hong Kong courtesy Jade Travel and for the individual collecting the most pledge money there's two tickets to Rio de Janeiro, courtesy American Airlines. Pre-entry fee is $20, race day fee is $25. All registrants receive a free race T-shirt. For information or to receive an entry form, call **Elizabeth Barry**, 586-3161.

SUKKAH TOUR

Join the Downtown Jewish Community's Sukkah Tour, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tour begins from the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Limited seating, tickets required. Bloor JCC members free, non-members $5 per person, $10 per family. For information, 924-6211. This is a program of the Downtown Jewish Community Council.

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH

The General Wingate branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is holding a general members breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. at the branch. Attend the first meeting of the new year for all the latest news!

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

The Medina Theatre Ensemble has exciting news for members, friends, and all thespians. Come out to the annual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Featured speaker is noted actor/director **Sean Mulcahy**. Everyone welcome.

CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom, a progressive congregation dedicated to meeting the needs of the Greater Toronto lesbian and gay Jewish community, is holding its annual general meeting 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, Room 204. For information, call the Rainbow Line, 925-1408.

POETRY READING

Well-known poet, children's author and lyricist **Donia Blumenfeld Clenman** will entertain young people and families with her stories and music at World on the Street, the Kids Stage. For details, call **Nancy Christie**, 1-800-263-1991.

JEWISH BODY, JEWISH SOUL

Jewish Body, Jewish Soul Open House includes a special $10 Health Club pass that lets you explore the JCC Bloor Y all day, Women's Health Club guest speaker series, Sukkot bus tour, registration, refreshments, entertainment, Silent Harvest Meditation. Call **Shelley Duke**, 924-6211 or 485-5975 for details.

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

B'nai Brith Women, Markham-Unionville chapter, is holding its 10th annual Garage and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 273 Main St., Unionville. Sale is to help support the Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

Monday, Sept. 26

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple library, 1950 Bathurst St. For information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

Thursday, Sept. 29

TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS

The Transnistria Survivors Association will be meeting 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., lower level. Honored guest will be former magistrate **S.L. Bacher**, former chief prosecutor of war criminals in Romania 1948-52. Questions from the public related to Transnistria will be welcome. For information, **Felicia Carmelly**, 482-1813.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breastfeeding, the third in a series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties, and adjusting to the role of a new mother. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. Time is 8 p.m. at 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. For further information, phone **Robin**, (905) 886-8364 or **Risa**, (905) 738-8870.

THE PROCESS OF PUBLICATION

At North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., from 7-9 p.m., an editor, a designer and a marketer will describe how a book progresses through a publishing house, from acceptance to sales. They will discuss the economic realities of publishing in Canada. For information, 395-5512.

BEN-GURION IN TORONTO

During his recent visit to Toronto, Amos Ben-Gurion participated in a Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, Toronto chapter, board of directors meeting. He is seen here presenting a Founders Certificate to BGU Founders Evelyn Rothstein and Dr. Asher Rothstein in recognition of "the generosity and the contribution made to the advancement of science learning and the development of the Negev and the State of Israel." Asher Rothstein currently serves as academic liason of the Toronto chapter and as a member of the national board of directors. Looking on is Paul Jacobs (right), president, Toronto chapter.

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And What Else Is New...

JEWISH CONTINUITY

The Stone Family Lectures, at Temple Sinai Sept. 23-25, focus on Jewish continuity in the '90s and beyond. Friday evening, Sept. 23, following services, **Gordon Wolfe**, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service, will speak on The Changing Family in Our Community. Saturday, Sept. 24, at noon, following Chevrat Torah, **Aaron Brotman** chair, Task Force on Jewish Continuity, will discuss Jewish Continuity: Where is Toronto Going?, and Sunday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m., **Raymond Breton** and **Philip Reitz**, professors of sociology, University of Toronto, will discuss Is Increasing Cultural Diversity a Threat to Jewish Identity in Canada?

This weekend is part of the temple's adult education program. Admission is free.

ORT HAPPENINGS

Take note of these upcoming ORT events —

Saturday, Oct. 1, Canadian ORT Federation presents the Canadian premiere of the Imax film *Destiny in Space* at Ontario Place Cinesphere. Dessert reception follows. Keynote speaker is **Roberta Bondar**. For information and ticket reservations, call **Mark**, 661-3136, or **Fran**, 787-0297.

Sunday, Oct. 2, Givatayim chapter holds its annual scholarship luncheon at the Dynasty Towers, featuring **Ruth Ben-Tzur**, consul of trade and tourism of Israel. For information, call **Fran**, 787-0297.

Oct. 7-9, ORT Campaign 2000 Mission to Washington D.C. and the Holocaust Memorial Museum. Space is limited, so call **Judy** now at 787-0297.

TANACH STUDY GROUP

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Tanach Study group will not be meeting this year, 1994/95. If it is possible to resume at a later date, notice will be given.

MIFGASH 1994

Canadian Young Judaea annual Mifgash '94 will take place at Camp Shalom, Gravenhurst, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Enjoy this weekend of programming, fun and sports and meet your friends from Solelim, Kinneret, Biluim, Shalom, and Biluim Israel. For information, 781-5156.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

News from Solel in Mississauga — Hebrew school began Sunday, Sept. 18. Family Simchat Torah service is at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, with a regular service on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. with yiskor. Adult education begins Thursday, Sept. 29, with a review of the book *Operation Shylock* by **Philip Roth**. Regular services are Fridays, Sept. 23, and Oct. 7 at 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8, at 10 a.m. Family services are Friday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For further information, call Solel at (905) 820-5915.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Beginners or advanced Yiddish classes for children and adults include Yiddish conversation, song and literature. Classes start the first week of October. This is the last chance to register for this year! **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

AUSCHWITZ REVOLT REMEMBERED

A group of 20 Jews and Christians will travel to Poland, leaving Oct. 2 for one week to mark the 50th anniversary of the Oct. 7, 1944 revolt in which 452 Jews were shot for destroying a crematorium. The trip includes stop-overs in Frankfurt and Krakow. For information, call **Sigmund Sobolewski**, Auschwitz Awareness Society, (403) 584-3755 in Alberta.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Thornhill Maven B'nai Brith Mixed Bowling League invites you to its 12th season of 10-pin recreational bowling for singles, and couples, men and women. The league is looking for individuals and teams. Come out, have fun and make new friends. The league bowls every Thursday, 7-9:30 p.m. at Bathurst Bowlerama (Bathurst and Glencairn). Call **Ron Caine**, (905) 889-8333 (residence) or 481-4211 (business).

VENDORS TAKE NOTE

Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism is looking for vendors of Judaica and Israeli goods for Sunday, Nov. 6. If interested, call (905) 738-1717.

JSF MEETING

A meeting of members and an election of directors of the Jewish Student Federation will be held at York University in the Student Centre, Room 313, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12. The record date of membership for the purpose of voting on any matter before this meeting, is Sept. 28.

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What's New

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INSPIRED BY SCRIPTURE

Judy Singer's abstract acrylic canvasses are featured as the opening exhibit of the 1994/95 season by the fine arts committee of Holy Blossom Temple on view at the temple through Oct. 2. The exhibit, entitled Paintings Inspired by Scripture, chronicles two years of work by the 43-year-old artist. Based on nine years of study of biblical and mystical sources, the paintings are personal interpretations of abstract images evoked by specific passages from the Bible, Prophets, Psalms and Writings, as well as kabbalistic works. You can meet the artist at a reception Thursday, Sept. 22, 7-9 p.m.

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Join Toronto's fundraising walk for AIDS, From All Walks of Life, Sunday, Oct. 2, and help support 35 community agencies that provide AIDS education and outreach services. The 10km walk begins at noon at Nathan Phillips Square. To register for the walk and recive a pledge form, call 340-WALK or visit any Metro Toronto branch of the Royal Bank. For information, **Lyndsay Morrison**, 366-7100 or 414-6459.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Oct. 3-Jan. 9, from 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Oct. 4-Jan. 10, from 7:30-9 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introdcutory private lessons are offered for beginners. Instructor of the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the ulpan method in teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

CELEBRATE HARMONY IN CANADA

The Harmony Movement, an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a harmonious environment for everyone living in Canada, invites you to invite your neighbor to a party, a barbecue picnic with free barbecue lunch, games and entertainment, Sunday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Earl Bales Park. Call (905) 940-1521 before Wednesday, Sept. 28, with full names and telephone numbers to register.

CELEBRATE ARTSWEEK

The arts community in North York extends an invitation to everyone to attend ArtsWeek Sept. 24-Oct. 2 at various locations throughout the city. Events are free, pay what you can or $5. Sixteen different events have been organized, ranging from music to visual arts, performance arts to sculpture tours — for every age group. For information, call 977-ARTS.

IS YOUR NAME ON VOTERS' LIST?

Monday Nov. 14, is election day in the City of Toronto and City Hall is encouraging people who want to vote to check the Voters' List to see if their name is included. Lists can be checked at Toronto City Hall through Oct. 14 or at any City of Toronto Public Library branch. If a person's name is included on the Voters' List, they should receive a voter's card by Oct. 31. If a person's name is not on the list or listed incorrectly, call the election information line at 392-6818 no later than Oct. 14.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). A special Sukkot party with dance, Israeli food and wine is being held Saturday, Sept. 24, members $8, non-members $10. On Thursday, Sept. 29, the movie *Schindler's List* will be screened, starting at 6:30 p.m. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Taylor Place, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, is offering 55 Alive, a four-session driver refresher course, Mondays, Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31, 10 a.m. to noon. This course is designed to help mature drivers 55 and over upgrade their driving skills and maintain their independence while driving safely. Members/volunteers $30, non-members $35. Fee includes course material. To register, call **Joan Walters**, 510-1100.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events — Sunday, Sept. 25, dance with live band, Community Centre, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $4, non-members $5; Thursday, Oct. 13, 2-4 p.m., general membership meeting with presentation of club's revised constitution, entertainment and refreshments; Oct. 17-20 Atlantic City casino trip, members $325 Canadian double occupancy, non-members $335, includes deluxe accommodations, three breakfasts, three dinners (kosher), two casino coin bonuses, two casino shows, medical insurance; Tuesdays, Nov. 1 and 15, local day trips, members only $5; North York Board of Education programs in full swing at Community Centre. Call 395-7881 for all details.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking registrations for Israeli trip Oct. 31-Nov. 21. An orientation meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m. Tickets are still available for *Twelfth Night* at Stratford Sept. 29. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, there's a trip to Bobcageon including visit to Weitung Indian Gallery, kosher lunch. For information on all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., is presenting a series on Health Matters with public health nurse **Lorraine Ruthven** on alternate Thursdays, 1-2 p.m. beginning Sept. 29 with Power of Attorney: Substitute Decisions Act. For information, 784-0920.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami. A trip to Washington, D.C., to the Holocaust Memorial and other interesting sights with professional tour guide takes place Oct. 30-Nov. 3. Package deal $484 Canadian double occupancy includes bus and four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel. For information, **Libby**, 782-2059. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing Tuesdays 1 p.m. continues after the holidays at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11:30 p.m.

Daytime Hebrew classes with **Yael Lev** for seniors in two levels, beginners III and intermediate, will be held Friday mornings at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. For information, **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Funtime 55 Plus invites you for a fall color tour Tuesday, Oct. 4, with lunch at Nohawasa Inn, Allison, a scenic tour to Collingwood to see the fall colors and stops at different points of interest. Also, join the Windsor Casino Express Sunday, Oct. 16, two days, one night at Howard Johnson, $95 inclusive. Watch for your winter vacation in Florida. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Programs offered in partnership with North York Board of Education include — Needle Crafts with **Terry Winston**, Mondays 10 a.m. to noon; Painting with **Janet Hudson**, Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon; Pottery Beginners with **Holly Speers**, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon; Pottery Advanced with **Holly Speers**, Wednesdays, noon to 3 p.m.; **Soapstone Sculpture** with **Irene Blogg**, Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Hebrew with **Kolya Shimrat**, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Yiddish Literature and Discussion with **Julie Sokoloff**, Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon; Yiddish Culture and Language with **Richard Basset**, Fridays 1-3 p.m.; Creative Choir with **Eleanor Rice** and accompanist **Michael Khinkis**, Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Basic Bridge with **Lillian Grant**, Fridays 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Intermediate Bridge with **Larry Cara** Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Current Events with **Doug Haddow** Mondays 11 a.m. to noon; Hebrew Bible Study with **Kolya Shimrat** Mondays 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Ballroom Dancing with **Stella Switzer** Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. For details, **Norma Steiner**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre and Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly are sponsoring Life and Death: The Pros and Cons of Euthanasia with **Randy Zlotnik Shaul** and **Jim Lavery** from the Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, Thursday, Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m. No charge and everyone welcome. For information, **Sheila Zane** or **Sharon Zeiler**, 225-2112.

The Wellness Centre health lecture series features dental assistant **Renay Lambert** discussing Your Healthy Smile, Friday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.

The special events committee and Lifelong Learning Institute present An Evening of Classical Music with pianist **Shaya Petroff** and violinist **Yosri Zaidenberg**, Monday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. Tickets, members $2, non-members $3, available at Information desk.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, is holding a fifth anniversary party Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. with full dinner, dance and entertainment, members $14, non-members $16. Tickets at the centre. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie, *For the Boys* will be screened Sunday, Sept. 25, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

JERUSALEM ELWYN

The recent annual meeting of the Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn, held in Toronto, took on an international character with the attendance of David B. Marcu (right), executive director, Jerusalem Elwyn, who arrived from Jerusalem to attend the meeting; Daniele Cohen (centre) director of the North American office of Jerusalem Elwyn, located in Elwyn, Pa.; and Edmond Lipsitz, consultant of the Canadian Friends. Jerusalem Elwyn is dedicated to rehabilitation and training programs for people with developmental disabilities.

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SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Floating Jewish Singles (40-65) presents Al Molyneaux-"Para Psychologist". An exciting event at the Pride of Israel Synagogue (lower level). 59 Lissom (Bathurst N. of Finch). Sunday Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. $8 at the door. Refreshemnts & social to follow. Call Bernice 416-633-7034 or Arlene 416-223-0868.

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The Jewish Singles Registry network of offices throughout Canada is this country's largest Jewish dating service, with more than 2,000 members. The year and a half old Toronto office has just surpassed the 500 member mark, with that number growing daily. Montreal, in business for eight years, has now over 1,600 members and averages one wedding per month.

Registry founder Dora Korzinstone takes great satisfaction in the hundreds of couples who have met through the service. "While it is very exciting to see people click immediately it's also a special feeling to see someone who has been with the service a number of years meet that special individual," she says. "It shows that persistence does pay off."

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LET'S E.A.T. AT LE MARCHÉ

E.A.T. at Le Marché is a new restaurant with a French and Italian accent at King and Niagara. President and managing partner Michel (Mitch) Lepine believes that a good restaurant thrives by selling the right combination of food, service and atmosphere--and by constant, hands-on attention to quality in all three aspects.

The atmosphere is that of a bistro, bright and relaxing. Here, you enjoy good food at your own pace, in a congenial ambience. There are French posters on the walls, dating from the turn of the century to the 1940's; you will hear jazz and other popular music from the 1940's, including early Frank Sinatra and the voice of Edith Piaf.

To make sure that each dish will be prepared with care and attention, the size of the menu is limited. The kitchen is open, so that you may see everything being prepared.

Delicious Foccaccia Bread

Sandwiches are made with delicious foccaccia bread, baked in-house and always fresh. The frites (like French fries, but finer-cut and lighter) are served with tangy aioli, an Italian spice-and-garlic sauce. On both lunch and dinner menus, there is a choice of enticing pizzas with fine crusts, Italian style, and toppings such as provolone and goat cheese.

The dinner menu offers such enticements as flame broiled rotisserie chicken with herbs, or spicy Macedonian sausage with herbed mashed potatoes. As to dessert, the deep dish apple and raspberry pie, made with fresh fruit, is highly recommended.

Wines, sold by the glass or bottle, are selected by connoisseurs and recommended week by week. There is also a good variety of domestic and imported beer.

Like Queen St. a few years ago, King St. West is enjoying a revival. Not only have the solid, older buildings been refurbished, given a face lift and a fresh look. There are new condos and townhomes in the area as well; and CIBC and Bell have opened new offices. E.A.T. at Le Marché is part of this revival.

Lunch is from 11:30 to 2:30, dinner from 5:30 to 10:30; Saturdays, closing time is a little later, about 11:00. Prices are reasonable, within a modest budget. Take-out service is also available.

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"Dan beat me for 18 years until Na'amat changed him!"

Na'amat Israel's five Centres for the Prevention of Domestic Violence have aided over 5,000 women victims. The centres' criminologists and social workers run support groups for battered women and rehabilitation services for the batterers. Na'amat's efforts to rehabilitate these dysfunctional families have been outstandingly successful. Ilanit's story is just one of thousands with happy endings:

"Dan beat me for 18 years! I was afraid all the time. I took my nervous tension out on my children until they became rude and nasty to me like their father. Then one day, I phoned the number that Na'amat publicizes to let people like me know where to go for help. It's been two years since Dan and I first went to Na'amat's Violence Prevention Centre. I can't believe how he's changed. I learned to stand up for myself and Dan learned to understand what he'd been doing to us. Even our children have changed. I don't know where we'd be without Na'amat's help."

With a rehabilitation success rate of more than 90%, Na'amat Israel has shown the world that violent batterers can be treated. But Na'amat cannot bear the costs of running five centres across Israel without help form concerned supporters. A gift to Na'amat's Department for the Prevention of Domestic Violence can change the entire future of a dysfunctional family.

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Ronit Lev Ari, Director of Na'amat's Prevention of Family Violence Dept., counsels victim.

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WEIGHT-WINNERS OFFERS AN ANTI-DIET PROGRAM

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More and more people are finding that the only way to lose weight permanently is to give up dieting forever! Even traditional weight loss programs have recognized the need for a new approach. The problem with conventional diets is that they tell us WHAT to eat, WHEN to eat, and HOW MUCH to eat, irrespective of whether or not we are hungry. The diet is in control, not us. This "famine and feast" form of eating can result in further weight gain, health problems and feelings of failure and low self-esteem.

Weight-Winners, an internationally successful anti-diet approach to weight loss, has recently come to Canada. What makes ***Weight-Winners*** truly different is that it is a research based program, developed by a psychologist and run by clinical psychologists, dietitians and kinesiologists. The program is unique because it deals not only with the symptoms of being overweight, but more importantly, with the causes. Throughout the highly effective and successful program, participants are taught to take back the control that they once gave to diets and to trust themselves around food.

"It is not a matter of 'will power' or of 'making up your mind'," says Dr. Michelle Flax, consultant to ***Weight-Winners***. "There are no forbidden foods on this program. Participants learn to separate feelings from eating and learn strategies that allow a normal relationship with food - something that 'naturally thin' people already have," adds Dr. Flax. ***Weight-Winners*** provides the tools to take control and to develop a normal, healthy relationship with food.

Through the ***Weight-Winners*** program, participants uncover their own self-destructive eating patterns, discover what led to the problem in the first place, and learn what triggers their overeating. "One way that ***Weight-Winners*** accomplishes this is by having participants eat a meal together, "says Dr. Flax. "During this meal, group members are taught to implement new and constructive patterns of eating behavior and it is a turning point in the program. They are often surprised to find the origins of their eating difficulty can stem from childhood."

Other components of the program include exercise and nutrition education, and a focus on attitude, body-image and self-esteem changes. "Steady and consistent weight-loss is a result from this program", says Maureen Kark, psychologist and founder of Weight-Winners, "but more importantly, there is continued weight loss following the program as a result of significant behavioral and attitudinal changes."

Carol Mark, who lost 43 lbs. on the program and who became Administrator of ***Weight-Winners*** after working for many years in the area of eating disorders, says, "I am eating what I want for the first time in my life and I feel great! I do not feel deprived at all. I will never go on a diet again."

Weight-Winners is led by registered psychologists and is covered by most private insurance plans. Contact Carol Mark at **469-9622** for a free introductory consultation.

Introducing Nefeli to the Danforth strip

Nefeli is not only one of the newest restaurants on the Danforth. Owner Triandafalos Pacharidis asserts with confidence that his new restaurant venture is the best. After being in operation just over a month, he already has a good number of regular customers who come back once a week, or even more often.

Nefeli takes pride in offering the patrons genuine Greek cuisine prepared the traditional way, with no short cuts. Meat, fish and vegetables are fresh daily, and prepared with care. Among the items on the menu are roast lamb, lamb chops, souvlaki of various kinds, several different Greek salads, and a variety of fish dishes such as calamari and red snapper. The roast lamb is tender, served in a generous portion with rice and potatoes, and a tangy lemon-based sauce for the rice.

There is a whole new selection of vegetarian dishes like dolmadis, stuffed tomatoes and fasolada (lentil soup). For dessert, there are tasty sweets like baklava for dessert. Among its selection of beer, wine and spirits, Nefeli carries many red and white wines from Greece, as well as Marathon beer.

Generous Portions

The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly, with an open front for warm days in late summer or early fall. Mr. Pacharidis, who believes that human companionship is an essential part of life, encourages his patrons to enjoy the pleasures of social life and lively talk along with their meal. Like every successful restaurauteur, he is offering his guests not only good food, but service and atmosphere as well.

The environment is clean and bright, with the main colors being white and pastels. There are marble columns at the entrance, patterned on the columns of the Acropolis; the marble for the floors was imported by Mr. Pacharidis specially from Greece. The walls are white stucco, with murals depicting Greek mythological themes on one side, and posters with mythological themes on the other. The murals were copied from the wall paintings at Knossos by an artist from the Toronto Greek community.

If you're strolling down the Danforth come by to Nefeli and try their delicious cuisine and you'll be sure to become a regular patron! Nefeli is at 407 Danforth Ave., not far from the Chester subway station; telephone 465-4559.

"Diets don't work!"

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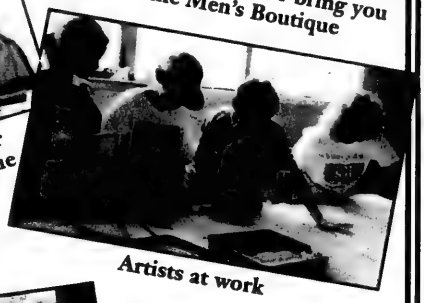

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New laser approach removes wrinkles, lines and heavy eyelids

An advances laser treatment that makes facial wrinkles, lines and blemishes disappear in minutes is now available for the first time in Canada.

Dr. Andrew Same has opened the Vitalase SurgiCentre in Mississauga to provide a treatment he says makes previous approaches obsolete.

"Laser skin resurfacing is considerably easier on the patient than chemical peels and dermabrasion," he said. "There is no bleeding or bruising and remarkably little pain. And a patient doesn't have to go into hiding until the skin heals."

Not only women are interested in retaining their youthful looks. Men who have lost their jobs – or who may be threatened with a layoff – want to improve their chances of getting or keeping a job by projecting a youthful image.

Dr. Sarne was trained in California by Dr. Laurence M. David, who developed the resurfacing technique using an ultrapulse CO_2 laser beam.

This gives the surgeon the ability to remove precise amounts of skin without damaging adjacent areas. The laser, in effect, evaporates the damaged skin, exposing the unblemished tissue below.

"The laser actually has a rejuvenating effect on the skin," says Dr. Same. "It stimulates the regeneration of natural collagen and new cells. The result is a newer, younger appearing skin brought about by a natural process."

The pinpoint accuracy of the laser beam is a major advantage over procedures based on the use of chemicals or dermabrasion tools. In a chemical peel, acid is brushed over an area of the skin and eats away at blemishes.

"Patients often experience a great deal of the pain," said Dr. Same. "Bleeding, crusting and a swollen red appearance are common and it is often weeks before they venture out into the public eye."

The ultra-pulse laser treatment, by contrast, is done in a clinic on an outpatient basis. The procedure requires little or no sedation and takes only a short time.

In addition to surface wrinkles, lines and blemishes on the face and hands, the laser is used to remove the effects of aging around the eyes. Bags under the eyes and heavy eyelids can be removed quickly without the swelling and bruising associated with scalpel surgery often used for this procedure.

The treated skin turns pink which takes about one week to fade, leaving an even-colored and natural-looking complexion, says Dr. Same. Complete healing takes about six weeks. Another major advantage is that the laser treatment is permanent.

"If somebody takes care to avoid the effects of sun and wind, the youthful look will last a long time," says Dr. Same. "It is also just as effective on black, olive, brown and oriental complexions as it is on fair skin."

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Travel

Ghinsberg brings readers along on his exciting adventures

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Tales of high adventure figure prominently in travel literature. Yossi Ghinsberg's riveting book, *Back From Tuichi* (Random House, $29), fits snugly into that genre.

Born and raised in Israel, Ghinsberg has travelled the world, having been a construction worker in Norway, a fisherman in Alaska, a cook in New York and a simple tourist in Las Vegas.

Some years ago, he went to Bolivia, where he teamed up with three fellow backpackers for an expedition deep into a remote part of the Amazon rainforest.

His companions were Karl, an Austrian geologist whose uncle was supposedly a Nazi; Marcus, a frail but testy Swiss mystic; and Kevin, a resourceful American photographer.

Trip becomes a nightmare

The foursome set off in search of fresh adventures, Incan gold and Indian villages.

Their trip turned into something of a nightmare. After several weeks of wandering aimlessly in the jungle, they split up. Karl and Marcus set off for La Paz, their starting point, while Yossi and Kevin foolishly decided to continue by raft down the treacherous Tuichi River, a tributary of the Amazon.

On their first day on the river, their raft crashed into a large rock, sending Kevin into the swift-flowing water and leaving Yossi clinging to a rope. Kevin made it to shore, while Yossi was swept into a canyon of sheer rock face, and then over a raging waterfall.

Having been separated from Kevin, Yossi was absolutely on his own. For the next three weeks, Yossi fought for his life in a compelling struggle for survival, fighting off poisonous snakes, fire ants, termites, a jaguar and terrible pangs of hunger and physical pain.

Toward the end of his ordeal, he found himself in quicksand, not once but twice.

Demoralized, Yossi was ready to give in and die. But, fortified by faith and a plastic-wrapped book of passages from the Kabbalah, Yossi conquered his weaknesses and survived.

Back From Tuichi is a vivid account of an adventure that turned sour, filled with graphic descriptions of an unforgiving landscape and of characters who pulsate with passion.

In short, it's a book you can't put down.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Pegasus Bridge in Spotlight: The famous Pegasus Bridge, located in the town of Benouville in the French province of Normandy, was the first place to be liberated by the Allied invasion on June 7, 1944. Today the town is literally in the spotlight by being featured in a sound and light show that recaptures the experience of the liberation.

Some 300 spectators sit on benches about 100 metres behind the bridge. The presentation is narrated by an actor impersonating a civilian in 1944, discussing his worries and telling anecdotes. On the right are the marshes where the gliders landed. The narration is punctuated with sounds — voices, cries, hushed military orders, explosion, conversations of resistance fighters.

The show is scheduled to run nightly to mid-October, and again each summer for the next 15 years. For more details, contact the French Government Tourist Office, 30 St. Patrick St., Suite 700, Toronto ON M5T 3A3. (416) 593-4723.

Vacationers used Route 66 in the U.S.

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Cycling Main Street U.S.A.: Once called "Main Street," the famous American highway called Route 66 was a network of two-lane highways that carried millions of vacationers across the United States during auto travel's heyday 40 years ago. The Oklahoma Route 66 Preservation Society has preserved 666 kilometres of the route intact. Most of the main street towns along this segment have maintained their nostalgic charm.

As in the many movies and TV shows that have featured Route 66, towns lining this ribbon of blacktop reflect some of America's best-known symbols. General stores where Coca-Cola was 10 cents a bottle, hearty dinners made by Mom, and wonderful kitschy stores where travellers could buy everything from souvenir mugs and key chains to one-of-a-kind crafts.

There are almost a dozen museums along Route 66 and seven state parks where visitors can camp overnight. The highway is also being promoted as a bicycle path of moderate difficulty. The trail lies along relatively flat, paved highway but is occasionally hilly.

For a copy of the Oklahoma Bicycle Route Map and a guide to travel in Oklahoma, contact the Oklahoma Travel and Tourism Division toll-free at (800) 652-6552.

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Stretch Your Dollar in the U.S.: Many U.S. states now offer discount dollar-at-par programs and coupon books for the benefit of Canadian travellers. For example, Canadians in Orlando may use the Orlando Magicard, which entitles them to savings at 110 attractions, hotels, restaurants and retail outlets (call 1-800-424-2352). In Massachusetts, travellers with proof of Canadian residency may enjoy similar discounts (call 800-227-6277 ext. 235, or 617-727-3201). The Texas Travel Passport, which provides discounts to Canadians at some 1,500 attractions, costs US$24.95 (call 512-476-4472).

There's also the Discover Nevada Bonus Book (800-NEVADA-8), the Cleveland Dollar-At-Par Program (800-321-1104), the Kentucky Coupon Book (800-225-TRIP), the West Virginia and North Carolina Coupon Book (800-CALL WVA) and the Ohiopass Coupon Book (800-BUCKEYE).

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New Magazine for Women Travellers: "Our mandate is to present each travel experience from a female point of view," says Evelyn Hannon, editor of *Journeywoman*, a new travel journal produced in Toronto. "Not only do we recommend hotels, we talk about the safety of the location. When we write about museums, we try to seek out female related exhibits. Looking for specialties? Our extensive files include details of trips to Europe for single mothers and their childrren, mother, daughter, and grandmother cruises to Alaska, a running holiday in California and a goddess tour in Crete."

Journeywoman is a quarterly and costs $21 to subscribe for one year. A sample issue is $5. Write: 50 Prince Arthur Ave., Suite 1703, Toronto ON M5R 1B5.

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El Al Begins Service to Hong Kong: Beginning in October, El Al Airlines is opening a new charter route to Hong Kong as the result of an agreement signed with several Far East air carriers. The flight between Tel Aviv and Hong Kong aboard Boeing 767 planes takes more 13 hours and involves a refueling stop in Bombay.

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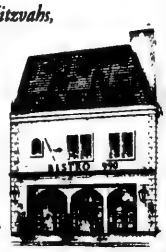

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Arts

That's Life explores '90s dilemmas

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — The Jewish Repertory's 20th season is closing with *That's Life*, an insightful view into the diverse dilemmas of 1990s Jewish American life through songs and poignant vignettes.

A team of talented composers and lyricists, fronted by five exuberant actors/singers, mirthfully explore the question: "What is the status of Jews today?"

There are good-natured swipes at such subjects as assimilation, intermarriage, parenting and cultural stereotypes in the 18 sketches, some bittersweet — and nary a clinker in the lot.

Highlights include show-stoppers like *Rhinoplasty* in which a love-struck 16-year-old questions whether she should be like her friends and get her nose reshaped, and the heart-rending *Mama I Want To Get Downstairs*, a girl's plea for spiritual equality sung from an Orthodox shul's balcony.

One charming number concerns whether the nice Jewish boy is an endangered species ("They are no longer in the Catskills/Where my Mother met my Dad"). Another, *It's Hard To Be A Patriarch Today*, bemoans the loss of paternal authority.

My Calling is all about shopping as philanthropy ("How else to empty closets for worthy causes?"). *Tap My Potential* features four overachievers groaning about their parents' expectations ("Gentiles have free time — not me").

The *Geshrunken Meshugene Rag* is a sassy caricature of psychiatrists, Jewish guilt and various idiosyncratic traits ("Do you turn on the news after 6 p.m.? If so you're probably Jewish").

The old standard, *Bei Mir Bist Du Shain*, becomes *Bei Mir Bist Du Rap* by young actors impersonating a very hip elderly couple. *Gorgeous Kay* tells of a Jewish boy's mixed feelings about singing Christmas carols with a gentile girlfriend — the femme fatale of his Grade 7 class.

This tasty tzimmes of American Jewish life is deftly conceived, directed and choreographed by Hellen Butleroff.

That's Life is appearing for a limited run at Playhouse 91, 316 East 91st St. For tickets call (212) 831-2000 or Ticketmaster (212) 307-4100.

Tale of Hollywood tyrant hits all the right marks

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Buddy Ackerman is your garden variety Hollywood tyrant, a self-absorbed Jewish producer whose capricious moods, arbitrary whims and noxious outbursts keep his minions in tow.

Whether Ackerman is a typical Hollywood type is debatable. But the manner in which he is depicted in *The Buddy Factor*, George Huang's black comedy, seems quite plausible.

The Buddy Factor, Huang's first, successful feature, was screened recently at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Keven Spacey is brilliant as Ackerman. A performance like his is a rarity and a treat.

With panache, Frank Whaley plays Guy, his hapless assistant who fends off verbal abuse and a shower of projectiles.

Michelle Forbes is deliciously effective as Dawn, the predatory producer who has slept her way to the top.

The Buddy Factor, written and directed by Huang, is an appealing film brimming with wit. More often than not, the dialogue sizzles.

Judging by *The Buddy Factor*, Huang promises to enjoy a fruitful career.

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EYE ON ARTS

A Theatre Goes Dark: Just one month ago, this column conveyed the happy news that the Leah Posluns Theatre's upcoming season, its 18th, would be highlighted by such potential winners as *Twilight of The Golds*, *Broadway Bound* and *Yiddle With A Fiddle*. However, the number 18, which traditionally symbolizes chai, or life, has in this instance brought an unexpected death.

Late in August, in a bid to rescue the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto from insolvency, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto abruptly brought down the curtain on the theatre, closed the theatre school, changed the locks on the doors, and handed pink slips to some 31 JCC employees. At present, the theatre is dark, silent, and entirely without life; a place, seemingly, where only ghosts walk.

But the JCC 31 apparently have no intention of going gently into that good night. When the Federation launched its UJA campaign at the Inn on the Park, they haunted the sidewalk outside, waving placards with messages like "If This Is A Rescue, Then Let Us Drown!"

Like a congregation of ghosts, they appeared again with friends and supporters on a sidewalk outside the JCC on Sept. 11 (the UJA's Super Sunday), carrying placards, handing out leaflets, and listening as sympathetic performers like Salome Bey sang on their behalf. Reva Stern, the theatre's former artistic director, helped direct this street production; Laura Martin, the former publicist, helped attract reporters from the *CBC*, *CFTO*, *The CJN* and other media; and the theatre's former technical director helped set up the performers' equipment. Meanwhile, groups of protestors were chanting "Save Our Theatre!" as they marched back and forth along the boulevard and along a short stretch of Bathurst Street.

'I'm not going away so easily'

Stern told this reporter that she felt the federation had disposed of the theatre staff as a homeowner might dispose of raccoons found in the attic — by trapping them, then summarily dumping and abandoning them in the wilderness. "I've worked here for 20 years," she said. "I put the first shovel into the ground for this theatre, and I'm not going away so easily."

She said she recently attended a meeting of the Association of Jewish Theatres in Detroit, where directors of many smaller Jewish theatres across the continent approached her for advice. "We were the largest one, the one to whom the others looked for guidance; we were the beacon. Now I'm getting phone calls from them — they can't believe what's happened."

The loss of this theatre is obviously a major blow to the Jewish-Canadian cultural community. Stern said that it will directly affect the sense of Jewish identity felt by the many Jews who attended the theatre religiously but were otherwise uninvolved with Jewish affairs. "The federation talks about the need for Jewish continuity, so how can it turn around and do a thing like this?"

Other placards were quite succinct in their astonished anger, asking only "How?" and "Why?" One senses there is another act to this unfolding drama, one that may contain some important disclosures. All that's fully clear at this point is that this matter is terribly sad for all of us, especially the JCC 31 — and sadder still that it came just before and during the annual Days of Awe.

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Israel's survival, Holocaust linked in Lanzmann's film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

In *Shoah*, Claude Lanzmann, the celebrated French-Jewish filmmaker, delved into the Holocaust, the systematic destruction of European Jewry. Now, in *Tsahal*, he explores the theme of Jewish survival through the prism of the Israeli armed forces.

There are obvious parallels between *Shoah* and *Tsahal*, which had its North American premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival recently.

Both are exhaustive marathons. *Shoah* ran for nine hours. *Tsahal* clocks in at five hours. Both rely almost exclusively on on-screen interviews, or talking heads. Both eschew history for the here-and-now. In *Shoah*, Lanzmann skimmed over the causes of the Holocaust. In *Tsahal*, he sets aside the genesis of the Israel Defence Force, concentrating on the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Only in passing does he mention the 1948 War of Independence, the 1956 Sinai Campaign, the 1967 Six Day War, the 1968-70 War of Attrition and the 1982 Lebanon War.

There is a logic in Lanzmann's focus on the Yom Kippur War. It was a war with frightful casualties which consumed part of a generation. It was a war which Israel almost lost in the first few days of combat.

These sombre facts are most significant to Lanzmann because Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people which the Nazis tried to destroy in the Holocaust. The symmetry is irresistible.

A wide variety of Israelis appear in *Tsahal* — veterans of Israel's war, young recruits and generals, among others.

The thread which connects all of them, not surprisingly, is the Holocaust, an event seared into the consciousness of virtually every Israeli.

The typical Israeli may not think about it obsessively, but Israel's survival can never be taken for granted. Even now, following Israel's long overdue rapprochement with the PLO, there are Palestinian factions and Arab countries which are unreconciled to Israel's very existence.

Fittingly enough, *Tsahal* begins with the thumping, whining, exploding sounds of battle, as recorded by Sergeant Avi Yaffee during the Yom Kippur War.

Yaffee, a reservist, was sent to the Suez Canal front in August 1973, just before Egypt and Syria attacked Israeli forces in the Sinai Peninsula and on the Golan Heights.

An Israeli soldier in Tsahal.

When the Egyptians crossed the canal, capturing the fortifications along the Bar-Lev Line, Yaffee recorded the unfolding chaos and terror. He is still haunted by the event.

The soldiers in *Tsahal* who relive their impressions of wars are neither haughty nor arrogant warriors, but ordinary men who were unlucky enough to have been caught up in the vortex of armed conflict. To a man, they were seized by the cold sweat of fear which accompanies war. No bravado or false heroics here.

Lanzmann's subjects are self-effacing and thoughtful — the soldier, now a brigadier-general, who appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine right after the Six Day War; the kibbutznik who never forgets that his parents are Holocaust survivors; the ex-general who himself barely survived the inferno of the Holocaust.

Lanzmann, who is nothing if not inquisitive, spends several minutes interviewing Israel Tal, the guiding spirit behind the Merkava, Israel's locally-developed tank. Tal, a former general, is loqacious and knowledgeable.

Lanzmann also talks with Merkava crews. The tankists are convinced, with nary a shred of supporting evidence, that the Merkava is the finest tank in the world. Some actually exhibit affection toward their mammoth machines. Love affair with a tank.

Lanzmann's cameras train on fuzzy-faced, nervous paratroopers making their first jumps. At least two neophytes hesitate before plunging headlong out of the airplane.

He speaks to air force cadets trying to make the cut at flying school. One cadet, in endearing broken English, explains that he wants to fly a helicopter, rather than a jet, because he "can't see too well."

Israel's physical vulnerability, a recurring leitmotif in this generally absorbing documentary, is underlined by the flight of a plane from Netanya to the West Bank, a distance of only about 10 kilometres. It takes the aircraft less than one minute to reach the Green Line.

Ehud Barak, the Israeli chief of staff, ruminates on Israel's military doctrine and elucidates on his participation in a 1973 commando raid in Beirut in which he was disguised as a woman.

Lanzmann presents the intifadah — the Palestinian uprising in the territories — as a moral challenge to the soldiers on patrol in the warrens or Gaza and Nablus and to Israeli society at large.

His conversation with a religious Jewish settler on the West Bank is both tense and affecting. Lanzmann makes no effort to conceal his sympathies. He's clearly skeptical about the occupation.

Reflective comments by novelists David Grossman and Amos Oz and civil rights lawyer Avigdor Feldman reinforce Lanzmann's view that Israel's occupation is a doubtful enterprise. (It should be noted that *Tsahal* was filmed before Israel's September 1993 Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians.)

Tsahal covers a lot of ground, but its impact could have been greater had it been edited down to two or three hours. Lanzmann is a talented documentarian, but enough is enough.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Friends In Deed, by Dan Raviv & Yossi Melman (Little Brown Canada, $34.95).

Over the past five decades, America's involvement with Israel has been more positive and intense than with any other nation. Despite periodic rifts and drifts this political and strategic alliance has held fast.

The authors of this insiders' account estimate that Israel has received some $100 billion in various forms of aid from the United States since 1948. In addition, of course, there has been close cooperation between the military and intelligence communities of the two nations.

Why does the United States have a special affection and concern for Israel? The answers include feelings of guilt for the Holocaust, the role of the Holy Land in Christian religious thought, the effectiveness of the Jewish lobby and mutual democratic ideas and values. In addition, sympathy and admiration for Israel's manifold accomplishments and successful defence of the country should not be overlooked; nor should the strong positive attitude of most U.S. presidents.

CBS correspondent Dan Raviv and Israeli journalist, Yossi Melman — authors of the highly successful, *Every Spy A Prince*, (1990), a brilliant and skilful description of Israel's major intelligence services, now offer a balanced, even-handed, anecdotal account of the complex U.S.-Israel encounter.

Several unhappy events through the years placed a severe strain on the relationship. During the Six Day War, Israeli war planes and ships mistakenly strafed and torpedoed the U.S. navy spy vessel, Liberty, killing 34 seamen and injuring many more. As a result Israel paid over $100 million in compensation to the families of the dead sailors and top officials of both nations decided to put the incident behind them.

The 1985 Pollard spy scandal was extremely embarrassing for Israel. An attempt was made to mollify the Americans by claiming that senior political echelons had not been aware of Pollard's activities — that he had been involved in a rogue operation. Israel even agreed to cooperate with the United States in gathering further evidence against Pollard.

The authors write, "In the annals of modern espionage, there had been no case in which a country ran a loyal spy in another country and then cut him off, while helping the other country in bringing criminal charges." It is significant that Israel didn't publicly indicate that several American spies had been caught and returned home. Evidently, it was felt that the relationship was too precious to be frayed by mutual acrimony and recrimination.

'Hate at first sight'

President Bush believed that building settlements on the West Bank prejudged the future of the area as well as Gaza and had to stop. When Prime Minister Shamir met Bush at the White House it was, "a case of hate at first sight. Never in the history of relations between the two countries was there such antipathy — true emotional dislike — between their heads of government . . . Shamir was always puzzled as to why his personal chemistry with Bush was so bad."

Bush opposed guarantees for a multi-billion dollar loan to Israel and insisted that Israel not retaliate against Iraq during the Gulf War. Overwhelmingly, the authors point out, Jews expressed their feelings during the presidential election in 1992. Four years earlier Bush had received 27 per cent of the Jewish vote, in 1992 he received only about 10 per cent.

The authors are convinced that Jewish political strength in the United States and the ability to lobby successfully for Israel is diminishing. One out of four Americans is of African, Asian or Hispanic origin, and the proportion continues to rise. "Members of these growing minority groups, even if they are not hostile to Israel, have their own pressing priorities . . . To most Americans the $13 billion appropriated for foreign aid in fiscal 1994 was difficult to defend, even though that was seven per cent less than the previous year."

This thoroughly researched work, is of interest from beginning to end. It is highly recommended.

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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Albert Lok, a furniture manufacturer, didn't get his favorite chair too often. His 8-year-old daughter Bridget, was constantly sitting on it. But she was no longer interesed in sitting in her father's chair after he and his partner, Paul Lam, came up with a new product.

They had been trying to get into the children's market, Lok said. "General spending on kids was a lot more. Suddenly we had an idea. A chair for kids." So they went to work on a prototype. It was wood-frame foam-padded chair, upholstered with a children's fabric and scaled down in size for a child.

Lok brought home the new chair for Bridget. She was delighted with it, he said. So was he. He had finally developed a new product line for his company, Eastwood Products Inc. That was three years ago.

Today the company manufactures a line of upholstered furniture for children — arm-chairs in two sizes, two- and three-seater couches, sofa pull-out beds, and ottomans which retail from $89 to $209. This furniture and along with a line of touch top lamps in matching fabrics is marketed under the name Tobo for Kids. Tobo is the name of a very well-known Japanese designer, but there's no connection with Eastwood, Lok said.

The furniture may be small in size, but it is constructed with the same quality standard's as adult furniture, he said. It is all made of sturdy wooden frames, polyurethane foam, and it is upholstered in 100 per cent cotton which is Scotchgarded and treated with a fire retardant.

All the fabric patterns, like the dinosaur and jungle scenes, for example, are designed for children. The company began with five patterns, four of which are animal motifs. "Most kids like animals. The first thing they learn is animals," Lok said. There is also vinyl material in primary colors, which is primarily used by day cares.

This year the company became an approved licensee of the Walt Disney Company, and so it is introducing two new fabrics with Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters that have been specially designed for Tobo at the Disney Creative Studio in Canada. He expects the Disney patterns to be very popular. "The dream in any kid's head is about Mickey," he said.

Eastwood has sales agents, but he and Lam do most of its own marketing, Lok said. They attend seven North American trade shows a year, three of which takes place in the U.S. Trade shows are expensive, he said, costing as much as $10,000, because on top of the trade show fees there are transportation and accommodation expenses.

But the exposure is worth it he said. Last April Tobo for Kids furniture was shown on CBS This Morning when Lok and Lam were exhibiting at the High Point Market in North Carolina, one of the largest international furniture shows in the world.

In Canada Tobo for Kids is sold at the Brick, Eatons and some juvenile specialty shops. In the U.S. it is available at Bellini, a chain of Juvenile specialty shops. And it is possible to buy extra fabric, accept for the Disney, for about $15 a yard from the retailers. The company also does custom upholstery.

There are plans to introduce three new products for next year, Lok said. "We would like to focus all our business on children's products and build up Tobo for Kids as a brand name for premium quality."

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in the CJN.

This week The CJN features ... Toronto Driveaway Service

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — A help wanted ad in a Toronto newspaper changed Ron Coady's life 35 years ago.

The year was 1959 and Coady was 27, a recent immigrant from England. He was working as a printer in Toronto, "not exactly making big money." In those days one could earn twice as much in the United States, so he applied for a green card — they were easy to come by in the '50s — he remembered.

The ad, one of many such ads in Toronto papers at the time, was from a Detroit drive-away service that wanted drivers to deliver vehicles across the United States. "I had seen those ads and they intrigued me," said Coady. "I'd only been here two years and it was an opportunity to see North America."

He took a month's leave of absence from his job and embarked on a financially-rewarding adventure that was to set him on the road to self-employment.

He spent the month criss-crossing the United States, delivering cars for the service. Coady picked up a brand-new Cadillac in Detroit and drove it to Dallas, where he got a car whose destination was California. In San Francisco, he got a vehicle for delivery to Ohio. On the last leg of the journey, he drove from Miami to Buffalo. "At this point I decided I can run a business like this and I knew there was nothing like it in Canada," he said. He couldn't believe his luck.

When he returned to Toronto, he immediately founded **Toronto Driveaway Service**, and he has never looked back.

At the time Coady thought the bulk of his business would come from used car dealers who sent vehicles out West. He had no idea there were so many snowbirds who wanted their cars delivered to Florida and returned, he said.

"We've become kind of an institution among retired people. The cars being sent down now — we sent their parents' and grandparents' car down." Currently two-thirds of Coady's clients are snowbirds who winter in Florida. The snowbirds are either "bored of driving down themselves or their doctors recommend they don't drive down."

One of the bonuses of running a driveaway service, he said, is the opportunity to meet some interesting people. When Coady's Florida clients were working, many of them were the movers and shakers of Toronto — they were judges, lawyers and politicians.

The company delivered cars to California for the *SCTV* crowd — Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin and Martin Short. Anne Murray sent her car to California through Toronto Drive-away, and Sheila Copps drove a car out West in her student days. As recently as two years ago Copps delivered one to Canada from Tampa.

In the past 35 years Toronto Driveaway has sent thousands of vehicles, mainly cars but also buses, vans and trucks, to destinations across Canada and the United States. One summer, usually a slow season for the service, Coady had about 200 army jeeps for delivery to various points across Canada.

Toronto Driveaway screens drivers, which includes checking their driving records and ensuring that they are respectable members of the community. There is a detailed application form. However, selecting the right drivers requires experience and intuition. "You have to be able to read people," Coady said.

While the majority of drivers — 80 per cent — are male, he finds more women than ever are driving for his service.

New driveaway services are popping up these days, he said, since many people who have taken early retirement are opening businesses. Coady advises people who want their cars driven anywhere, especially over the border, to take their business to an established service.

Paperwork, which includes customs forms and photocopies of insurance documents and ownerships, has to be done properly or else the car will be turned back at the border, he cautioned. "Newer companies may not be aware of this."

The Toronto Driveaway Service is staffed by Jean Scott, who has been there for 22 years, and Ken Moude, who has been with the company for five years. Coady's 25-year-old son Dan recently joined the business after finishing university. "He's decided to come into the family business," Coady said, "so we expect him to carry it on."

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World Bank Signs $30 Million Loan

JERUSALEM — In advance of the meeting of donor countries in Paris, the World Bank recently signed a $30 million loan agreement in Gaza for infrastructure projects in Gaza and Jericho.

The agreement, signed in Gaza by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and World Bank vice-president Caio Koch Weser, had been expected to boost the Paris meeting.

Palestinian Authority Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi told reporters "the $30 million agreement signed is for badly needed projects including sewage, schools, roads, water and energy."

Ahmad Qreia, the Palestinian Authority's Trade and Economics Minister, said that donor countries originally pledged $128 million in projects in 1994, *Al-Quds* reported.

In Paris, donor countries are expected to decide to release some $30 million a month for on-going expenses and projects.

Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Major-General Danny Rothschild and Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir will represent Israel in the three-day summit.

Donor states pledged $2.4 billion in a Washington conference last October, but have made it contingent on Palestinians establishing clear accounting procedures and a taxation system.

Agreement was reached at a conference in Washington, attended by Israeli and Palestinian representatives, that funds would be channeled to the Authority monthly and the Authority would set up a tax system within six months.

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State Revenues Rise

JERUSALEM — State revenues rose 8.2 per cent to NIS 6 billion last month from the same period last year, as the economy continued expanding, State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai reported

During the first eight months of the year, tax revenues grew 13.1 per cent to NIS 48 billion.

Income tax revenues jumped by 18.3 per cent in August to NIS 3.5 billion. Since the beginning of the year, income tax receipts shot up 21.2 per cent.

By contrast, Value Added Tax (VAT) and customs receipts fell 3 per cent to NIS 2.5 billion from the same period last year.

Although VAT revenues are good indicators of economic activity, Gabbai said the drop did not reflect a slowdown in the economy, but rather the fact that August 1993 VAT receipts were uncharacteristically high.

Based on overall VAT and customs receipts since the beginning of the year, the economy is growing at a rate of 6 to 7 per cent, said Gabbai. VAT and customs revenues rose 4.3 per cent.

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The Latest IIS Deal

JERUSALEM — Intelligent Information Systems (IIS) has installed communications monitors, printers and terminals to US-based shares clearing house Depository Trust Company.

The deal is valued at $950,000.

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United Mizrahi Sets Up Partnership

JERUSALEM — United Mizrahi Bank's Investment company has signed an agreement to set up a firm to import and export electronic products in partnership with H.H. Lipaz and an American company.

Mizrahi will have a 25 per cent share in the company, Lipaz a 50.01 per cent stake and the American company will hold the remaining 24.99 per cent.

The U.S. company is involved in international trade.

The new company will be founded with a shareholders' equity of $2.5 million. Approximately 80 per cent of the investment will be financed by an owners' loan from Mizrahi's investment company.

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JERUSALEM: Home of the world's only kosher 'vopper' and shake

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The appearance of McDonald's on the Israeli fastfood scene last year left some people here with a bad taste in their mouths.

Inaugurated with a flurry of media coverage, McDonald's Israeli outlets chose to serve non-kosher food, and thousands of people responded. Though the meat that is served is reportedly kosher, the cheeseburgers most definitely are not.

While no one has lost sleep over the mixing of meat and dairy at McDonald's — or at the other Israeli eateries without kashrut certificates — many observant Jews were a bit peeved when the fastfood giant opted to serve non-kosher food at all its branches, including in Jerusalem.

For this reason, the recent opening of the world's only kosher, Sabbath-observant branch of the Burger King chain has drawn cheers from Israel's religious community.

The Jerusalem branch — one of five Burger King outlets in the country — has been overrun with customers since it opened in May.

Thanks to its kashrut certification, and its location in the capital's most popular indoor mall, the restaurant has become the place to get a burger and a pareve milkshake.

On a recent Saturday night, customers stood five-deep in line, waiting for the teenagers behind the counter to fill their orders.

The crowd, a combination of religious and secular, teenagers and families, Israelis and Americans, sounded just like customers at any of Burger King's 7,000 non-Israeli branches — except, perhaps, for their pronunciation of the word "Whopper." Since the Hebrew language has no "w," in Israel the Burger King signature sandwich is popularly known as the "Vopper."

David Birger, the night manager, explained that while the food in all of the Burger Kings in Israel is kosher, only the Jerusalem one is closed on Shabbat.

"Most Jerusalemites care about a kashrut certificate," he said, "but you can't get one for a restaurant that's open on Shabbat. As it is, the vast majority of restaurants in Jerusalem are closed on Shabbat anyway, so it seems quite natural."

Neil Ackerman, a 20-year-old yeshiva student from London, said he was "ecstatic" when he heard that a kosher Burger King had opened in Jerusalem.

Sitting with a bunch of British friends, Ackerman explained, "You have to understand, coming from England, good kosher fast food is almost non-existent. It makes us appreciate this even more."

"It tastes too good to be kosher," said Simon Hammelburger, 22, biting into a Whopper.

Their friend Danny Ormond, 21, said that he is disappointed that McDonald's doesn't serve kosher food as well. "It doesn't seem right that such a large restaurant chain would come to Israel, only to serve treif food. They should at least be kosher in the branch that's next to B'nei Brak," he said, referring to the fervently religious neighborhood near Tel Aviv.

Though they didn't seem particularly concerned whether the food was kosher or not, members of the Lazovsky family of Jerusalem pronounced the meal "very good."

It tastes just like Burger King in America, they said, except for the absence of cheeseburgers.

There was one complaint, however: "Look at this milkshake," said 18-year-old Gidi. "It tastes awful, but what can you expect? It's pareve."

The real taste test came from Joe Dawson, an American basketball player from Birmingham, Ala., who now plays for Maccabi Jerusalem, the city's basketball team.

"This is a good hamburger," Dawson said, "and it tastes as good as an American one."

But, he confessed, "I go to McDonald's when I want a cheeseburger."

Living in Israel for the last three years, Dawson said that "of all the countries I've lived in, Israel is the most like America. There's fast food, cable TV, call-waiting for the phone. Israel is a great place for an American."

Ron Lapid, manager of the local Burger Ranch fast food chain, an Israeli company, believes that having American fast food restaurants on the Israeli scene has helped his business.

Asked if business at his 56 branches — the most of any chain in Israel — has been hurt by the foreign competition, Lapid said, "We haven't experienced any direct impact, but I can tell you that business is booming.

"In 1992 we earned $25 million; in 1993, $31 million; this year we expect to make $40 million. We also plan to open four new branches by the end of the year.

"If anything, I think that the American chains are making the hamburger even more popular in Israel," he said, adding, "That's good news for us."

NASDAQ begins to take shape

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — When the idea of a second stock exchange was floated late last year, it was greeted with considerable skepticism. Few could have expected that a tender would soon be published and five groups would submit bids.

The idea of the second bourse has its roots in the expansion of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) and the lengthening queue of companies seeking to list their shares on it. As the market boomed over the last five years, it became obvious to businessmen and financiers that the TASE was an easy source of cheap money.

But as investors were becoming less and less discriminating over the quality of the companies in which they invested, the TASE began to impose ever-tighter regulations governing who could list their shares on the exchange.

The main bone of contention, which is the subject of ongoing litigation, is the minimum amount of shareholders' equity required before a company can apply for a listing.

Most recently the TASE raised the threshold to $3 million from $2 million and tightened the requirements concerning previous trading records as well as the information a company seeking to list its shares must provide in its offering prospectus.

This stiffening of requirements appears to have been a response to criticism of "bubble" companies — firms with no business and few assets, which had been able to list their shares and raise significant amounts of money. These companies posed, many believed, an inordinate danger to investors.

But critics, led by MK Sylvan Shalom, the chair of the Knesset finance committee's capital markets subcommittee, argued that the tighter listing requirements prevented many promising smaller companies from raising capital.

High-technology companies with considerable promise (and commensurate risk) have been forced by the regulations to raise money on NASDAQ in the United States, where, although listing is more expensive and regulation in some ways more demanding, there are no shareholders' equity or track record requirements.

Cable TV, cellular telephone and biotechnology companies, for example, need to raise huge amounts of capital to develop their products or operating infrastructure before they see a penny in revenue, let alone profits. There seems to be little sense in denying them access to public equity markets.

NASDAQ, which was launched to compete with the New York Stock Exchange, has succeeded to such an extent that multi-billion dollar companies like Apple Computer, Microsoft and biotech giant Amgen declined to list on the big board when blessed with success. NASDAQ, though, is not the only model of a second or smaller companies' stock exchange.

The Unlisted Securities Market in London, set up to solve problems similar to those a second bourse here would be designed to alleviate, ground to a virtual halt and ultimately ceased operating, as trading all but dried up in many smaller issues, leading to huge bid-ask spreads and leaving investors unwillingly locked in to non-liquid investments. No one has explained how this problem would be avoided here, where many firms will probably be even smaller than those on the USM, and where floats could be really tiny.

"Caveat emptor," said an international expert on stock markets familiar with the local market who asked for anonymity. "No one is putting a gun to anyone's head to invest," he said when challenged with issues of liquidity and measures needed to protect investors.

"I don't like artificial rules being imposed on what should be a free market; they are the function of a poor legal system."

While he agreed that, if the TASE functioned properly, there would probably be little need for a second exchange, he doubted that such changes would ever come about. "Competition can only be a good thing," he added.

His support for a second bourse, though, was not without reservations. One key issue, he said, was the quality of due diligence investment bankers would be forced to carry out before bringing a company to market. The smaller the company, the higher the risk and the more necessary the due diligence.

He was also critical of the obsession with the location of the bourse — the trend is towards computerized trading, so a whole new set-up seems unnecessary.

Shalom Singer, a partner in the Singer Barnea Investment House and a former director-general of the Finance Ministry, took the view that a second exchange is premature and no substitute for improving the existing one.

"In principle, another sophisticated and efficient stock exchange will contribute to the business sector and the economy. But it is difficult to seriously consider a second stock exchange while the current exchange is not operating properly," he said.

"The problems that have reached the courts include criteria in listing securities for trading and definition of market makers. In principle, if the existing stock exchange works well, I am in favor of a second exchange and even a third."

If the second exchange becomes the place where genuinely promising high-tech companies choose to raise capital, rather than on NASDAQ or from increasingly costly venture capital, it may become a resounding success. However, if regulators prove unable to police shady dealings, the market could easily become a haven for questionable companies and disreputable characters.

Israel's often overenthusiastic investors will have to learn to tell the difference.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

An action shot of a banker at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) issuing sell orders. The recent government decision to impose a 10 per cent capital gains levy on stocks cast a somber cloud over the average market player. The exchange closed for two days in an attempt to let the faint-hearted assess the situation and hopefully not sell every stock. Upon re-opening, as much as 15 per cent was wiped off share values. Matters improved and by the close, the main index showed a decline of 10 per cent.

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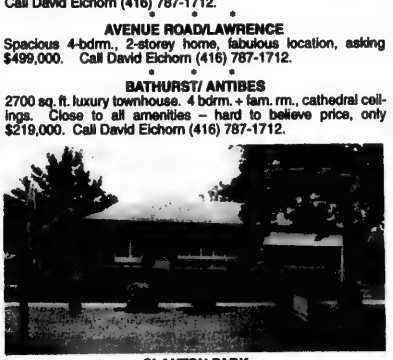

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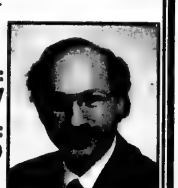

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TALKIN' FLICKS

Hollywood veteran Kirk Douglas (left) and former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, a movie buff, share a moment at the Cinematheque film centre in Jerusalem. Douglas came to Israel to open two children's playgrounds — one in an Arab neighborhood, the other in a Jewish one — funded partly by his charitable foundation. The Jerusalem Foundation, represented by Kollek, collaborated on the project. [Isranet Photo]

Finta ruling taken before international rights body

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has filed a petition with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights asking for a declaration that Canada is in violation of its international obligations to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

The petition arises from the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the case of accused war criminal Imre Finta. It asks the Washington-based commission, which was established by member nations of the Organization of American States (OAS), for a declaration that the Finta decision is contrary to the principles of international law.

A former Hungarian gendarmerie captain, Finta was charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity, in connection with the round-up and deportation of 8,617 Jews in the southern Hungarian city of Szeged in 1944. He was charged with robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter, but a jury acquitted him of all charges and the Supreme Court of Canada upheld that judgment.

The ruling came under fire from a number of Jewish groups, including the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and B'nai Brith Canada, which argued that, in effect, the decision allows for a defence of racial prejudice to war crimes charges.

"Canada, through the decision in the [Finta case], by not enforcing international criminal law against international war criminals and international criminals against humanity. . . is offering an effective immunity to these criminals," the petition states.

"The duty to punish human rights violations is not limited to the organs of government. It encompasses the whole apparatus of the state, including the courts, for which the state is responsible internationally, though the courts are independent from government," the petition argues.

The High Court listed nine circumstances Finta could rely upon in his defence, including "the general publicly stated belief in newspapers in Hungary that the Jews were subversive and disloyal to the war efforts of Hungary," the League stated in its petition.

The result of that legal reasoning is that "those who killed Jews because they felt, or they thought the public felt, that Jews had a basically hostile attitude to the Hungarian military objectives may not have the requisite mens rea [guilty intent] to be guilty of a war crime or crime against humanity. . . .The petitioner [the League for Human Rights] submits that the notion that there is a 'Jewish problem' or that Jews were 'basically hostile' to the military objectives of Hungary is unadulterated racial prejudice. The petitioner further submits that the majority [of the Supreme Court] appears to hold that some forms of racial prejudice that lead to killing may not be malevolent.

"The Court has read the international offenses in an illogical and senseless way," the petition argues. "It has incorporated into the notion of [guilty intent]. . . an element that excuses the very evil that the offences seek to punish. It has read the international offenses in a way so that domestic political and social attitudes could excuse criminal conduct.

"By setting up a potential defence of racial prejudice, or at least some forms of racial prejudice, by holding that committing prohibited acts while feeling some forms of racial prejudice may mean the requisite [guilty intent] is lacking, the court would excuse the very evil the offence was seeking to punish — those who kill Jews out of a belief that Jews are hostile to the war effort of the perpetrators. When what is supposed to be an element of the offence instead turns out to be a defence, the court has frustrated the obligation of Canada to bring to justice war criminals and criminals against humanity."

Paul Marcus, national director of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs, said a favorable ruling by the commission would not be binding on Canadian courts. But it would have a persuasive effect in international law and influence courts in other countries.

"You don't want another country to look at the Finta decision and think it's good law," he said.

The Finta case is "an extremely dangerous precedent." It has implications in other war zones, including Bosnia and Rwanda, where war crimes have been committed, Marcus said.

The author of the League's petition, lawyer David Matas, is hoping the Canadian government will support the petition. "We urge the government of Canada, which joined our unsuccessful application to the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the Finta case, to also support our initiative in this international forum. We also call upon our government to amend the war crimes legislation so that racial prejudice can never be a defence to war crimes and crimes against humanity."

Christopher Amerasinghe, the Justice Department lawyer who headed the Finta prosecution, said he agreed that "the Supreme Court cut across the accepted principles of international law."

Although he was unfamiliar with the petition, Amerasinghe said, "I wish [Matas] well. If he is able to get a positive statement from the commission on the merits of the case and if they feel there was a misstatement of the law, it would be a useful thing" in other jurisdictions.

Amerasinghe acknowledged there have been discussions in the Justice Department addressing the legal issues raised by the High Court's rulings but no decision on further steps has been taken.

Jay Feinberg to appear on the Shirley Show

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A talk show program with a difference.

The popular *Shirley Show* will feature Jay Feinberg, the young New Jersey man suffering from chronic myelogenous leukemia, whose only hope for survival is to find a compatible bone marrow donor.

Host Shirley Solomon is urging Toronto's Jewish community to come to the taping of the Feinberg edition, to be held Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the studio, 98 The Esplanade.

"I want to have an audience who really cares about him," Solomon told *The CJN*. "We as a Jewish community have to stand behind him. This is a chance to show that we do."

Feinberg will be accompanied by his mother, Arlene; an 11-year-old cousin who also has leukemia; and, Solomon hopes, a doctor who has cared for him.

Solomon said she also plans to introduce bone marrow recipients to those who donated the marrow to them.

The *Shirley Show* has been in touch with comedian Howie Mandel, and it is hoped that he will come and show his support as well.

"I really hope we can help him," Solomon said, noting that since her show is syndicated in the United States and internationally, including in Israel, it can drum up potential donors who might not have heard about Feinberg's story.

Hundreds have turned out at mass blood screening clinics in Toronto, Montreal and other Canadian cities, as well as in other countries, to offer the healthy bone marrow needed to save Feinberg's life. But so far, a suitable donor has not been found.

Those who wish to attend the taping of the *Shirley Show* should call for tickets as soon as possible at (416) 366-2345.

The show will air nationwide on Monday, Oct. 17, on CTV affiliates. (Check local listings for times.)

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Serpa Pinto survivor recalls harrowing ordeal

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Fifty years ago Cecile Metrick, then 14, spent a night in a crowded lifeboat in the Atlantic Ocean, while a German submarine captain waited for word on whether to blow up the Serpa Pinto, a Portugese ship carrying 350 refugees to North America.

Later this year Metrick will meet in Montreal with a few other people who huddled in lifeboats that night of June 2, 1994, people she has not seen since that time.

The Serpa Pinto passengers were allowed to row back, because Berlin decided not to scuttle the neutral ship and Cecile Metrick, her parents, Leon and Mary Tenenbaum, and her brothers, Serge, 21, and Andre, 17, spent the next night on deck in sleeping bags, afraid the Germans would go back on their word.

Today those events are like a dream to Metrick who has made a full life for herself in her adopted country, as treasurer of Elte Carpets and Home, a large company her father founded, and as an art patron and former member of the National Planning Commission and its art committee in Ottawa.

Her husband, Fred, is chair of the firm, while one son, Ken, is president; another son, Laurence, of Metrick Systems, is advertising manager; and Mary-Ann, their daughter, is head of public relations.

Even through the mist of time, Metrick remembers how her father, Leon, insisted — against great odds — that the whole family should clamber down to the same lifeboat in the rough seas.

Fifty years ago, Cecile Metrick, then 14, spent a harrowing night in one of the Serpa Pinto lifeboats. A German sub had stopped the Portugese ship and the U Boat captain threatened to blow it up. Her brother, Serge, took this picture through a porthole as the refugees rowed back to the ship.

Father kept family safe

(Three people lost their lives in accidents during this disembarkation, including an 18-month-old baby and the ship's doctor who fell off a Jacob's ladder.)

Metrick also credits her father with the wise decisions which kept the family safe during their two years in France and his advice to deny their Jewishness and to claim at the border of Spain that they were members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

"What he had to do to get us false passports and visas on the black market would fill a book," she said.

Only 80 of the 350 aboard the Serpa Pina were headed for Canada and they were held in bond in Philadelphia and put aboard a sealed train.

"My brother Serge got a picture of the surfaced German sub as it cruised among the lifeboats scaring the life out of us," she said. "But at Philadelphia the U.S. Navy took his films on security grounds and though they sent him back the pictures of refugees in the lifeboats, he never did receive the picture of the sub. Incidentally, the sub took three Americans off the Serpa Pinto and never returned them. There is still a mystery surrounding their fate and why the Germans took them."

The carpet company that Leon Tenenbaum began in Toronto with three employees has grown to one that now employs 160 and recently acquired Gingers.

Unfortunately, Leon Tenenbaum died in 1952 while a relatively young man of 52, his wife died in 1960 at age 64, and Metrick's two brothers, Serge and and Andre, also involved in the business, died early in life, Serge in 1970 in Montreal at age 50 and Andre at age 37 in 1962.

In an album at the Metrick's Forest Hill home are graphic photographs Serge took through a porthole of the refugees rowing back toward the Serpa Pinto. Cecile will take them to Montreal where, just possibly, a few survivors will be able to identify themselves.

In Vicenza, Italym Cecile Metrick with a plaque honoring the American decorator and designer Willian Pahlman who restored the house of famed architect Andrea Palladio.

The Metrick family all involved in the family business. From left: daughter Mary Ann, Cecile Metrick, her husband, Fred, sons Laurence and Kenneth.

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Proposed immigration changes gets mixed reviews from JIAS

Report angers activists

By RON CSILLAG
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TORONTO — Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) of Canada has mixed reviews for a leaked government document that proposes changes to this country's immigration system — among them, restricting family class immigration.

Any changes which narrow chances for family reunification generally do not bode well for Jewish immigrants, who tend to leave close relations behind, JIAS national executive director Susan Davis told *The CJN* last week.

On the other hand, the proposals include changing the point system to select more independent immigrants on the basis of education, experience, language ability and long-term potential, rather than their ability to fill current labor market needs. That, Davis says, would mean good news for Jewish emigres from the former Soviet Union and South Africa, who tend to be educated, highly skilled and proficient in at least one of Canada's official languages.

The 18-page report, prepared for Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi, has angered some immigration activists, who contend the proposals were never aired during eight months of public consultations, which included JIAS.

Among the proposals, drafted by civil servants, are:

- cutting immigration levels to 200,000 from this year's expected 250,000, but staying with the long-term goal of keeping annual immigration levels at one per cent of the total population;
- narrowing the family class definition. Currently, spouses, dependent children, parents and grandparents — barring serious health problems or criminal records — are virtually guaranteed entry to Canada if they are sponsored by citizens or landed immigrants. The change would allow only spouses and dependent children to be sponsored. Parents and grandparents would be put in a secondary category subject to more restrictions.
- and doing away with granting automatic citizenship to children of refugee claimants, even if they are born here.

Davis is focusing on the proposal to redefine the family class. "We would be very concerned to see those kind of controls," she said, pointing out that Jewish immigrants often leave aging parents and grandparents back home, with the intention of bringing them over eventually.

Over half of JIAS clients come to Canada as independents, 20 to 30 per cent under the family class and the rest either as refugees or assisted relatives (aunts, uncles and cousins of those already here), Davis notes.

JIAS opened 1,200 new cases last year, almost all of them dealing with Jews from the former Soviet Union.

Davis and other immigration activists say they may favor the government's imposing a fee on immigrants who come as entrepreneurs.

Marchi is to announce his sweeping 10-year strategy for immigration policy next month.

Israelis among largest group of refugee claimants in 1994

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In the first six months of 1994, Israel continued to be one of the largest sources of refugee claimants in Canada, with 434 such cases being heard to completion by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB).

Only India, Iran, Somalia and Sri Lanka were the countries of last residence of more claimants in that period, according to statistics released in September by the IRB.

The 434 figure represents those cases where a judgment was rendered, and excludes those pending either a hearing or final decision. Those numbers were not released according to country.

In the first half of this year, 268 Israeli cases were granted Convention refugee status and 366 were rejected. Another 57 claims were withdrawn or abandoned.

The latest figures show a continuation of a trend that began in 1992 when Israelis — most of them originally from the former Soviet Union — suddenly jumped to near the top of the IRB tables.

Israeli cases heard in Montreal had a far higher rate of approval than those heard in Toronto; in fact, the figures are almost reverse.

Between Jan. 1-June 30, the Montreal office made a positive decision in 223 cases and said no to only 59, while in Toronto only 23 cases were accorded status and 274 were dismissed.

On the Prairies, the IRB accepted eight cases and rejected none; in British Columbia 15 decisions were negative and only two positive; and in Ottawa and the Atlantic provinces (these statistics were combined by the IRB), 12 cases were ruled in favor of the claimants and 18 against.

In 1993, a total of 1,894 claims from Israelis were referred to the IRB, and during that period, only 157 were granted status and 729 were rejected, whiled 303 were withdrawn.

Again, those cases heard in Toronto were far more likely to be rejected (508 vs. 44), but Montreal was also rejecting almost twice as many as it accepted (203 vs. 108).

In 1992, 667 claims were made by Israelis, and 68 cases were granted refugee status and 103 were rejected.

People who make refugee claims in Canada are referred to the IRB's Convention Refugee Determination Division by the immigration department and have a single refugee determination hearing. This hearing normally takes place before a panel of two IRB members, although a claimant may consent to have just one member hear the claim.

In most cases, only one of the two panelists needs to decide in favor of the claimant.

In the first half of 1994, the IRB granted refugee status to 68 per cent in 13,297 claims cases.

In August, the IRB held a daylong information session for its members on the situation in Israel of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, a significant number of whom are not Jewish by religious definition. The speakers were Israeli lawyers Lynda Brayer and Jonathan Livny, and McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler.

Transnistria Survivors Association launched

TORONTO — A Transnistria Survivor's Association has been formed, announced association president Felicia Carmelly.

Around 80 Toronto-area residents formed the association in August to support each other and to educate the community about the Holocaust atrocities committed in the Transnistria region (see *CJN* June 23). Most of the members are survivors, their spouses and their children.

Association members and the nine-member executive committee are looking for books, documents, photographs and memorabilia to help raise awareness. This is in addition to asking rabbis to mention Transnistria in future Yizkor and commemorative services.

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Canada

Abused women in Israel get help

VICTORIA — More than 200,000 women in Israel are abused by their husbands, according to Judy Mandleman, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Speaking to members in Victoria recently, and earlier the same week in Edmonton, Mandleman explained why the Canadian organization is launching a new Women for Women program to raise funds for the ongoing activities of Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) in helping Israeli women in distress.

"The Israel Federation of WIZO is involved in the daily work of assisting women in crisis," said Mandleman. "We have decided to help in this phase of its work because of the horrendous stories we hear of battered women and the need for hotlines, legal assistance, shelters and so much more."

WIZO operates five 24-hour hotlines for battered women seeking shelter. The hotlines are all over the country and the phone numbers are well known.

WIZO volunteers have been trained to handle calls for help and take immediate action to get women and children out of abusive homes and into shelters, half-way houses or even hotels, Mandleman said.

Location of the "safe houses" is kept confidential to prevent husbands from coming there to look for their wives and families.

WIZO tries to rehabilitate the women, moves them into their own apartments and attempts to find them jobs.

The main task is rehabilitation rather than reconciliation, said Mandleman, because the pattern of abuse can be repeated.

Israeli women, like women in most western countries, have learned to speak up and defend their rights. Mandleman said wife battering by Jewish husbands has not been regarded as a topic for open discussion in North America because "it's a shanda — a shame."

But abuse by husbands "has come out of the closet" and the Israeli women have led the way in declaring: "It's something you don't have to put up with. It's out in the open and that's the way it should be."

Under the Women for Women project Hadassah-WIZO members pledge whatever amount they can. Those contributing $180 receive a specially designed pin. Money raised through this project will be allocated to WIZO specifically for the task of helping battered women.

Mandleman said she hopes the project will become an annual fall program in Canada, followed by the Youth Aliyah campaign and then Hadassah-WIZO's various medical projects.

Mandleman added that Women for Women will also assist women in distress in some Canadian centres. For example, in Winnipeg, Hadassah is providing kitchen appliances for a shelter which is being rebuilt after being destroyed by fire.

Local assistance must be to a recognized, registered charity, she emphasized.

Mandleman announced that Hadassah International, which supports Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem, will hold its annual convention in Montreal beginning April 30, 1995 — the first time the convention has been held in Canada.

In Victoria, pioneer member Steffi Porzecanski was honored on the occasion of her 75th birthday. To mark the occasion she enlisted in Hadassah-WIZO's heritage fund which requires at least 10 members in a chapter to pledge $1,000 each. A heritage member has a plaque in her name placed on an Israel project of her choice.

Mandleman is officiating at a national leadership conference in Toronto from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. A national executive meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19-22, also in Toronto.

Western Canadian Jews set to gather at CJC conference

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Sixty years ago the Western region of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) was founded at an emergency meeting in Toronto.

It was the first and last time the westerners met officially as a unit, except for informal caucuses at the national Plenary sessions.

But from Oct. 22 to 23, community delegates from Winnipeg to Victoria and the Northwest Territories will gather in Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre for the first-ever CJC Western conference, as part of national CJC's 75th anniversary observance.

While Montreal and Toronto have played the dominant role in Congress, some believe a national CJC would not have been possible were it not for the insistence of the Western Jews.

The records show that the seeds were sown in Winnipeg for a unified democratic national body as far back as 1915.

"In Manitoba and Saskatchewan," says a CJC document, "the drive for a representative institution was fuelled by immigrants seeking to preserve their Jewish culture and traditions when they were under pressure to integrate as Canadians." There was also an urgent desire to combat anti-Semitism.

Finally, in March 1919, Congress was founded in Montreal at the Monument National Theatre. H. M. Caiserman was appointed general secretary, but there was no consensus on the permanence of Congress.

Current CJC president Irving Abella says in his history of early Canadian Jewry, *A Coat of Many Colours*, that "Congress was inert" despite the many problems facing the Jews.

There were no follow-up conferences, and Caiserman was so pressed for operating funds that he had trouble raising the $8 per week to pay his secretary.

Eastern leaders caved in

In May 1933 some Jewish groups met in Winnipeg to form a Western Canadian Jewish Congress Committee.

Delegates agreed unanimously to re-establish Congress to combat the raging anti-Semitism and to try and develop plans to ease the plight of Europe's Jews.

Abella says Toronto and Montreal were slow to respond to the West. In those cities "the established community (the Yahudim as Caiserman referred to them) were reluctant to convene a congress they knew would be dominated by immigrant 'hotheads'."

The westerners kept up the pressure and the secretary of the WCJCC, Morris (Moishe) Gray, warned Montreal that "I am afraid the West will be compelled to shoulder the entire responsibility of organizing Canada as we feel we cannot remain dormant in the face of the present events affecting the Jewish people of Canada and the world over."

The Eastern leaders caved in to western pressure and convened the second national CJC convention in Toronto in 1934. The western region was created with offices in Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Winnipeg personalities like Myer Averbach and Heinz Frank dominated.

The agenda of the October conference will pay special attention to the multicultural links of the western centres and deal with such matters as civil liberties, human rights, media influence on minority-majority relations, racism and other pertinent subjects.

The Jewish component will examine Diaspora-Israel relations and Jewish continuity.

The Pacific region is hosting the event, with assistance from the provincial and federal governments and the Vancouver Federation.

For more information contact Erwin Nest, executive director of the Pacific region, by phone (604) 252-5101 or fax (604) 257-5131.

Alberta government planning to take Keegstra case to top court

CALGARY — Alberta Attorney General Ken Rostad announced recently that the province will take the case of former school teacher Jim Keegstra to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Jewish groups applauded the announcement. "James Keegstra stands as the epitome of hatemongers and anti-Semites in modern day Canada," said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. "Today's decision reinforces Canada's commitment to prosecute and convict those who would wilfully promote hatred against identifiable groups."

Joffe said Congress would review its options to determine whether a legal intervention is appropriate or necessary.

Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said, "By bringing Keegstra back to court, the government of Alberta is sending the clear message that hatred will not be tolerated in that province. . . Both of his previous convictions have been overturned on issues other than his blatant promotion of hatred."

Keegstra, who now works as an auto mechanic, has twice been convicted of promoting hatred against Jews. Both convictions have been overturned by the Alberta Court of Appeal on technical grounds.

During his years as a social studies teacher in Eckville, near Red Deer, Keegstra taught Grades 9 and 12 students that Jews were evil and were responsible for wars, revolutions and upheavals as part of a grand international conspiracy for world domination.

Israeli windsurfers flying high

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Israeli windsurfers acquitted themselves well at the 1994 IYRU World Boardsailing Championships held last month on Lake Winnipeg.

Sixty-two male windsurfers competed from August 26 to Sept. 3 off Gimli, a popular beach community about 60 miles north of Winnipeg.

The three-man Israeli team was lead by 22-year-old Amit Inbar, who finished fifth. Teammates Amir Levinson, 17, a three-time world youth windsurfing champion, came in 41st, while Gal Friedman, 19, finished 35th.

Inbar got off to a poor start in the initial three races but came on strong when the wind picked up.

"I think Amit suffered from the light airs in the first few races," said Charley Burns, the championship's general manager and former manager of outstanding Manitoba boardsurfer Murray McCaig.

"His weight — about 170 pounds — cost him at the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 as well. The boards we were using at the Olympics were not weight sensitive as are the newer Mistral boards."

Burns got to know Inbar when he and McCaig, who was ranked fourth in the world in 1992, went overseas to train for Barcelona. The Canadians linked up with the Israeli windsurfer and trained on a kibbutz for a month.

"It was an interesting experience being in Israel," Burns said. "It was fascinating."

Inbar was one of three Israeli Olympic medal hopes, Burns recalled, and was under a lot of pressure. He finished in the lower half of the top 20.

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Israeli educators start schools for poor Sephardi youth

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Do Sephardi children from poor neighborhoods get an inferior education compared to their middle- and upper-class Ashkenazi counterparts?

As the government and Sephardi activists continue to debate this decades-old question, a group of teachers and parents has banded together to open two schools for underprivileged Sephardi teenagers.

The brainchild of Kedma, the Israel Association for Equal Education, the two junior high schools began operating in poor Jerusalem and Tel Aviv neighborhoods early this month.

The grassroots organization, which is partially funded by the Ministry of Education, was set up in 1992 by a group of predominantly Sephardi intellectuals and educators who hoped to provide enriched educational programs to the kids who need it most.

Clara Yonah, principal of the new Kedma intermediate school in the Gilo section of Jerusalem, believes such measures are needed because poor children in Israel — Sephardim in particular — "have traditionally received short shrift from the education system."

For decades, she said, "educators have assumed that most children from lower-class neighborhoods were unsuited for an academic education, and were therefore placed in vocational high schools.

"There was the assumption — a completely false assumption — that children from large Sephardi families did not receive encouragement and attention at home, due to both social and cultural reasons, and that they were a lost cause before they even entered school," she said.

Though she agrees that many Sephardi children now receive a good education, due in large part to the higher standard of living among many Sephardim, Yonah contends that "Israeli secondary education remains elitist."

To prove her point, Yonah said that only 20 per cent of working class Mizrachi (Sephardi) and 12 per cent of Israeli Arab high school students now finish high school with a full *bagrut*, or matriculation certificate.

The bagrut certificate is a prerequisite for all university study and most skilled jobs in Israel.

Yonah, herself one of five children from a poor Sephardi family, added that those underprivileged children who do excel in their local schools are routinely "shipped out" of their neighborhoods and sent to academic high schools in more affluent neighborhoods.

Yonah, now in her 40s, recalls her own experience as a gifted child growing up in Patt, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Jerusalem.

"I was an excellent student, at the top of my class in junior high school, and I was given the opportunity to go to a good high school outside the neighborhood," she said. "Before I went to high school, I considered myself a good student. But from the first day at my new school, I found myself way behind the other students, due to the inferior education I had received earlier."

Looking back, she recalls feeling culture shock, as well as shame for her poor performance in school.

"It was the first time I came face to face with Ashkenazi society, and it came as a big shock to realize that there were two Israels. One Israel had what it needed, the other didn't."

If the teachers and parents associated with Kedma have their way, Sephardi children from poor neighborhoods will no longer feel inferior.

Both of the new schools, which serve 12- to 15-year-olds in their own communities, were designed to instill a sense of ethnic pride in the teens as well as provide a top-notch education, officials with the schools said.

Determined to help the kids catch up with their peers in other, better schools, Kedma decided to limit each class to 25 kids. The national average is about 40 per classroom. And, in order to provide more individualized instruction, the organization is providing two full-time teachers in the subjects of Hebrew, math and English.

While most regular schools end at 12:30 or 1 p.m., Kedma's schools provide lunch — paid for jointly by the parents, the municipality, and the Ministry of Education — followed by an afternoon enrichment program and homework sessions led by Kedma teachers.

The teachers, who had to complete a special six-month training program as a prerequisite for teaching at Kedma, say their commitment doesn't stop when the teens go home at 4 p.m.

Ezra Avnaim, an enthusiastic young art teacher at the Jerusalem school, said the program is a "totally encompassing experience, for the teachers, students and parents."

Interviewed in the modest teacher's lounge, Avnaim explained that "the teachers are intimately involved in the students' education. Rather than having a homeroom teacher keep track of the students each day, each teacher is responsible for 10 of the school's students."

Prior to the school's opening earlier this month, Avnaim and the other teachers conducted home visits.

"It gave us the opportunity to meet the parents and to encourage them to be involved with their child's education," he said. "Now that school has started, I talk to the child, and if necessary to the parents, to learn if the child is having problems in a certain subject, for example."

Something else that makes Kedma schools unique is the attention given to Eastern subjects.

"In a regular school," Avnaim said, "I would be teaching art from a European perspective. Here, instead of being Euro-centric, I started the year with a study of art in India and China."

The reason is simple: "I looked at the population of the class and found that all but a handful of students' families hail from the Middle East. In order not to favor one group over another, I chose countries that are exotic and unfamiliar to everyone.

"The history teacher is doing the same thing, so the learning is multidisciplinary," he added.

Kedma's perspective has already lead to some interesting questions, according to Avnaim. "Did you ever wonder how the Jews of the Middle East were affected by the Holocaust? Israeli schools approach the subject from a European perspective, forgetting that all Jews were affected, one way or another."

Yonah, the school's principal, said that such an approach "gives the kids pride in their backgrounds and heritage. This is something they sorely lack."

Nechama Shriki, mother of 12-year-old Gili, agrees that "the school's ideology is very important.

"I like the Mizrachi emphasis, and the fact that the classes are so small," said Shriki, whose family lives in Patt.

Shriki said her son has always floundered in school. "He's borderline in math and reading, and knows virtually no English," she said. "His classes were huge, and there wasn't much attention given to individual kids."

Of her two older children, Shriki said, "One is getting out of the Army and struggling to pass his bagrut. The other never did bagrut and is a mechanic. Given the opportunity, both would have done the exam before entering the Army."

Gili, she said, "is bright but needs special attention. Given the right encouragement, I know he will graduate and do something with his life."

RELIVING EXODUS

More than 500 Jewish teenagers from around the world particpated in "Exodus" this past summer. Sponsored by the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, the program sought to recreate the journey of thousands of Jewish refugees who fled to Palestine in the 1930s and 40s. The teens boarded a boat in Brindisi, Italy, and spent three days at sea, imagining themselves as refugees, before docking in Israel. [Photo: Avi Horowitz]

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Young candidates for Israel's Navy grimace as they run an obstacle course on a beach. The New Year season marks the period when many students try out for preferred IDF units. [Isranet Photo]

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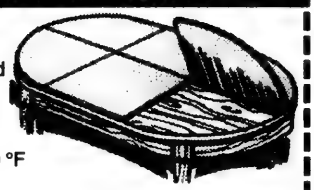

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World

Right-wing Jewish groups explore idea of starting settlements in Jordan

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NEW YORK — Offering King Hussein an unexpected — and unwanted — peace dividend, right-wing Jewish groups are looking into establishing settlements in Jordan.

These groups argue that the time has come to implement the ideology of Zionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky, who more than 70 years ago advocated Jewish settlement on both sides of the Jordan river.

And, they say, they plan to send delegations to Amman to look into buying real estate.

The Kingdom of Jordan is not amused. A government spokesman denounced the plan as "an irresponsible act which by no means serves Arab-Israeli peacemaking."

Peacemaking, however, does not seem high on the agenda of the would-be settlers.

"It's a big gimmick," conceded Mike Guzofsky, who heads the extremist Kahane Chai in New York and hopes to send a delegation to Amman soon.

"We're saying there is no peace, and Jordan is not moderate. If such a tiny thing, like Jews wanting to buy a little land and settle there, causes an uproar, then it's proof this isn't much of a peace," he said, referring to the Washington Declaration, ending the state of war between Israel and Jordan.

The declaration was signed in July by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein.

Guzofsky said he is organizing the effort for Kahane Chai after Binyamin Ze'ev Kahane, son of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, announced the idea earlier this month in Israel and sparked the Jordanian government protest.

"We think it will be a lot easier for us to do it from the U.S.," explained Guzofsky.

Kahane Chai is banned as an extremist organization in Israel.

The early Zionist thinker, Jabotinsky, broke with the labor-dominated Zionist Organization in 1923, and the Revisionist Zionist movement he lead fathered today's Likud Party.

Throughout the years, Jabotinsky's youth movement, the Betar Zionist Youth Organization, kept "both banks of the Jordan" as a slogan.

Now, Betar leaders plan on moving forward with Binyamin Kahane's initiative, though they say they are working independently of both Kahane and Guzofsky.

"Jabotinsky's dream has always been (Jewish settlement on) both sides of the Jordan river," said Ronn Torossian, national coordinator of Tagar, Betar's college wing.

"We feel with this breakthrough in peace, we have the ability to do this," said Torossian, a student at the State University of New York in Albany.

Implementing Jabotinsky's ideology

Leading the way is Betar's Cleveland chapter.

"Yes, it's possible, and we should do as much as possible to get Jews to live in biblical Israel," said Daniel Lubitz, the chapter's director and a student at Cleveland State University.

"Right now in Cleveland, we're setting up a delegation of people to travel to Jordan to buy land. We have people who have the ability to invest in real estate in Jordan," Lubitz said, adding that he has people who have agreed to put up the airfare for the delegation.

"It is a feeling of accomplishment, as Jabotinsky is actually coming true," he said.

Abraham Foxman, a Betar member in his youth and today national director of the Anti-Defamation League, denounced the scheme as "silly and counterproductive."

He said that Jabotinsky's concept of "both banks of the Jordan, as annunciated and when annunciated, was both prophetic, and ideological and political.

"Today it is a nostalgia concept, and anyone who takes it verbatim, literally, is fantasizing or smoking something," he said.

Foxman noted that Benjamin Netanyahu, who as leader of the Likud Party is the successor to Betar ideology, has just met with Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan "to talk about how the two countries could live together."

Torossian, however, said that his organization "categorically rejects the so-called peace agreement between Israel and Jordan," just as it rejects the peace initiative between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Calling Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "a swindler, a liar," Torossian added, "We intend to raise any voice we can to get Rabin out of office, and see the Jewish state remains safe.

"The prime minister feels this is peace," he said, "then we're going to test this peace process."

He said that "Jordan is occupied Jewish territory. Jews lived there in the times of David; we were promised it in the Balfour Declaration."

The Balfour Declaration, issued in England in 1917, stipulated the establishment of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine.

Jordanian government officials are condemning the proposed moves by the right-wing Jews.

"I see their statement as very provocative and irresponsible and uncalled for," said Rania Atalla, director of the Jordan Information Bureau in Washington.

"Coming to Jordan to erect settlements and referring to Jordan as occupied Jewish territory is anti-peace," she said.

Asked whether Jews could move to Jordan or receive Jordanian nationality, Atalla said, "The way we deal with non-Jordanians is based on nationality, not religion."

She said she was unsure of naturalization procedures, adding, "I think we do it on a case by case basis."

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נאָך יום-כּיפור, 1942, האָט דער רב גערופן דעם גאַנצן ייִדן-ראָט פון איוואַנסק און פאָרגעשלאָגן, אַז אין די לעצטע טעג פאַר דער אויסזידלונג זאָל מען צונויפנעמען אַלע ספר-תורה׳ס אין שטאָט און זיי קובר זיין אויפן בית-עלמין.

באַלד נאָך סוכּות האָט מען זיך דערוואוסט, אַז צומאָרגנס פאָרט די דייטשע זשאַנדאַרמעריע קיין ראַקאָוו, 20 קילאָמעטער פון איוואַנסק, כּדי דאָרט דורכצופירן די אויסזידלונג. מען האָט געוואוסט, אַז נאָך ראַקאָוו קומט די ריי אויף איוואַנסק. איז באַשלאָסן געוואָרן קובר צו זיין אַלע ספר-תורה׳ס אויפן דאָרטיקן בית-עולם, אין טאָג פון דער ראַקאָווער אויסזידלונג.

דאָס בית-הקברות איז געווען 2 קילאָמעטער אויסער דער שטאָט. כּדי אַרויסצוגיין פון שטאָט האָט מען געמוזט באַקומען אַ ספּעציעלע דערלויבעניש. האָט מען דער מאַכט געלאָזט וויסן, אַז מען מוז קובר זיין אַ מת. דאָס גאַנצע שטעטל, יונג און אַלט, פרומע און נישט פרומע, פרויען מיט קליינע קינדער אויף די הענט און אפילו קראַנקע זיינען געגאַנגען צום בית-הקברות, איבער 2 קילאָמעטער פון שטאָט אויפן ראַקאָווער שאָסיי. זייענדיק שוין אויפן בית-עולם האָבן אַלע געזען די זשאַנדאַרמעריע שוין ריידן צוריק פון ראַקאָוו, אַן אָנדייט, אַז די אויסזידלונג פון ראַקאָוו איז שוין פאַרענדיקט. אַ גרויסער פחד איז אָנגעפאַלן אויף אַלעמען.

דאָס בית-הקברות איז געווען אַרומגערינגלט מיט אַ שטיינערנער מויער פון דריי זייטן און ביי דער פערטער זייט זיינען געווען אָנגעלייגט אַ סך שטיינער. דער רב, וואָס איז געווען אַ כּהן, האָט זיך געשטעלט הינטער די שטיינער און אָנגעהויבן ריידן אין לשון-קודש, ווי מיט זיך אַליין: „עס איז דאָ אַ דין, אַז אַ כּהן טאָר זיך נישט געפינען דאָרט, וואו עס איז דאָ אַ מת. אָן אויסנאַם איז, אַז אַ כּהן מעג זיך דערנענטערן צום מת, אויב ער איז אַ קרוב. ווען מען באַגראָבט ספר-תורה׳ס, איז פּונקט ווי מען וואָלט באַגראָבן די שטאָט איוואַנסק. און איוואַנסק איז ווי אַ קרוב פון מיין משפּחה.״ מיט די ווערטער איז ער אַריבער דעם מויער. ווען ער איז צוגעקומען צו די מיטות, וואו עס זיינען געלעגן די ספר-תורה׳ס ביים אָפענעם קבר, האָט ער אָנגעהויבן דעם הספד אין לשון-קודש, מיט די ווערטער:

„רבונו של עולם, האָט דען ישראל געזינדיקט מער פון אַלע פעלקער? זעסט דאָך. מען מאָרדעט דיינע קינדער, מען פאַרגוואַלדיקט דיינע טעכטער, מען מאָרדעט מענער, פרויען און קינדער, מען פאַרברענט און מען באַגראָבט זיי לעבעדיקערהייט, מען צערייסט קליינע קינדער און מען צעקלאַפּט קעפּלעך פון זויג-קינדער אין וואָגנס אַריין, בתי-כּנסת און בתי-מדרשים ווערן פאַרוואַנדלט אין פערד-שטאַלן. און וואו ביסטו, האַר פון דער וועלט? מען מאָרדעט דיין פאָלק און דו שווייגסט!״

דער רב האָט זיך דערנאָך געוואָנדן צו די פאַרזאַמלטע, ספּעציעל צו דער יוגנט און האָט זיי באַשוואוירן, אַז אַלע, וואָס וועלן איבערלעבן די מלחמה, זאָלן זיין די ערשטע אַרויסצונעמען די ספר-תורה׳ס, און זאָלן ווידער אויפלעבן אַ ייִדישע קהילה אין איוואַנסק. עס האָט נאָך געטליעט אין אים אַ פונק, און ער האָט נאָך געגלויבט, אַז אַ סך וועלן איבערלעבן די מלחמה. ער האָט זיי באַשוואוירן, אַז זיי זאָלן איבערגעבן דער וועלט, וואָס די דייטשן, מיט דער מיטהילף פון אַ גרויסן טייל פון דער פוילישער באַפעלקערונג האָבן צו אונדז געטאָן.

די לוויה איז פאָרגעקומען דעם 13-טן אָקטאָבער, 1942. צומאָרגנס, דעם 14-טן אָקטאָבער, 12 בייטאָגס, האָט די זשאַנדאַרמעריע מיט די אָרטיקע פייערלעשער אַרומגערינגלט דאָס גאַנצע שטעטל. די דייטשן האָבן אַרויסגעגעבן אַ באַפעל, אַז אַלע ייִדן זאָלן זיך קאָנצענטרירן אין שטאָטישן מאַרק. 300 ייִדן, דער עיקר יונגע חברה, האָבן באַוויזן צו אַנטלויפן פון שטעטל. אַ גרויסער טייל איז געלאָפן אין וואַלד. אַ טייל האָבן זיך אויסבאַהאַלטן ביי באַקאַנטע פּאָליאַקן אין שטעטל און אין די אַרומיקע דערפער.

אַרום הונדערט ייִדן זיינען דערשאָסן געוואָרן אויפן פּלאַץ. דער רב, ר׳ יעקעלע אהרונ׳ס — ר׳ יעקב מאַנדלמילך — האָט זיך אָפּגעזאָגט אַרויסצוגיין אויפן אומשלאַג פּלאַץ, האָבן זיי אים דערשאָסן אויפן פּלאַץ, צוזאַמען מיט זיין ווייב, חנה שרה. דער רב איז געווען איינגעהילט אין טלית און תפילין, מיט דער לעצטער ספר תורה אין די הענט.

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SHOOM

Marlene Richman (nee Shoom) was delighted to read her mother's maiden name in my column and was inspired to write for information about her father's surname. There is no clear-cut answer.

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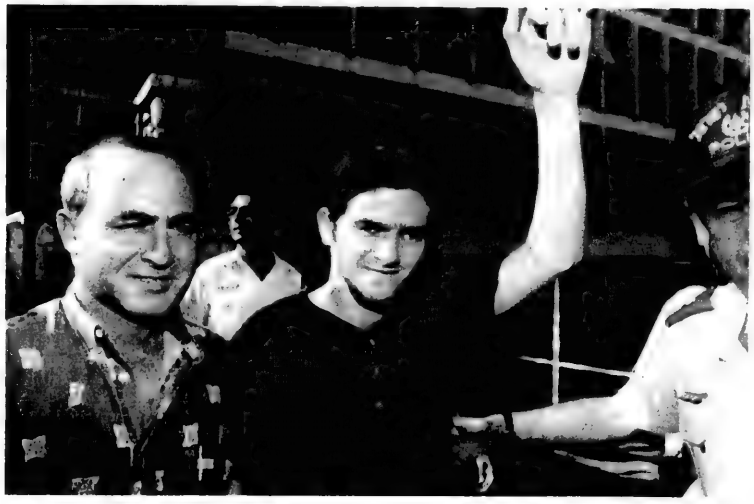

A defiant Lt. Oren Edri (centre), accompanied by his father, is led away by police after his arrest on charges he supplied IDF weapons to an illegal Jewish underground. [IPPA Photo].

Israeli police arresting Jews accused of stealing weapons

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Israeli police last week arrested two residents of the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City on suspicion of stealing weapons and other equipment from the Army.

The men arrested last Thursday — brothers Hananel and Gabi She'ar Yashuv, 21 and 18 — serve in the Israel Defence Force's elite Golani Brigade.

Senior police officers said the brothers are not connected with the violent right-wing Jewish underground suspected of planning violent attacks against Arabs.

Earlier this month, the General Security Services arrested at least nine members of the underground, most of whom are from the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba.

Last week, security authorities arrested another suspected member of the underground, Rabbi Meir Koren, 28, a teacher living in Kiryat Arba.

Meanwhile, Lt. Ya'acov Pinto was released from custody last Wednesday after being held for 10 days in jail. He had been suspected of turning over explosives to Lt. Oren Edri,

Underground terrorist group

the first detainee in the right-wing conspiracy case.

Also last week, brothers Eitan and Yehoyada Kahalani, who also were suspected of participation in the underground terrorist organization, were ordered detained for an additional eight days by the Haifa Magistrate's Court.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, some 20 demonstrators were detained and four wounded when Jewish settlers attempted to storm the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, which has remained closed since the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

The clash between the demonstrators and Israeli security forces began when thousands of Jews from Hebron and neighboring Kiryat Arba marched on the cave to hold a prayer meeting and demonstration inside the cave in defiance of Army orders.

The disturbance was not quelled until nightfall, when police herded the demonstrators onto buses.

The Tomb of the Patriarchs has undergone a series of recent renovations designed to increase security at the site, which is holy to Jews and Muslims alike.

Palestinian elections to be discussed

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Preliminary talks on Palestinian elections and the redeployment of the Israel Defence Force in the territories will begin next Monday in Cairo, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat agreed Sunday.

"Elections and everything that can be deduced from holding them" will be discussed, Rabin said at a joint press conference. According to the Declaration of Principles, that includes withdrawal of troops from Palestinian population centres.

Rabin and Arafat also agreed to convene the Joint Security Committee to resolve the outstanding issues concerning the safe passages between Gaza and Jericho and release of prisoners, Rabin said.

About 5,000 Palestinians remain in Israeli jails.

The meeting at the joint liaison offices near the Erez checkpoint was divided into two parts, with Arafat and Rabin meeting for close to one hour alone, and then together with their delegations. Participants in the broader discussion described the atmosphere as far better than in their previous meeting last month.

Yet, Rabin continued to hammer away at the need for the Palestinian police to work harder at catching those who attack Israelis.

"The difference was like day and night," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid. He attributed this to "recognition by both sides that success requires a better atmosphere." The private meeting, the contents of which were not revealed, may also have contributed to the better atmosphere.

Rabin approached the problem of terror attacks as a mutual issue and not one for which only Palestinians are responsible.

"Each side will make the maximum effort to reduce and to fight these phenomena," he said, adding he did not distinguish between Israel's success in thwarting attacks and Palestinian failure to apprehend terror gangs.

Arafat made at least as strong a statement against terror in Arabic as he did in English. Referring to Sunday's attack on a Jewish youth in Neveh Dekalim, he said: "I consider this is a terror attack. This is violence against not only the Israeli side, but it also hurts the Palestinian side and I will use all means to prevent its repetition."

According to Rabin's media adviser, Oded Ben-Ami, Arafat never previously used the phrase, "it also hurts Palestinians," in this context.

Rabin emphasized that elections, which the Palestinians had set for early November, could not be fixed unilaterally. "It has to be the consequence of negotiations ... Israel's position is for elections... But before elections are to take place, we have to know what will be elected, what will be the spheres of responsibility of the elected body, the question of redeployment."

Arafat stuck to the Nov. 1 election target date set at a Palestinian Authority meeting nine days ago, but added wistfully, "We hope. We are preparing everything from now."

Haiti mission put on hold

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli police officers will not be sent to Haiti until the High Court of Justice has ruled on the legality of the issue, the government promised Sunday.

The promise was made after the court, demanding clarifications on several matters, decided to hold a second hearing on a petition against the mission. The petition was filed by former Kach activist Noam Federman.

Federman argued that the mission violates the police ordinance, since the law authorizes the police to deal only with domestic issues.

In response, the government argued that the police officers were not being sent as police, but as volunteers who happened to be members of the police force. Whether to send such volunteers was purely a foreign policy issue, and not subject to the court, the government stated.

Justices Dov Levine, Yitzhak Zamir and Theodor Orr agreed that sending true volunteers would be within the government's authority. However, they said, the government appeared to blurring the line between volunteers and acting police officers.

The court's concerns will be discussed at a cabinet meeting this week, and the cabinet's response will be delivered to the court the next day.

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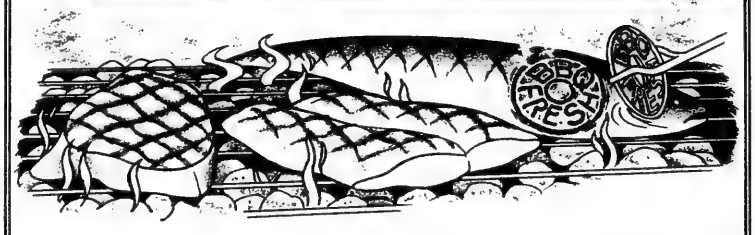

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In 1991, French President Francois Mitterrand (right) greeted the Chief Rabbi of Strasbourg, Rene Gutman, as community leader Jean Kahn looked on. [RNS Photo/Reuters].

French Jewish leader defends Mitterrand

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — In the wake of continuing revelations about French President Francois Mitterrand's right-wing past, the leader of French Jewry has defended his president against charges of anti-Semitism.

At the same time, however, Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the umbrella organization representing France's secular Jewish organizations, has taken issue with Mitterrand's refusal to acknowledge France's responsibility in collaborating with the Nazis during World War II.

"Let us not now pick on a man who is sick and has always been courageous, who never was an anti-Semite and has always shown that he is a friend of Israel," Kahn said in a recent interview.

Kahn's comments came amid the latest chapter of a long-simmering debate here about France's actions in connection with the collaborationist Vichy government of Marshall Henri Philippe Petain and whether the country should bear responsibility for the Vichy government's actions during World War II.

Kahn spoke after Mitterrand, 77, who reportedly is ailing with prostate cancer, appeared in a television interview on Sept. 12 to defend himself against charges of anti-Semitism and to explain his friendship with a former official of the Vichy regime.

The interview followed the publication of *A French Youth: Francois Mitterrand 1934-1947*, a book by French investigative journalist Pierre Pean detailing Mitterrand's activities before, during and after the war.

The book describes Mitterrand as a right-wing student activist in prewar Paris, as a faithful officer of the collaborationist Vichy regime in 1942 and as a close friend of Rene Bousquet, a former Vichy official charged with crimes against humanity for ordering roundups of Jews for deportation.

Mitterrand apparently assisted in the research for the book, a development some observers attribute to his desire to defend his wartime activities as he concludes his last term in office.

During the television interview, Mitterrand sought to distance the actions of the Vichy regime from subsequent postwar French governments.

Declaring he was unaware of the anti-Semitic laws imposed by Vichy two years before he served as an official of the regime, he said the actions of the Petain government were attributable to the country's defeat at the hands of the Nazis.

France has no need to apologize for the crimes committed during that period, he added.

"The republic had nothing to do with all that. I do think that France is not responsible," he said. "Those who are accountable for those crimes belong to an active minority who exploited the [French] defeat. Not the republic and not France. I'll never ask for forgiveness in the name of France."

Mitterrand further denied that he had ever been anti-Semitic. He recounted how, in 1936, he had helped a group of young Jews who were being attacked by a mob and how one of the young Jews he helped became a lifelong friend.

"No one has ever found anything anti-Semitic in my deeds. I've always been on this side of the fence," he said.

While supporting Mitterrand's claims regarding his relationship with the Jews, the CRIF's Kahn said the Jewish leadership of France has always disagreed with the French president over the role of Vichy.

"Mitterrand maintains that Vichy is like a parenthesis in French history," Kahn said. "We do not forget that it is the French Assembly who freely voted in favor of full powers to Marshall Philippe Petain, that the French administration served faithfully the Vichy regime.

"I cannot accept to hear now that the French Republic owes no apologies to the victims of this regime," said Kahn.

During the course of the television interview, Mitterrand said he had maintained a long-standing relationship with Bousquet, Vichy's police chief from 1942 to 1944. But Mitterrand said he had no knowledge of Bousquet's wartime activities.

Charged with the deportation of 2,000 Jewish children, Bousquet was killed by a self-styled avenger last June at the age of 82 before he could stand trial.

Mitterrand admitted he had hindered legal proceedings against Bousquet, but said he took the action to "appease the continuous civil war among Frenchmen" over the country's role during World War II.

Here, too, Kahn was critical of the French president.

"It seems hard to believe that the French president had no knowledge of the criminal deeds of this man," he said. "And we deplore that he could maintain ambiguous relations with him for such a long time.

"I was also very surprised to hear that the president of the republic has, in certain circumstances, slowed down legal procedures. I am very attached to democracy and to the principles of separation of powers," said Kahn.

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The News in Brief

Engel Named to Scouts Committee

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella has announced the appointment of Robert Engel of Toronto as chair of the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and Guiding, a subcommittee of CJC's religious and interreligious affairs committee.

The National Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and Guiding publicizes the benefits of scouting and guiding programs for use by Jewish organizations as an educational tool to strengthen Jewish values, a CJC statement says.

Engel has been active in scouting since 1956, when he became assistant cub leader and then scoutmaster in the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Synagogue in Montreal. He is the recipient of numerous awards from Scouts Canada, and has been a member of the Holocaust Education Committee.

In 1992, an agreement was signed by Abella and Scouts Canada president Bill Wyman to continue the relationship between the two organizations.

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Bosnia Seeks Ties With Israel

JERUSALEM — The Bosnian government has notified Israel it intends to establish diplomatic relations by the end of the year. The message was passed on to Jerusalem by Israeli representatives in the United States.

Political sources in Jerusalem placed high importance on the move, mainly because Bosnia has a Muslim majority.

It is hoped here that the establishment of relations with Bosnia will help ties with other Muslim countries.

Bosnia will become the second Muslim country in Europe to have ties with Israel; the first was Albania.

Israel has ties with all states which comprised the former Yugoslavia, except for Croatia. Relations with that country were broken off after President Franjo Tudjman made remarks questioning the Holocaust.

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5,000 CIS Jews This Month

JERUSALEM — Some 5,000 immigrants from the Commonwealth of Independent States are to arrive this month on 19 direct charter flights and 58 commercial flights, the Jewish Agency announced last Monday.

The agency scheduled the special flights because of the cancellation of many flights during the Jewish holidays. Since the beginning of the year, 48,553 immigrants have arrived here, 40,925 of them from the CIS.

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Guatemalans Receive Threats

JERUSALEM — Guatemalan diplomats in Tel Aviv have received threatening calls from someone described as having "an Arabic-sounding accent," following Guatemala's decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem.

At the same time, Arab emissaries in Guatemala City reportedly protested to the government there against the planned move.

Following the threats, the embassy asked the ministry for police protection for its property.

Last Sunday, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir sent a cable to the Police inspector-general requesting such a presence, a Ministry spokesman said.

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IDF Denies Special Units

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force last week denied as "baseless" published reports that the Army was establishing special units to disperse and evacuate settlers in the Golan Heights and the West Bank.

The *Ma'ariv* daily said that soldiers would go into action if settlers refused to evacuate their homes under future peace deals in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

Before joining the special unit, the paper reported, soldiers were asked whether they had friends or relatives among the more than 115,000 settlers, because senior officers feared regular units might refuse orders to remove settlers, should the need arise.

"The IDF does not examine the political views of the soldiers being drafted, and certainly does not sort out soldiers according to their legitimate political opinions," an IDF spokesman said.

The Army did confirm that the Central Command had established a military police company whose members are specially trained to disperse disturbances in both Jewish and Arab settlements.

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Liba'i Meets With VAT

JERUSALEM — There is no guarantee that Palestinian prisoners with "blood on their hands" will not be released as part of some future deal with the PLO, Justice Minister David Liba'i said last Wednesday.

In a meeting with representatives of Victims of Arab Terror International (VAT), Liba'i said he had never ordered the release of any Palestinian prisoner guilty of killing a Jew, and that he had never been asked to do so, according to Ze'ev Rapp, chairman of the Israeli branch of the organization.

However, Rapp added, Liba'i said he could not promise that this would be true in the future.

A spokesman for Liba'i confirmed the minister is sensitive to the idea that people who have committed crimes must be punished, but it is the government that will ultimately set policy.

VAT used the meeting to ask that families of victims be informed if anyone connected with their death or injury has been released.

However, Liba'i said that most of the prisoners, as residents of the territories, were released by order of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and as such, only the security forces have the full list of names, Itim reported.

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Holocaust Bill Passes

BERLIN — Germany's Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, last week passed a wide-ranging crime bill that includes provisions making it easier to prosecute those who deny the Holocaust happened.

The bill includes a provision increasing the maximum sentence to five years' imprisonment for such an offence, known here as the "Auschwitz Lie."

An initial proposal had called for a three-year prison term, but politicians from the opposition Social Democratic Party pushed for the tougher sentence, which has widespread public support.

Passage of the bill had been delayed because of controversial provisions dealing with whether police and secret service agencies should be allowed to electronically monitor conversations.

The Bundesrat, the upper house of Parliament, is expected to approve the bill.

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Neo-Nazis Rally

BONN — The extreme right-wing National Democratic Party held two political rallies last week despite attempts by local authorities to prevent the meetings.

Authorities in Bonn and in the Bavarian city of Erlangen had attempted to prevent the neo-Nazi party from holding the rallies in those cities. But party organizers appealed to the courts, which gave the green light for the meetings.

Only 30 people showed up for the rally in Bonn, while some 100 people participated in the Erlangen rally. In both cases, the demonstrators were outnumbered by the police and leftist protesters.

Meanwhile, some 100 neo-Nazis rampaged through the eastern German town of Jena last Friday, chanting neo-Nazi slogans such as "foreigners out" and "Germany for the Germans."

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Zhirinovsky Wins One

MOSCOW — In a sharp slap to the foes of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, a Moscow district court recently ruled that comparing the ultranationalist leader to Adolf Hitler is libelous.

The Tverskoy inter-municipal court, according to the Itar-Tass news service, ruled Sept. 16 that reformist leader Yegor Gaidar and the newspaper *Izvestia* had libeled the politician when the newspaper published Gaidar's article, "Betting on Rascals."

The article included allegations that Zhirinovsky was a fascist and likened him to Hitler, said Itar-Tass.

The court ordered both Gaidar and Izvestia to pay 500,000 rubles ($217 U.S.) to Zhirinovsky.

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Two New War Crimes Cases

NEW YORK — The U.S. Justice Department has filed suits to revoke the citizenship of two men accused of war crimes in Lithuania during World War II.

One of the men, 87-year-old Aleksandras Lileikis of Norwood, Mass., is accused of having been the chief of the Lithuanian version of the Gestapo, which was responsible for particularly brutal atrocities against Jews and others during World War II.

The case cites documents with Lileikis' name ordering the arrest and transport of thousands of Jews to their execution.

The other man charged, Juozas Budreika, a 77-year-old retired cook living in Gulfport, Fla., is accused of participating in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution while serving in the Lithuanian Schutzmannschaft (Protective Detachment) during World War II.

The case alleges that Budreika, who is also known as Joseph Budreika, joined the Schutzmannschaft in August 1941. It charges he lied about his wartime service when applying to immigrate to the United States in 1958 and when he applied to become a U.S. citizen in 1967.

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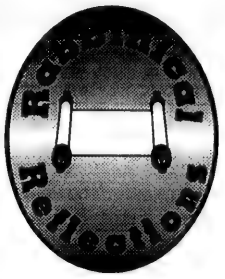

By RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

A sign outside a particular synagogue once proclaimed: "Avoid the High Holiday rush! Come pray with us today" — no doubt a friendly jibe at those who limit their synagogue attendance to three days each year.

But the message goes farther than that. High Holy Day services are long, the Hebrew is especially difficult, the mood is mainly solemn, and the concepts are often difficult to understand or accept. In addition, the noise is often distracting and the sheer numbers of people make everyone somewhat uncomfortable.

But in the weeks that follow things change. The crowds are gone, the service is shorter and much easier to follow. It is an opportunity to pray, to learn, to be challenged and uplifted.

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It sounds like the plot of one of those popular current action movies with Arnold Schwartzenegger or Sylvester Stallone. Larger than life heroes take on the bad guys of the world and emerge unscathed, ready to fight again for truth and justice and against all odds. But this is not Hollywood. This is the biblical account of the adventures of Abraham our patriarch.

Yet Abraham also has a tender side, a sentimental side, a melancholy side. He experiences the trauma of separation from his second wife, Hagar, and losing custody of his son, Ishmael. He buries his first wife, Sarah, and becomes a widower. He worries about his eligible bachelor son Isaac and whether, at age forty, he will ever get married. All of this is described in the Torah too.

There are other melodramatic episodes for all the soap opera fans among us; like the Joseph saga: envied, betrayed, falsely accused of adultery by a beautiful woman he spurns, given up for dead yet emerging as a powerful political figure.

The story of Tamar is really the story of many Jewish women today who agonize over the prospect of remaining single while their biological clocks are ticking away without being able to give birth to children in a socially acceptable way.

Dinah and her family confront the terrible consequences of rape. Isaac and Rebecca wonder where they went wrong when their oldest son intermarries. Like her mother-in-law and her mother-in-law before her, Rachel endures the pain of childlessness and explores how she can fulfil her yearnings to become a mother.

All of these real life stories will be read in their entirety and studied and discussed in the synagogue every Shabbat morning for the next two months. Our ancestors' stories are, in fact, our stories. Their worries are our worries, their failures our failures. We ought to appreciate them even more, say our sages, because what we glean from their lives can be helpful in ours.

I invite everyone to join me each Saturday morning for an inspiring Shabbat service and an insightful look at our own successes and failures as reflected in the revealing stories of our Torah.

JDC allocates $1 million to Jews in Buenos Aires

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has allocated $1 million to the Jewish community of Argentina for the profound needs it has incurred since the July 18 terrorist bombing that leveled the Jewish community building in Buenos Aires and killed 99 people.

Of that sum, one-quarter will be paid out in the form of regularly scheduled salaries to the families of those who lost members in the bombing, Milton Wolf, president of the JDC, said in a telephone interview from Buenos Aires.

Announcing the allocation, Wolf said, "In the Jewish tradition you respond to death with life and to darkness with light. This is what we are trying to do with the community. We will help the community to reorganize and to become even stronger than it was before July 18."

Wolf said that two months after the mass explosion shook the community here, emotional and psychological factors are continuing to take a toll on Argentine Jewry, which numbers over 200,000.

The JDC president, who met with a broad spectrum of community leaders, said that security remains tight at Jewish institutions in Argentina.

Heavy security

He said the JDC contingent witnessed heavy security at a Jewish day school they visited as well as at the bomb site itself, where his group said Kaddish for the dead before "the astonished eyes of the heavy police force that is still guarding the site."

Wolf said that $1 million cannot redress the terrible damage wreaked by the bombing, for which no one has been brought to justice, but that this is just the first allocation in an ongoing effort to help the Jews of Buenos Aires.

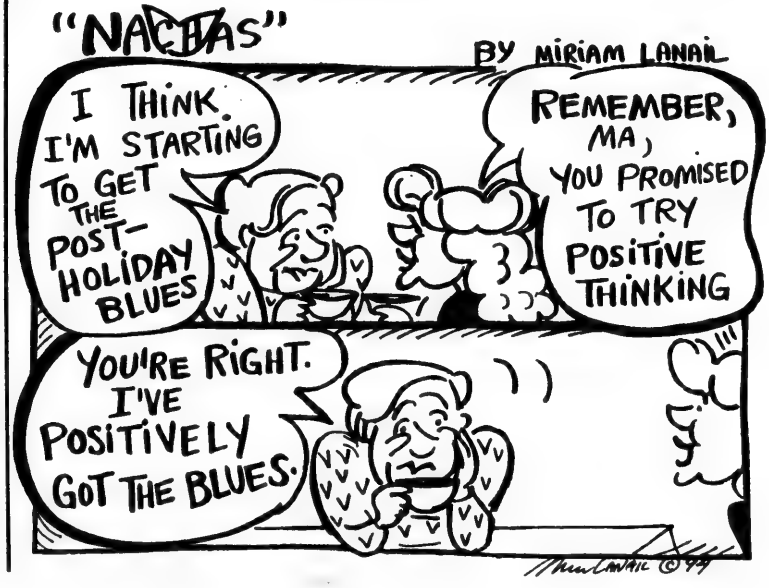
JDC officials will be working with local community leaders to assess their needs, said Wolf, a former U.S. ambassador to Austria.

"About the only thing that has been determined is that the initial funds will be directed to the dependents of those killed in the explosion, because there is no way for those people to carry on and survive financially without getting some financial assistance," he explained.

The allocation includes $200,000 from donations that came to the JDC "Open Mailbox" and $800,000 of standing JDC funds, Wolf said.

In addition, the JDC has loaned its staff of three in Buenos Aires to try to help the community "restore its strength," Wolf said.

Many Jewish social workers, who worked at the benevolent society known as the AMIA, were killed in the bombing.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Front Line

The wake-up call to reality is loud and painful

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Many Israelis and presumably also many Jews who live abroad and care about Israel may have regarded the Arab conflict as permanent, or at best, as one that would end only "when the Arabs will be reconciled with Israel's existence."

This is a fatalistic philosophy which exonerated its followers from creative thinking. It has also helped to maintain the siege-mentality here which, though at first sight detrimental to national self-confidence, was also responsible for the colossal military build-up.

True, at times the perception of unlimited military power has led to over-confidence and near disaster, as when the misreading of the regional situation brought about the Yom Kippur war, or, later, abusive deployment during the Lebanese incursion. But the very definition of the Israel Defence Forces tells a lot about this country's mentality and explains its past attitude towards its Arab neighbors.

Israel is, by definition and by self-perception, always on the defensive. Unfortunately this is not how the Arabs see it.

Even now, when complex peace talks are under way, two categories of concerned but otherwise unconnected Israelis distrust the process. There are those who simply do not trust the Arabs, but are politically inactive and are simply waiting "for the Arabs to change." And there are those who actively oppose the present peace process altogether. They dismiss any sign of Arab moderation as bluff and are actively engaged in repeated attempts to topple the Rabin government, which they accuse of endangering Israel's future.

Within this second group, which has no constructive message to offer the public and no alternative blueprint for Israel's future, we find not only the Likud Opposition with its satellites but also the potentially subversive fringes, which regard Likud's leadership as ineffective. In regard to these marginal elements, the until-now forgiving government has most recently adopted a new line. The turning point was the Hebron massacre.

Yeshayahu Anug

The government no longer dismisses Jewish terrorists who want to emulate Goldstein's crime as a small bunch of mad religious fanatics. It is now engaged in a serious effort to identify and neutralize them. In this new political climate not only Likud had to distance itself from those fringes, but also the bulk of settlers in the territories, who don't want to appear identified with them.

At the same time, having initiated the peace process, the government is trying to persuade the public that times have changed, that the conflict must not be eternal, that mistakes were also made by Israel which have exacerbated the conflict, that concessions are now inevitable and that in any case the country is now strong enough to take calculated risks for the sake of eventual peace.

In its battle for public support, which it is determined to win, the government has to contend not only with the continuing Hamas terror, but also with the ineptness of the PLO leadership to effectively contain it. Another complicating factor is the ongoing political strife within the PLO itself, still firmly dominated by Yasser Arafat but whose leadership is now the subject of growing criticism by some of the very initiators and negotiators of the Oslo agreement with Israel. Some of them are now reluctant to participate in the ongoing negotiations because they oppose Arafat's tactics.

Against this it is difficult to conduct the PLO negotiations which, according to the Oslo timetable, should lead to the gradual devolution of certain administrative duties to the Palestinians in the West Bank. Furthermore, elections should be held there rather soon. But indications are that they will probably be postponed not only because of differences with the PLO, who wants to elect a legislative assembly, but because these new developments must lead to major re-deployment of IDF troops in the territories, a prospect that will inevitably heighten the tension within the Jewish settlers' community there. The estimate is that the government will probably opt for a slowdown in the implementation of the PLO accord. This is bound to create severe problems.

If all this is not enough to keep Israel's leadership worried, the future of the Golan Heights has suddenly become the hottest issue on the crowded political agenda. The ambiguity over Yitzhak Rabin's true intentions has been largely dissipated by the new tone of his messages. These are still somewhat coded but sound intolerably clear to the Golan settlers who have supporters within the Labor party. One can describe the complex problem now facing the government in simple terms: It knows there can be no comprehensive regional settlements unless there is tangible progress on the Israeli-Syrian front.

Syria offers insufficiently defined peace in exchange for the restoration of full Syrian sovereignty on the Golan. The government is ready for a substantial withdrawal there, but has not, at least not openly, promised full withdrawal even in exchange for firm security arrangements over which many differences are still to be settled. The alarmed Golan settlers and the pro-Golan lobby are convinced, perhaps prematurely, that the government is already committed to a full, phased-out withdrawal to be completed within three years.

The Israeli leadership wants high-level meetings with the Syrians to persuade public opinion in both countries that full conciliation is desirable and possible, but President Hafez al-Assad, who has started to prepare his public for reconciliation with Israel on his terms, is still reluctant to meet Israelis in the presence of TV cameras. The announced shuttle of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher between Jerusalem and Damascus was postponed either because of the Haitian crisis or because it was not expected to succeed. Instead a team of American officials is in the area busy negotiating and mediating between the two capitals over the details of a settlement.

In Israel, meanwhile, the public is experiencing a hitherto unknown assault on some of its most cherished prejudices. Many sacred cows are being slaughtered by revisionist historians, by the media, but also by some government spokesmen. It remains to be seen whether this "glasnost" offensive, opportune as it may be, will be matched by sound politics here and across the borders.

Israeli literature leaves its mark in U.S.

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israelis were gratified to learn from University of California literature professor Robert Alter that "Israeli literature is the most visible foreign one in the United States after that of Latin America, actually more visible than French, German, Italian, Russian or Third World literature."

The onset of significant overseas interest in Israeli authors can be traced to 1966, when the late Shmuel Agnon was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, the first (and so far only) Israeli to be so honored.

But, in fact, he was a transitional figure; he began to write while still in Europe and continued, in part, to focus on the European scene even after moving to Israel. More recent authors of note — like Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua, Yehuda Amichai, Meir Shalev and David Grossman — are all Israeli-born and Israeli-oriented. The only major contemporary exception is Aharon Appelfeld, a Holocaust survivor who continues to dwell primarily upon events leading up to the Holocaust and on the Holocaust itself.

Translations of those authors are routinely reviewed in *The New York Times*, *The New York Review of Books* and other prestigious venues. And while their works don't compete with best-sellers, they nevertheless enjoy respectable overseas sales and all their new books are almost immediately put out, in translation, by leading foreign publishers.

But for every established Israeli author with an overseas audience, there are dozens more who dream of "going international." The body charged with helping them do so is the Institute for the Translation of Hebrew Literature, founded and funded by the government but now run as an independent entity.

Guided by an advisory board of authors, scholars and critics, Institute director Nilli Cohen has excerpts from promising new books translated into various languages and distributed to publishers all over the world. When a particular publisher "bites," the Institute, acting as a literary agent, makes commercial arrangements on behalf of the author. It also subsidizes the publication of anthologies of Hebrew literature —of which there are now 27 in 12 different languages — as well as special "Hebrew language issues" of overseas literary magazines.

"At first," says Ms. Cohen, "we concentrated on material that we thought was important; now, however, we try to promote books that are likely to sell. Also, our target audiences have changed. Whereas we once were aiming almost exclusively at Jewish readers, we now seek wider audiences, and we are finding them. This is clear from the fact that translated Israeli books sell well in many countries — like Germany, France and the Netherlands — where there are relatively few Jews."

Quite apart from the literary works that the Institute translates itself, it has a data base listing no fewer than 30,000 translations of Hebrew literature into foreign languages. So if a publisher in Buenos Aires wants to know what Hebrew works already exist in Spanish, the Institute will immediately be able to tell him.

The United States remains by far the largest market for Israeli literature, but the fastest growing one is in Asia. Japan has long led the way, with translations of Hebrew works being available there for over 20 years. Now, however, China is catching up.

Translators in Bejing (usually working from English texts) have turned out anthologies of poems, prose and kibbutz stories. These anthologies have sold well, perhaps because of the statement which appears on the opening page of each one: "If you don't understand the Jews, you won't understand the world."

Jerusalem academy is country's best-kept secret

By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

The sound of someone practising the piano rises from the ground floor of the school, which is located in a spacious new building opposite the new Biblical Zoo in the Malcha Valley in Jerusalem.

On another floor students are deep in physics class. Close by in a studio bathed in light, still another group is working on sculptures and drawings.

The students come from places throughout Israel — from kibbutzim, moshavim, development towns, Arab villages and the cities — to study at the Israel Arts and Science Academy, which is the best kept secret in Israel.

Even in Jerusalem not many are aware of this educational gem where approximately 183 students, highly motivated with special talents, were chosen for their leadership potential.

At the Israel Arts and Science Academy, students major in one of seven fields: mathematics, physics, biology, chemistry, music, visual arts and computer science. While advancing to the highest possible level in their chosen majors, they also receive a very broad education, including interdisciplinary subjects bridging the arts and sciences.

The school deals with students' individualism by making volunteerism mandatory for all three years rather than one year, as in most Israeli schools. Students help people with developmental delays and autism, and teach Hebrew to immigrant youngsters.

The search for students is a six-month process which begins with newspaper advertisements and letters to school principals, science clubs and directors of other after-school activities. School grades are not asked for, because the kind of youngsters the school is looking for are often problematic in class because they are bored.

The students come from 70 communities around the country, and include 28 new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and 13 Israeli Arabs. This is one of the few schools in the country where religious and secular students study together.

In the summer of 1990, my wife and I attended the opening ceremony of the school. The then United States ambassador, Thomas Pickering, addressed the gathering in Hebrew. His presence gave testimony to the fact that the first three dormitories were built through funds provided by the Agency for International Development. Indeed, many elements of the curricula being developed at the academy have already had an impact on education beyond the borders of Israel.

This past summer we observed a master's class being taught by Isaac Stern and Jaime Lorado. With infinite patience and loving concern these artists were spending their time with one student. They are part of the International Guidance Panel, which includes Nobel Prize winners, historians, and philosophers such as Sir Isaiah Berlin of Oxford University and former president of Israel, Prof. Ephraim Katzir.

The moving spirit behind the enterprise is Bob Asher and his wife Mary Jane, who spend all their time on behalf of the school. Asher shuttles six or seven times a year between the United States and Israel. He works with Raphi Amram, director of the Academy, and the Society for Excellence Through Education.

The students are typical teenagers. Their hair ranges from long to short to shaven, and they mostly wear blue jeans. In the dining room, they are noisy, full of energy, argumentative.

Shoham Levy, one of a dozen science students who are as brilliant in music as in math, majors in both. Like most of the youngsters, he insists, "We're normal kids. We talk about normal things. We gossip. We like to have fun."

But at lunch, he happened to sit with a philosophy teacher, and one of the things they talked about was what makes some composers better than others.

Sayed Nashua, from an Arab village in Galilee, studies physics and biology and, as his community work, chose to spend an afternoon a week as a "big brother" to a child with brain damage.

Shelley Lewis of Rehovot is an art student who works with people with developmental delays for three hours a week. Oren Shriqui, from a northern kibbutz, majors in biology and physics and thinks "political problems are nothing compared to the world's major problems like the environment."

The overlapping of the subject matter sparks some surprises. "One day," recounts Dr. Gluck, head of the science department, "I was trying to play a Mozart piece on my clarinet when one of my physics students came into my office. He told me he plays the saxophone, so we started doing duets together. Now we identify on more than one level."

The discussions that took place in the school after the February 1994 Hebron incident were not only political but also referred to the question of what are the Jewish values regarding the sanctity of life.

Should such topics be discussed only in the political context, or do they have other contexts which are even more important? Do we teach from within a tradition or from without?

Reading about the Exodus experience and the Sinai experience teaches a lot of things: morals and ethics, emotions, what freedom means, love. They can be taught through the story of the Jewish people. It starts with determining who we are and what we are.

Does the school need a credo? A good school is a credo.

If Israel is to survive, it must encourage her population to shine and nurture their most gifted young people who will become the country's future leaders. But to reach their potential, these students need a place like the Israel Arts and Science Academy where their special talents will be nourished.

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The new realities

The United Nations is currently studying proposals to restructure itself. So there is no better time than now to consider the possibility of expanding the permanent membership of the Security Council.

There are five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China. Their presence on the Security Council — which bears the primary responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security — reflects the geo-political realities which existed shortly after World War II, when the UN was established.

There have been significant changes in the world since then. India threw off decades of British tutelage. African countries, notably Nigeria, the most populous nation on that continent, acquired independence. Brazil became the pre-eminent power in Latin America. Japan transformed itself into an economic behemoth. Germany, following reunification after the fall of the Berlin Wall, took its place once more in European politics.

In light of these historic events, isn't it high time for these increasingly influential nations to be admitted into the inner sanctum of the Security Council?

Their inclusion will doubtless precipitate objections. And in some Jewish circles, for obvious reasons, the resistance will be all the greater insofar as Germany is concerned.

In Germany's case, this need not be so. Since the destruction of Nazism, a new, democratic Germany has arisen — a Germany which is an integral and reliable component of the Western alliance, a Germany which has repented for the Holocaust and paid out billions in restitution payments, a Germany which is fighting the spectre of neo-Nazism with more vigor than most of its European neighbors, a Germany which has excellent bilateral relations with Israel, and is now its second largest trading partner after the United States.

No less a personage than Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, has endorsed permanent German membership in the Security Council. "Germany," he said recently, "should no longer be looked upon from the past, but rather from a view to the future." And three leading Jewish organizations in the United States — the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish War Veterans — have voiced support for this position.

The complexities of adding new members, including Germany, Japan, and African and South American countries, to the Security Council should not be underestimated. But in our new world order, the irresistible force of reality should be taken into consideration.

Youthful indiscretion

The fact that French president Francois Mitterrand once served the pro-Nazi Vichy regime in France has never been a secret. Biographies about the president which appeared after he took office for the first time in 1981 mentioned this affiliation.

But it is only now, with the publication of Pierre Pean's *Une Jeunesse Francaise [A French Youth]* that the full details of Mitterrand's wartime alliance with the Vichy have become documented. The new book also contains a hitherto unknown photograph showing Mitterrand meeting with Marshal Henri Petain, the Vichy leader.

Mitterrand, currently suffering from prostate cancer, apparently collaborated fully with the author in reconstructing his association with Vichy. Critics suggest the French president wants to be candid about his youthful support of the Vichy regime, even when it was engaged in promulgating anti-Jewish laws and arranging for the deportation of Jews.

Pean writes that the French president was never an anti-Semite and preferred to ignore the presence of anti-Semites in Vichy and the measures they took to persecute Jews.

In an interview with *Le Figaro*, Mitterrand indicated that while he had youthful sympathies with the right in France, he never flirted with the extreme rightists such as La Cagoule or the Action Francaise, an openly fascist French group. He also told *Le Figaro* that he came from a traditional French middle class family that was conservative and patriotic. "But there never was a shadow of anti-Semitism in my family."

Jews are prepared to take President Mitterrand at his word. Since leading his Socialist party to victory in 1981 Mitterrand has been a stalwart friend of Israel and the Jewish people. Under his aegis France reversed the blatantly pro-Arab posture of Valery Giscard d'Estaing. He has not always agreed with every aspect of Israeli foreign policy but has been valued by both Arabs and Israelis as an honest broker.

Mitterrand's youthful indiscretion in working for Vichy cannot be undone. It does, however, recede into the background in light of his subsequent work for the French resistance and, latterly, his more than two decade-long service to France as an advocate of social justice and religious pluralism.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ANOTHER VIEW ON HOLY DAYS

I was in Toronto visiting my in-laws and read *The CJN*. I was very concerned with the article written by Sharon Clark entitled "Holy Days Seen Through The Eyes Of A Cynical Believer."

I respect that the author had some mixed feelings about religion as she did comment about driving to shul and also commented about Hebrew being a foreign language and a language that she ignores 362 days a year. The author has an MBA and is a management consultant and I wonder if she would also accept that business terms are a "foreign language" and just ignore them except for three days of the year.

I believe that the author needs to find out more about her Jewish identity and more about Judaism and Jewish pride. While eating is associated with many festivals, it is not the focus; the focus is supposed to be spirituality and God. I hope the author and the people who read *The CJN* understand this better than was presented in the article. I also hope that Ms. Clark can find out more about authentic Judaism so it is not foreign to her.

Harold C. Sternlicht, MD
Pittsburgh, PA

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HATEMONGER ERNST ZUNDEL

It cost Canadian taxpayers plenty to prosecute Ernst Zundel a few years ago but he had a good lawyer who found a flaw in our anti-hate laws. So Zundel has carried on his business of spreading pro-Nazi hate propaganda to other countries besides Canada.

He did not see Nazi concentration camps, being too young, but produces so-called "experts" to deny death camps existed.

Schindler's List is a popular movie that even includes survivors in its cast and shows an aspect of the Holocaust in which millions were murdered. Zundel says it is all based on lies. Yet many people vouch for the fact it is tragically true.

Canadian Army veterans actually helped liberate concentration camps years ago and were so horrified at the dead they saw they felt no one would believe what they had seen. Recently on TV, the CBC broadcast *The Lucky Ones: Allied Airmen and Buchenwald*, which described how Allied prisoners were lodged in this camp and saw the way the Nazi butchered and burnt men, women and children. But Zundel denies it and is free to carry on his pro-Nazi propaganda.

Canada welcomes immigrants and refugees and most settle down as good citizens. We have people of every race, color, religion and opinion, from every country in the world.

Ernst Zundel is a legal resident of Canada but a citizen of Germany, where his propaganda would not be tolerated. Why do we have to tolerate it?

As he is not a citizen, he is now seeking to become one and thus make himself ineligible for deportation. He should not be granted this privilege, but be promptly deported to Germany.

I urge you to suggest readers endorse this request to the Hon. Sergio Marchi, MP, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6. Letters do not need postage. Also, get petitions signed and sent to him and your own local MPs.

Myer Dorn
Toronto

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RABIN'S RECORD ON PLO

I was distressed to read Bert Raphael's letter to *The CJN* (August 11). What does he mean when he writes "...Israelis must accept the judgment of their leaders in reaching an accommodation..."? This government was elected on a security ticket. Who can forget Mr. Rabin's famous pre-election speech: "whoever withdraws from the Golan endangers the State of Israel"? Eighty-five per cent of the electorate voted against negotiations with the PLO (a promise contained in the Labor Party manifesto) and the present government only has 56 Jewish votes out of the 120 members of the Knesset and requires the 5 Arab MKs for a majority of one. The capitulation of the government is equivalent to a majority government in Canada deciding to hand over British Columbia to the USA when its election campaign specifically excludes this option! Thus the Israeli people have had democracy swept from under their feet and have every civil right to continue to protest loudly in massive numbers.

Secondly, he writes that to do otherwise (than accept the government position) would generate ". . . a return to unbridled terrorism with the usual consequences of death and destruction." I enclose a list of casualties correct to the beginning of August (there have been three more since then). This number is unprecedented since the war of attrition in the 1970s. In 1991, there were 21 deaths due to terrorism, in 1992 there were 22. These are far too many of course, but nothing has brought about the return of "unbridled terrorism" more than the capitulation to the PLO.

Arafat promised in September 1993 to carry out two things: 1. To stop terrorism and bring those who continue to perpetrate terrorism to justice. 2. To change the PLO covenant.

He has of course carried out neither.

Michael Wilschanski, MD
Toronto

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REUBEN SLONIM'S STATUS

I was switching TV channels the other evening when I came across Rabbi Reuben Slonim being interviewed by Tom Harpur on Vision TV.

They were talking about negotiations between the Israeli government and the PLO under Yasser Arafat concerning the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

After a few minutes I was startled at an announcement that the program I was watching was first broadcast in November 1989.

I was reminded that at that time Rabbi Slonim was vilified by the majority of Toronto's Jewish congregations for daring to suggest that it might be in Israel's best interest for such negotiations to take place.

Now that history has caught up with Rabbi Slonim and the negotiations are actually happening, it would be an appropriate gesture for some Jewish community leader to express regret at the undeserved criticism of Rabbi Reuben Slonim.

Sidney Bacon
Toronto

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MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Lou Seligson's column of Sept. 14 (Montreal edition) contained an unfortunate inaccuracy, causing a great injustice to be done to the memory of Montreal's pioneer Jewish volunteers and philanthropists.

Mr. Seligson erroneously stated that Magen David Adom was established in Palestine in 1939. In fact, it was founded in Montreal in May 1918 to aid volunteers on their way to Palestine to join the ranks of the Jewish Legion.

Eiran Harris
Montreal

Dry Bones

PRESIDENT CLINTON IS OUTRAGED BY THE HAITIAN AND CUBAN DICTATORSHIPS!?
SO WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO MAKE HIM SEE THE CRUELTY OF THE SYRIAN DICTATORSHIP?!
120,000 SYRIAN RAFTERS PADDLING TOWARDS FLORIDA?
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I was one of those who came from Cuba

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

With Cuban refugees occupying the headlines and the U.S. government's policy swaying from one side to the other, I recalled the days when I too was in Cuba and from there reached the United States.

To be sure, it wasn't on one of those flimsy boats that take their tender cargo across the high seas. Mine was a different journey, but the goal was exactly like that of the people about whom we read and whose rafts you see swaying in the waves when you turn on your television sets. When I think back on it, I feel that it was all part of a strange story which marked the high and low points of my life.

In 1935 I was invited to attend the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and the sainted Rabbi Leo Baeck made it possible for me to go. Since I did not know anybody in the United States who would give me an affidavit for immigration, I chose, as did my colleagues, to apply for a student visa. That was readily granted and we set sail for the western shores.

When matters got worse in Germany and it was clear that the regime was there to stay for a long time, we looked around for sponsors who would enable us to apply for permanent status. After I had cleared that particular hurdle I made my formal application to Washington. Since the German quota was still open, I was approved and was informed that if I wanted to become a quota immigrant to the United States I would have to leave the country first and immigrate through a consulate abroad.

Rabbi Plaut

Friends suggested that the easiest way would be to go to Cuba and apply at the consulate there. So my colleague Herman Schaalman (now the rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanuel in Chicago) and I set out for the south on June 10, 1938.

We had purchased a train ticket to Miami and a Pan American flight from there to Havana. In Miami we were to stay with one of our classmates. He had also arranged that we would be put up in Havana by an acquaintance of the family.

In good time we arrived in Miami, stayed overnight and, fortified with the Havana address, set out for Cuba.

So far everything was quite uneventful and the flight was too short to let us enjoy the unusual experience (flying commercial planes was then far above our meagre means). We arrived in Cuba's capital and confirmed our appointment with the American consul for the following day.

Now for our night quarters. Address in hand we set out and eventually — our Spanish being non-existent — found the home, a lovely place located behind a high wall, as was customary with so many homes in the city. We rang the bell and a lady answered. We explained as best we could — her English being almost as good as our Spanish — that we were the ones whom she had expected. However, she was evidently taken by surprise. No, she had not received any letter from Miami advising her of our arrival. She did not know who we were, and did not know anyone in Havana who could vouch for us.

We were dumbstruck. We had no money to stay in Havana. All we had was our ticket back. We tried to convince her that we were honorable persons and that we would be immensely grateful if she could accommodate us nonetheless. She looked at us and then said, "Come in."

I often think back on this moment. There was this lady, who lived alone in that house and took in two young men who were total strangers to her. I don't think we realized fully her enormous generosity (and daring). We made it up to her later.

I am happy to report that all went well. The immigration procedures at the consulate were at this point a mere formality, for everything had been prepared properly, and in the afternoon we were back in Miami.

That was 56 years ago, but when I see Cuban refugees struggling to reach the shores of promise, I think of my own good fortune and my heart goes out to them.

Environmental issues foster cooperation

By MICHAEL SHAPIRO
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The steady move toward peace in the Middle East has fostered productive cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors on environmental issues.

Israel could not devote the time, energy and resources for the environment "when we were allocating a lot of our national budget for the security of Israel," according to Israel Peleg, director-general of the Israeli Ministry of the Environment.

"Now that there is a better atmosphere in the Middle East it is the perfect time for the environment," Peleg told reporters at a recent briefing at the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

One key indication of cooperation on environmental issues is the extent of progress being made at the multilateral talks on the environment.

It is "not surprising" that the multilateral working group on the environment has made more progress than the groups on arms control, refugees and economics and welfare, according to Peleg, who was in Washington to discuss ways to increase cooperation on the environment between Israel and the United States.

"The cliche that the environment and pollution do not know borders is a reality in our region, especially when the borders are so close," he said.

Another indication of cooperation is the venue of the next round of talks. The talks, slated to begin Oct. 24, will be held in Bahrain, an island country in the Persian Gulf.

Although Israel has no diplomatic relations with the government of Bahrain, Israeli officials, headed by Peleg, will attend the talks with their Arab neighbors to continue the progress made on environmental issues during negotiation over the past two years.

Peleg pointed to a recent agreement signed by Israel and Jordan as another example of how cooperation on the environment is moving ahead rapidly in the Middle East.

A week before Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan signed the July 25 Washington Declaration ending the 46-year state of war between their two countries, officials from the two countries, meeting in tents straddling the Israeli-Jordanian border, signed an agreement to cooperate in protecting the region's environment.

Peleg and Jordanian negotiators initialed a four-page agreement which has already begun to be implemented, according to Peleg.

"It was very moving to see that it is not only us, but also the Jordanians, that are so eager to go ahead in this peace on the environment," Peleg said.

The agreement, which protects the Gulf of Eilat and Aqaba, the Rift Valley, the Dead Sea and the area from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea, says: "Jordan and Israel acknowledge the importance of the ecology of the region, its high environmental sensitivity and the need to protect the environment and prevent danger and risks for the health and well-being of the region's population."

During his trip to the United States, Peleg met with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, including Administrator Carol Browner, to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding the United States and Israel have on the environment.

Peleg said he believes that increased cooperation with the EPA will help Israel with its efforts to implement new environmental projects such as air monitoring systems, emission standards and protection of the ozone layer and rivers.

"It is about time to give the MOU higher visibility and more extensive cooperation," he said. "We can learn much more from the American experience than we have so far."

Ami Haretz: the know-it-all teenager

By ALLAN GOULD

Last fall, I invited a young teenager, a bright, alert then-15-year-old named Ami Haretz, to answer your many questions about Jews and Judaism. He was most helpful, even if he didn't always get all of it right. Or even part of it right, if I remember correctly.

Still, Ami, now a strapping 16, remains a Know It All which is invaluable, I feel, for being able to give the best answers to your many thoughtful queries.

And so, once again, I present:

ASK AMI!
starring guest columnist Ami Haretz

Dear Ami: Why do we talk about the *three* patriarchs — Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — and *four* matriarchs (Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah)?
T.S., Richmond Hill

Dear T.S.: You've got me there. Maybe one of them had two wives which is a great idea, when you think about it. I really thought that was illegal; I'd better check into this further.

Dear Ami: Did Balaam's donkey in the Book of Ba-Midbar really talk?
C.N., Cote-St.-Luc

Dear C.N.: I wouldn't know. But when you think about some of the guys who speak every day during Question Period in Parliament, *everything* is possible, really.

Dear Ami: I am firmly against the use of drugs. Yet I have heard that there are ugly drug references in the Holy Book. Is this true?
E.G., Toronto

Dear E.G.: I had a Hebrew school teacher just before I was bar mitzvahed (and therefore could stop going) who said that some guy named Goliath once got stoned. But whether it was with, or by, David, I really can't recall. I say shame of both of them for this.

Dear Ami: Is it true that there are different kinds of Jews — called Ashkenazim and Sephardim? And if so, why?
Y.S., Markahm

Allan Gould

Dear Y.S.: I think the Ashkenazim are those who have left Montreal and now live in Toronto, and the Sephardim are those who support the UJA. Or maybe it's vice versa. Still, I think that all Jews should be equal, don't you agree?

Dear Ami: I've heard that there is a great controversy over the Law of Return in the State of Israel. What is your opinion?
G.M., Don Mills

Dear G.M.: Let's face it, we need those laws anywhere people live. Why, if we didn't have laws of return, men and women would just hold unto their library books forever. You wouldn't believe how many I still have from my shul library.

Dear Ami: Why is loshen hora so important?
S.R., Thorncliffe

Dear S.R.: I'm not sure, but when I asked my mom, she said newspapers and magazines and TV talk shows would have nothing to put on if it didn't exist. Back in Hebrew school — when I was forced to go — we used to have a great cheer, although I never did find out what it meant: "Loshen Hora! Loshen Hora! Rah! Rah!" We loved to yell that one; it drove the rabbi crazy, for some reason.

Dear Ami: Why is a Jewish divorce called a get?
D.B., Mississauga

Dear D.B.: I have no idea. But it sounds like the husband or the wife just has to look at his or her spouse and yell, "Get!" And then he or she gets going, and that's that. It sure beats all those long, expensive court cases, you've got to admit.

Dear Ami: Why do Orthodox Jews wait six hours after eating meat before they eat milk products, while Conservative Jews often wait only three hours?
G.E., Forest Hill

Dear G.E.: Boy, I didn't know that! Most of the kids I hang around with tell me that you should wait until you at least swallow. I guess that means they're less traditional. Of course, if you're a vegetarian, you don't have to wait very much time at all, right? Unless the veggies are al dente, which Jews usually find impossible to accomplish, according to my dad.

Dear Ami: What's an aliyah?**H.P., Montreal**
Dear H.P.: I'm pretty sure that it describes someone who is called to the Torah in the State of Israel, who then decides to stay there permanently. But my older sister just informed me that someone who has moved to Toronto from South Africa has obviously made aliyah. Now I'm really confused.

Dear Ami: What is a siddur?**J.Z., Willowdale**
Dear J.Z.: I can't *believe* that you don't know that! A siddur is someone who takes care of your kids when you're busy. I make a lot of money from that, and — if you don't mind me making this personal plug in the *Canadian Jewish News* — I never insist on the customer paying any GST. You can call this newspaper if you want my phone number, so I can be your siddur for the night.

Dear Ami: I hear that something called tzitzit is really important in Judaism. Do you agree?
M.H., Richmond Hill

Dear M.H.: Not really. It's actually a kind of fly, and you almost never encounter it outside of Africa. Boy, you people sometimes ask really strange questions. Next?

Dear Ami: Why do some synagogues have separate seating for men and women?
J.S., Hamilton

Dear J.S.: They do? I didn't know that! Well, I just asked my mom and she just told me — and I quote — "in many synagogues, the women want to get the chance to pray and not be disturbed by their husbands." There. If you don't ask, you'll never learn.

I'd like to thank Ami Haretz for his assistance, once again. It ain't easy to know everything, but when you're a teenager, anything is possible, Toda, Ami. (What? Oh — it means thanks.)

Allan Gould is the author of 20 books, including a major anthology of Canadian comedy, The Great Big Book Of Canadian Humour. *His latest, out this fall, is* Criminal Acts, *a Canadian true crime annual, published by Macmillan. Please G-d, none of them were committed by Jews! I'll have to ask Ami about that.*

CORRECTION

In the article, "The Little-Known Transnistria Tragedy Retold" (Sept. 14), *The CJN* inadvertently omitted to identify author Baruch Cohen as senior research associate with the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research in Montreal and a docent and speaker for the Montreal Memorial Holocaust Centre.

The CJN regrets the omission.

Germany's politician of the left

In Bonn, Sheldon Kirshner interviews the highest-ranking politician of Jewish faith in Germany since the 1920s.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Gregor Gysi made history on Dec. 9, 1989, when he was acclaimed the sixth chairman of the East German Communist party, which has since been renamed the Socialist Unity party and, more latterly, the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS).

Gysi, now 46, thus became the first person of Jewish descent since Walther Rathenau — a foreign minister of the Weimar Republic who was assassinated in 1923 by a Nazi zealot — to hold such an exalted political position in this country.

Today, Gysi is the parliamentary leader of the PDS, which has 130,000 members and is the largest party in eastern Germany. It holds 15 seats in the Bundestag — the German parliament — and hopes to increase its share in the Oct. 16 national election.

Last June, the PDS was shut out of the European Parliament by a whisker. But it won a greater percentage of the seats — 4.7 per cent — than pundits had predicted. And later that month the PDS fared exceedingly well in municipal elections, taking 40 per cent of the vote in what was East Berlin — the capital of now-defunct East Germany — and winning the mayoralty of Hoyerswerda, a town where a serious anti-foreigner riot broke out in 1991.

A bespectacled, balding man who has a reputation for intellectual brilliance, and is often seen on television expounding his views, Gysi took charge of the party at a time when the collapse of Communist authority in East Germany was well advanced.

Succeeding the lacklustre apparatchik Egon Krenz, Gysi was known as an energetic and articulate reformer who wanted to break with the party's Stalinist past. He was associated with New Forum, the biggest of the opposition groups which emerged in the late 1980s.

Gysi, who identifies with the left-wing faction of Britain's Labor party, believes that the East German leadership should have emulated Mikhail Gorbachev and pushed through major reforms to reinvent itself as a democratic Socialist party.

Unlike some politicians from eastern Germany, he does not demonize the former Communist regime there, and indeed, he respects its achievements — the establishment of a comprehensive social security safety net, the formation of a well-developed educational system, and the virtual abolition of unemployment and poverty.

Gysi had placed enormous stock in the regime's ability to shuck off its totalitarian characteristics, calling on its geriatric and ossified leaders to democratize the party, crack down on corruption and abuses of power, permit a measure of capitalism and allow unrestricted freedom of speech and assembly.

But finally, he said, he was forced to the conclusion that the Communist party was incapable of renewing itself.

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Gysi was born in Berlin, and although his mother, Irene Lessing, was a Christian, he considers himself culturally, though not religiously, Jewish.

While not a registered member of the East German Jewish community, Gysi — who's divorced and the father of two sons — showed an interest in its activities.

He studied law at Humboldt University, and joined the Communist party in 1967.

In a sense, he was a child of the party. His father Claus — the son of a physician who fled Germany in the wake of the Nazi takeover — was a top-level official. Though not a member of the ruling Politburo or the Central Committee, the elder Gysi served as culture minister, ambassador to Italy and, in the 1980s, state secretary for church affairs.

Gregor Gysi has a reputation for brilliance

Gysi doubts whether his career was adversely affected by his defence of such prominent dissidents as Rudolf Bahro (who was expelled) and Barbel Bohley (who was expelled and then allowed to return). Except in one instance, he tolerated his son's foray into dissidence.

As state secretary for church affairs, Gysi's father let East Germany's minuscule Jewish community hire a rabbi from abroad; convinced party leader Erich Honecker to consider giving victims of Nazism reparation payments; played a role in the renovation of Berlin's bombed-out New Synagogue on Oranienburger Strasse; and personally arranged the national ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

As well, he urged Honecker to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, telling him that his goal of improving relations with the Diaspora would flounder unless East Germany recognized the Jewish state.

The elder Gysi was anything but a Zionist, and he regretted that Israel was, as his son put it, "an instrument of U.S. foreign policy." Yet he felt that the Jewish people, after 2,000 years of persecution, were entitled to a land of their own.

"And he always reminded me that Israel was founded with the recognition of the Soviet Union."

According to Gysi, East Germany would have forged official links with Israel had it not been swallowed up by West Germany in 1990. In his first speech as party leader in December 1989, he called on East Germany to recognize Israel. He regrets that East Germany slavishly followed the Soviet Union's lead after Moscow severed diplomatic ties with Israel in 1967.

Shortly after his election as PDS chair, Gysi led a delegation to Israel, meeting with Labor party leaders, including Shimon Peres, and representatives of the Likud, the Communist party and trade unions. Not long afterward, he conferred with PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat in Tunis.

Gysi welcomed last year's rapprochement between Israel and the PLO. And while he supports the creation of a Palestinian state in the territories, he thinks that an eventual PLO-Jordanian confederation would be most feasible.

With regard to broader foreign policy issues, he believes that Germany should cease exporting arms and stay clear of military entanglements abroad. Furthermore, NATO should be dissolved and replaced with a European security and cooperation system.

Turning to domestic affairs, Gysi charged that Bonn's post-unification policies have produced a socio-political crisis in eastern Germany.

If he had his way, he would nationalize banks and the armaments industry.

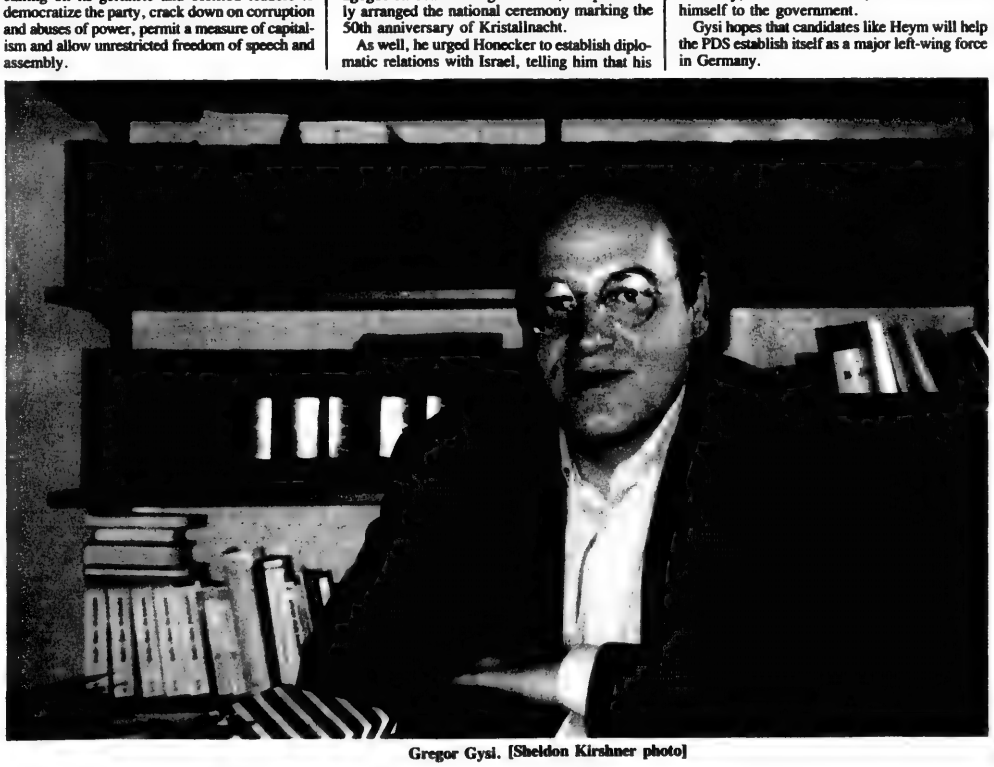
Reflecting on the upsurge of neo-Nazi violence in Germany, Gysi recommends the strict prosecution of all forms of right-wing extremism, racism and anti-Semitism.

Foreigners should have the right to acquire German citizenship without relinquishing their original nationality, he observed. And refugees fleeing political, religious or ethnic persecution should not be turned away by Germany.

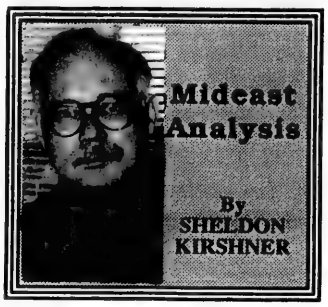
To enhance its appeal at the polls, the PDS has opened its ranks to such independent candidates as Stefan Heym, who was widely considered the most notable dissident novelist in the former East Germany.

Heym, a Jew, was born in Chemnitz, leaving Germany with the rise of Nazism. He emigrated to the United States, but left out of protest against U.S. policies in Korea. In 1952, he settled in East Germany, but as a maverick, he did not endear himself to the government.

Gysi hopes that candidates like Heym will help the PDS establish itself as a major left-wing force in Germany.



Gregor Gysi. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]



Books that take a reader beyond the headlines...

A severe and prolonged drought in the 1980s prompted Israeli politicians to wonder whether Israel needed to import water.

But as Stephen Lonergan and David Brooks argue in *The Economic, Ecological and Geopolitical Dimensions of Water in Israel* (Centre for Sustainable Regional Development, University of Victoria, no price listed), Israel has been facing a water scarcity since the mid-1970s.

In this thoughtful monograph, the authors thoroughly analyse the problem and offer recommendations to alleviate it. Lonergan, an associate professor of geography at the University of Victoria, is an advisor to the Canadian Working Group on water issues at the Middle East peace negotiations. Brooks is director of the environmental and technology program at the International Development and Research Centre in Ottawa.

Insufficient attention is invariably paid to Israel's economy. All too often, it is pre-empted by diplomatic events, terrorism and war.

However, in *The Economy of Modern Israel* (University of Chicago Press, $34.95), Assaf Razin and Efraim Sadka, both of Tel Aviv University, apply their erudition to such issues as employment, inflation, interest rates, debt, taxes, deregulation and privatization. The pair also examine the economic consequences of the Palestinian uprising (intifadah) on Israel and the territories.

Israeli economy

In *The New Israelis* (Carol Publishing, $19.95 US), Israeli journalist Yossi Melman offers a bird's eye view of Israeli society from a left-of-centre perspective.

Not skimping on scope, Melman plumbs Israel's history to get a handle on such diverse topics as Zionism, aliyah, kibbutzim, Sephardim, the kulturkampf, Israeli Arabs and consumerism. An informative and provocative book.

Before Theodor Herzl appeared on the scene, Ahad Ha'am (Asher Ginzberg, 1856-1927) was one of the leading voices of Jewish nationalism. Ahad Ha'am was a model Hebrew essayist who addressed controversial issues like clericalism in Jewish public life and Palestinian Arabs.

Steven Zipperstein of Stanford University paints a multilayered picture of this complex theorist in *Elusive Prophet* (University of California Press, $35 US). An intriguing story.

If, as some say, Israel's 1993 agreement with the PLO has sown the seeds of a Palestinian state, then the relevancy of *A Two-State Solution in the Middle East: Prospects and Possibilities* (Carnegie Mellon University Press, $12.95) is all the more apparent.

In 1989, a conference on this contentious topic took place at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg and brought together Israeli, Arab and American scholars, diplomats and officials. This stimulating volume is the result of their discussions. The editors are Baruch Fischhoff, Kenneth Kotovsky, Hussain Tuma and Jacobo Bielak.

Stephen Langfur, an American immigrant living in Jerusalem, refused to serve when his army reserve unit was called up to guard a settlement on the West Bank. He was sentenced to prison in an army camp. *Confession From A Jericho Jail* (Grove Weidenfeld, $21.95 US) is a brooding statement of conscience from a sensitive man trying to come to grips with suffering on both sides of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

As a U.S. congressman, Paul Findley was one of Israel's most persistent critics. In *Deliberate Deceptions* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $18), he sharply questions assumptions about Israel generally taken for granted by many people. The focus is on Israel's relationship with the United States, but topics like the 1948 War of Independence, Israel's nuclear arsenal and the peace process are scrutinized as well. This is an inconsistent work because Findley is inclined to set up straw men and knock them down. Yet sometimes, he hits the mark.

For years, Lebanon has been a battlefield, the hapless victim of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian policies. In *Pity the Nation* (Oxford University Press, $22.95), British correspondent Robert Fisk takes a searching look at a country which has been traumatized by outsiders.

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ICRF Barnes Exhibit gala co-chairs Gloria Lepofsky and Carole Herman Zucker. [Janos Pataki photo]

ICRF supporters see the Barnes

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Chalk it up to great art.

An intimate evening with impressionist and early modern masterpieces proved impossible to resist for 820 supporters of the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), who recently paid $125 each to view the Barnes Exhibit far from the madding crowds.

That and a good cause. The Sept. 18 gala raised approximately $90,000 for the fund, which supports 106 cancer research projects in Israel.

The gala also guaranteed guests exclusive access to the 83 works — by Renoir, Matisse, Cezanne, Soutine, Picasso, Modigliani and van Gogh — that make up the exhibit, at the Art Gallery of Ontario until Dec. 31.

For many, the evening began in the gallery's Walker Court, munching on a light supper while awaiting their turn upstairs. Viewings were supposedly timed for an hour, but patrons chose to linger.

And who could blame them. Judging from the crowd hanging back reverentially from the large Renoir, *Leaving the Conservatoire* (1877), positioned at the exhibit's entrance, the works are mesmerizing.

"Magnificent," pronounced Rebecca Galloway, soaking up the light reflected by a wall of Cezanne still lifes in their gilded frames.

The works glow against the soft peach walls. In one, Henri Rousseau's *Unpleasant Surprise* (1901), a hunter aims at a bear threatening a bathing woman. The bear's claws have the same luminescence as the bather's naked flesh.

Hushed exchanges and the whir and squeak of specially donated audiotape guides starring actor Christopher Plummer occasionally break the silence.

Sandra Ainsely whispered that she and husband Mort are returning later in the week for another private Barnes showing. They will go a third time with their three sons, aged 16, 20 and 23. "Whether they want to come or not, this is something they should see," she said.

The ICRF evening was the first private viewing of the newly-opened exhibit and the only one organized by a Jewish charity, said AGO spokeswoman Elizabeth Addison.

Of the 22 private evenings booked, Addison said all but seven have been reserved for companies like Dominion Securities and Mercedes-Benz at $30,000 a pop. Charity events are $25,000, not including costs.

Gala planners Gloria Lepofsky and Carole Herman Zucker knew they had scored a coup. They also knew not to bother competing with the lavish preview party for 1,700 hosted earlier that week by investment managers Gluskin Sheff. ICRF guests happily made do with chicken- and salmon-stuffed mandarin pancakes, although some were overheard pining for the rack of lamb and chocolate-dipped gooseberries of the Gluskin Sheff evening.

ICRF president Martin Dover beamed at the turnout, which was deliberately kept down from the 1,200-person capacity "so that guests aren't crowded and have more time to spend viewing the paintings."

The ICRF has offices in Montreal, New York, Palm Beach and Washington, D.C. The Toronto office has raised over $6 million in its 13 years for research into bone marrow transplantation, radiation therapy and tumor growth.

Dr. Alan Bernstein, director of Mount Sinai Hospital's research department, was recently named head of the ICRF's 25-member grant review board. Most grants are between $18,000 and $30,000 (US).

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Back downstairs for dessert, served in the stoney Tanenbaum sculpture atrium. Two guests are disappointed to hear a photographer has run out of film. Seems everyone wants to be in the picture, or at least standing in front of those framed in gold and hung on a gallery wall.

Anti-hate forum planned

TORONTO — The Town of Markham and the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat are sponsoring a one-day community forum on confronting hate and affirming diversity.

The forum will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Markham Civic Centre, at the corner of Highway 7 and Warden Avenue.

The program is aimed at providing members of the public, including representatives of racial, ethnic and faith communities, with information on hate groups and practical ways to confront them.

A highlight of the event will be a panel discussion on "developing a community model to respond to hate group activities." The panelists include Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and Bill Dunphy, a journalist with the *Toronto Sun* who broke the story revealing the alleged ties between the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the white supremacist Heritage Front.

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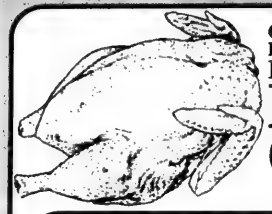

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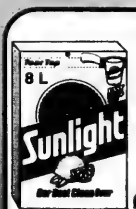

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Jewish teens return from study, travel in Israel

TORONTO — Twenty-six Jewish teenagers living in small Ontario communities recently returned home from Israel exhilarated by five weeks of study and travel.

The Israel trip is the final stage in the three-year high school outreach program run by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. The program seeks to strengthen Jewish identity and ensure continuity in the smaller Jewish communities, said coordinator Randie Cartman.

There are over 30 smaller Jewish communities in the province, ranging in size from one to 750 families.

Students in the outreach project learn from Congress material and periodic visits. Twice yearly, the youngsters come together for group study.

Barrie resident Deborah Scharf, 16, said the Israel trip gave her "a pretty solid base of knowledge of the roots of Judaism, and a better understanding of politics and Middle East peace talks." Her meetings with Israel Arabs also helped "kill stereotypes I had had before the trip."

For 17-year-old Caterina Carpino of Sudbury, the most meaningful moment of the trip was the first Shabbat at the Kotel. "When the Shabbat siren went off, we were looking down on the Wall and the various groups at prayer there," she said. "I will always remember the sun setting over the Wall, the sounds of Shabbat services, and the smells of Shabbat cooking."

Caterina was one of the teenagers who also especially enjoyed the four days in Gadna, a basic training army program for teenagers from abroad. "I would not have any idea of what it is like to be an Israeli teenager if I had not spent time in this program," she said.

Jacob Gross-Sobol, 14, of Guelph particularly appreciated time spent at Sde Boker learning about and experiencing life in the Negev Desert. "These five weeks really gave me an understanding of my Jewish identity."

Amy Malowitz, 17, of Windsor found Israel "a land of contrasts. I was amazed just how different many Israeli teenagers are from each other. Some are into fashion while many others are into religion."

Amy and others thanked Congress staffers like Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities, "for preparing us so well in order that we gain insights during our visit."

Jackson and Cartman escorted the teens to Israel, along with a Jewish Agency counsellor and a medic. The trip was supported in part by the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

The students stayed in Jerusalem, Kibbutz Ein Tzurim, Tiberias, Sde Boker Field School in the Negev, Eilat, and the military base.

To mark their visit, the Ontario youngsters planted trees in a Jewish National Fund forest outside the Jerusalem.

Some of the teens who visited Israel pose in front of the Kotel in Jerusalem. From left Danielle Sperling, Sarah White, Caterina Carpino, program coordinator Randie Cartman and Deborah Kon.

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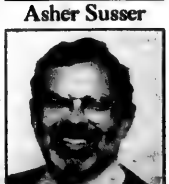

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THE RABBIS KELMAN

The recent High Holidays were busy for the Kelman clan. Rabbi Joseph Kelman (centre) presided over services at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, while his son Rabbi Maury Kelman (left), visiting from Israel, held services at the downtown Kiever Congregation, and other son Rabbi Jay Kelman presided over services at Mishkan Avraham, located at Ulpanat Orot. [Ron Csillag photo]

Or Chaim Kollel Program will allow for self study

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Toronto's adult education scene will be augmented this fall with the inauguration of The Or Chaim Kollel Program.

Rabbi Jay Kelman, an accountant who received smicha from Yeshiva University, is one of the founders. He explained the kollel is meant to provide classes for the entire community on an "intellectual level."

"All levels will be encouraged," Rabbi Kelman said.

The kollel's original focus was on graduates of Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanot Orot Girls School, who are now in university but want to continue studying Torah.

A brochure announcing the new program promises that "the program will provide a place for self study as well as a range of shiurim to be given by high-calibre educators from within our community."

The first session will begin the week of Oct. 9, with a lecture at Or Chaim by Rabbi Binyamin Tabory, rosh yeshivah of Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanat Orot Girls' School from 1975 to 1979, and now of Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel. He will be speaking on Talmud Torah: Individual and Communal Responsibility.

Open to men, women

Rabbi Shlomo Brown, Ulpanat Orot Jewish studies principal, will teach a class in Hebrew for women at Ulpana, 45 Canyon Ave. Entitled MiShoftim Le Meluchah, it will deal with the transition from the rule of the Judges to that of the Kings.

The rest of the courses are open to men and women. They will be offered at Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave.

Noted lecturer and teacher Rabbi Bezalel Safran, who also earned his PhD in Jewish intellectual history from Harvard University, will teach the philosophies of Maimonides.

Popular teacher Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum — the rousing standing ovation he received from the graduating class of Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot is still a topic of some note in the community — will be giving a shiur in Chumash.

Rabbi Kelman will discuss current topics in Halachah, as well as continuing an ongoing Sunday morning shiur on the laws of Shabbat.

Wednesday evenings will be devoted to chevruta learning, where individuals can be paired with other students in the traditional style of Talmud study. There will also be a short lecture given by speakers from the community.

The study hall of Or Chaim will be open every evening for study, and Or Chaim staff will be available to answer questions.

For more information, or to register, contact Rabbi Kelman at (416) 630-6772.

REMEMBERING WAR DEAD

Captain Earl Gardner of the Queen's Own Rifles salutes the cenotaph honoring fallen Jewish war veterans at Mount Sinai Cemetery. He is flanked by Mel Lastman, mayor of North York, who placed the wreath, and Tom Madden, Commander of the Silent Guard of the Royal Canadian Legion's Branch 31, at the recent annual memorial service conducted by the legion's General Wingate Branch. [Alron photo]

Fackenheim slams peace deal with PLO

By ROSE TOGMAN HEILBRONN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Renowned philosopher Emil Fackenheim dropped his gloves in a savage condemnation of the Israeli government's new relationship with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In a Sept. 11 speech at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Fackenheim said concessions made to the PLO by Yitzhak Rabin's government are "profoundly dangerous" and weaken Israel.

While not in military peril, Israel is in extreme political danger, Fackenheim told more than 500 supportive listeners.

After the Oslo Accord and "the notorious handshake," he said some thought this was a great messianic moment, but the PLO Covenant is still dedicated to Israel's destruction.

The speech, titled the Zionist Imperative Today, was sponsored by the Toronto Zionist Council, Shaarei Shomayim's Adult Education Committee and Herut-Likud.

Following a distinguished career at the University of Toronto, Fackenheim made aliyah with his wife in 1983. He teaches Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The world is still basically hostile to Israel, he warned, a hostility which began with the now-repealed UN declaration that Zionism equals racism, and which worsened after the Yom Kippur War. "The world could tolerate Jews only as long as they are victims," he fumed.

Recalling our sages' dictum that the Jewish people, if not united, court disaster, Fackenheim lamented the division between nationalists and peaceniks in Israel. "It is a slander to say that any soldier enjoyed hurting Palestinian children," he said, emphasizing each word.

Fackenheim outlined the four pillars of Zionism as the land, the State, the Law of Return and Jerusalem. He said all are threatened.

He questioned offering Syria the Golan Heights, and raised other disturbing questions: Does Rabin's cabinet speak with one voice? Who speaks for Israel?

The most painful question he raised was the one about Jerusalem. He told his audience he worries that PLO leader Yasser Arafat will misinterpret the Israeli government's pledge to preserve Muslim holy sites in the city. The Al-Aksa Mosque, he reminded listeners, is on our Temple Mount.

'Israelis no longer trust government'

"Israelis no longer trust their government," he concluded. "I don't know anyone in Jerusalem who is not confused or disturbed."

He pointed to danger from Hamas, which endangers the land from within, and from members of the Israeli intelligentsia clamoring to sacrifice land for peace.

Fackenheim told his audience they should not feel bad for criticizing the Rabin government since it does not mean they are against peace. "Even Auschwitz could not destroy our hope for Jerusalem," he said.

Hadassah-WIZO to open Women for Women project

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's Women for Women project will be launched next month across Canada.

The various events being planned "will pay tribute to the important role played by women in Canadian life," said national president Judy Mandleman, as well as open a campaign to raise funds for distressed women in Israel.

The official project opening is Oct. 6 in Winnipeg, with MP and secretary of state for multiculturalism and the status of women Sheila Finestone as guest speaker.

Pearl McGonigal, the former lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, will be the honoree, with Winnipeg Mayor Susan Thompson and Premier Gary Filmon in attendance. Lt.-Gov. W. Yvon Dumond will host a reception at Government House honoring Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

On Oct. 2 in Vancouver, a Women for Women brunch honors community leaders Lola Apfelbaum, Bea Libby and Regina Feldman. Guest speaker will be Dr. Hedy Fry, a Vancouver MP and former president of the British Columbia Medical Association.

Mandleman will be guest speaker at a Windsor, Ont., Nahalal luncheon on Oct. 3 and was also the principal speaker at a Women for Women dinner Sept. 22 in Edmonton. She spoke in Victoria on Sept. 25.

On Oct. 3 in Calgary, the Women for Women launch will have as the main speaker Ann McLean, volunteer coordinator for the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter.

The Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-WIZO will hold a tea honoring Bea LeBlanc, administrator of the Cape Breton Transition House. This is scheduled for Oct. 5 in Sydney, N.S.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZOs honoree, on Oct. 6, will be Sharon Gray, wife of solicitor general Herb Gray. Sharon Gray is executive director of the Canadian Long Term Care Association, a federation of eight provincial organizations and numerous long term care facilities.

Sheila Finestone

Kingston is having a program on Oct. 11 on Understanding Wife Abuse, presented by Lucille Groll and Marilyn Kogon.

The Women's Trust Foundation for Hamilton, Burlington and District of Hamilton will be honored on Oct. 18 and special guests will include heads of local women's organizations and shelters. Guest speaker is Taube Zeifman of Toronto.

On Oct. 19 a dinner at the International Hotel in Montreal will honor Senator Solange Chaput-Roland. The senator has been very involved in women's issues over the years, says Hadassah-WIZO.

Mandleman said in a message to members that "we hope each of you will become involved in this important and essential project and spread the word to those who are uninformed and tell them that belonging to Hadassah-WIZO will give them great satisfaction and fulfilment in knowing that together we can and do make a difference in the social fabric of Israel."

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Liberal MPP Greg Sorbara says goodbye to Queen's Park

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Whether by government decree or court order, Ontario's Jewish day schools will be publicly funded by the year 2000, predicts retiring Liberal MPP Greg Sorbara.

Long a visible presence on the Jewish scene and among the chief champions of government funding for independent and religious-based schools despite his own party's waffling, Sorbara says he would prefer to see funding come about voluntarily, but come it will "as we get on with the restructuring of the entire educational system."

The MPP for York Centre, Ontario's largest riding and home to roughly 20,000 Jews in Vaughan and Richmond Hill, won't be running in the next provincial election.

Sorbara, 47, will tend his family's property management and land development business, both here and abroad. Or, as he put it in a recent interview with *The CJN:* "I'm setting out on a new journey and I don't have a road map."

Not that he needs one. Through his years on the government and opposition benches, Sorbara was among the Grits' brighter lights, having served in five cabinet posts (skills development, colleges and universities, labor, women's issues and consumer and commercial relations), as well as being opposition critic in several areas.

Sorbara was first elected in 1985 in the old riding of York North, later split into York Centre and Markham. The latter is held by another popular figure on the Jewish scene, Tory Don Cousens, who also recently announced he won't be a candidate in the next election.

In February 1992, Sorbara ran for the Liberal leadership, hoping to replace David Peterson. Despite strong support, much of it from the Jewish community, he placed a disappointing third, and that hastened his departure from politics.

"After serving in cabinet, there's only one place to go. I was only really interested in leading the party," he notes, with some wistfulness in his voice. Being in opposition for the last four years, he adds, "has been very frustrating. You can accomplish so very little in opposition... But that's politics. When a party gets 37 per cent of the popular vote, they get power."

But Jewish day school funding is probably the most burning issue on the provincial scene for the Jewish community.

Last July, the Ontario Court of Appeal unanimously rejected public funding for Jewish day schools, as well as the extension of health care benefits to their students. The case is being appealed in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Asked to reconcile his strong views with those of his party, which hemmed and hawed on funding for years, Sorbara doesn't back away.

"The Liberals were equivocal," he concedes. "We were not violently opposed or thoroughly in favor. But while in power, we didn't do anything about the issue, and we're avoiding it now.

"We see the merits of both sides of the issue, in typically Liberal fashion."

Greg Sorbara

But Sorbara, in his own sometimes against-the-current style, sees public funding of Jewish day schools one way or the other within the next six years, saving an average family $100,000 for each child going through the system.

Forced to watch the ever-sinking fortunes of the governing NDP from the sidelines since 1990, Sorbara refuses to kick Premier Bob Rae when he's down.

"The economic problems of the last four years have been somewhat exacerbated by the government. The premier's style has tended to polarize people rather than create consensus.

"I don't give him a failing grade, but a combination of inexperience and idealism has had negative results. Rae's an extremely good communicator but not a good manager."

The social contract — "very poorly handled" — coupled with amendments to Ontario's Labor Relations Act, have made this province "the toughest labor jurisdiction in North America," Sorbara says. "You don't take these steps when the economy is shrinking. It sends the message that you've lost your marbles."

One of the "legacies" the NDP will leave, he feels, is an example of how a party "can campaign on one set of principles and govern on a completely other. Sunday shopping is a good example." (Rae promised a pause day; Sunday hours are now widespread).

In any event, Sorbara sees good economic news to come, for which the NDP will take credit, but for naught. "They won't be wiped off the map," he predicts. "They'll probably parlay the economic recovery into a reasonable number of seats, between 15 and 20. The real battle will be between the Liberals and Tories."

Despite polls showing Liberal Lyn McLeod with a commanding lead as choice for premier, Sorbara gives the two major parties "even odds" of forming the next government.

As for a vote, Sorbara predicts several dates: Either May 25 or June 1; or if Rae extends his mandate to the maximum five years, next Sept. 6 or 7.

Over the years, save for funding, Sorbara has encountered surprisingly few Jewish-specific concerns from his constituents. There "weren't as many calls as you would think" about pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel, for example.

"My sense is that the Jewish community has a well-organized ability to react when the need arises. The calls have not been as much for help as for support.

"That sophisticated response to anti-Semitism needs to be generalized and made part of a system of training and support to assist other vulnerable communities. The Jewish community does it so well, but it's not done as well by the black and South Asian communities."

In the meantime, Sorbara is eager to see Jewish hopefuls step forward and seek to replace him when the nomination is held in February.

Clarification

A story on the Second International Conference of Yiddish Clubs taking place in Toronto Oct. 7 to 10 (*The CJN*, Sept. 14) omitted listing workshops on Catching Arrows: Yiddish Folk Sayings by Shirley Kumove, Marketing Yiddish by Hindy Abelson and The Roots of Eastern European Jewish Music by David Buchbinder. Call Bess Shockett at (416) 787-0526.

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Beverly Bobkin (at end of second row, left) and Louie Salmons (beside her) with WOW members at a walk by the lakeshore in Etobicoke.

WOW provides outlet for widows, widowers

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Louie Salmons, who was 46 when her husband died, was ready to plunge back into life after a year of grieving, only to realize her many married friends no longer seemed as attractive.

"You really need to find someone whose experience is the same, especially if your children are younger," said the mother of two. Her daughter Delia was 10 and her son Elliot was 15 when her husband Martin died four years ago.

Salmons found a network of relatively young Jewish widows and widowers, from 45 to their early 60s, through a *CJN* classified early last year. The ad was from WOW (Widows and/or Widowers), a group that holds monthly social events and walks in the city.

Salmons said she finds it easier to talk about the loss of her husband with others who have had the same experience, while at the same time enjoying WOW get-togethers. "It's a nice excuse to go out when it's so easy to stay at home."

The events give members a chance to meet new people. So far Salmons has made four new friends who she sees outside of organized events. "This group has been an opportunity to phone up and say 'Do you want to go to a movie?' " she said.

WOW was the brainchild of Beverley Bobkin, a 56-year-old mother of three who lost her husband Manny 10 years ago. She got the idea from American books about grieving, and last winter put an ad in the personals column of a daily newspaper.

Eleven people came out to the first meeting, including Bobkin's friends, Barbara Moll and Myrna Bornstein. The three women got the organization, now 60-members strong, off the ground.

WOW is a social organization for those who have been widowed for at least 18 months, Bobkin stressed, not a grieving group. "I'm not saying they're not grieving — you can grieve for the rest of your life — [but] it's not for people in the initial stages. It's for people who want to move on."

Bobkin said a support system of friends and relatives is strong for widows and widowers in the first year after a spouse's death, but then "they expect you to go on with your life." That can be difficult, she added, when your status has changed and you are no longer part of a coupled world.

Teams of at least three WOW members plan various monthly events. Recently they went bowling and on a trip to the McMichael Gallery. The group has an annual Chanukah party. A night of line dancing is in the works.

Walks, which they try to hold every other Sunday, have taken members to the Leslie Street Spit, the Old Mill and down to the lakeshore in Etobicoke, followed by brunch.

Friendships have blossomed through common interests in opera, art, theatre and antiquing. Most members work, but weekends can be lonely for them, Bobkin said. "It's always nice to have someone to do something with."

She stressed that WOW is not a singles group, so attending an event is pressure-free. "It's coming to have an enjoyable evening — something you normally wouldn't have done because you wouldn't have anyone to do it with."

For more information about WOW call (905) 737-8393.

Future of Bloor JCC to be discussed at meeting

TORONTO — The Bloor Street branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) will hold a community meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. on the future of the facility.

Bernie Ghert, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, will address the meeting and answer questions about the role of the Federation in the restructuring plans involving the JCC.

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Montreal's Sephardi community studied

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

As a follow-up to CJN *coverage of the study entitled* Diversity and Continuity: The Demographic Challenges Facing Montreal Jewry, *by James Torczyner and Shari Brotman [Sept. 8, Montreal; Sept. 14, Toronto], some additional data about the portion of the study relating to Sephardi Jews in Montreal is included here.*

MONTREAL — In the chapter devoted to the Sephardi community of Montreal, the authors conclude that approximately 14,500 to 20,500 Sephardi Jews were living in Montreal in 1991.

The wide divergence in these estimates is primarily a result of the method of calculation used.

By using place of birth as the indicator, the authors conclude that in 1991 the Montreal Sephardi population was about 14,500. However, Torczyner and Brotman are careful to point out that the correlation between place of birth and the Sephardi identity of an individual is not exact.

For example, should one categorize as a Sephardi a child born in Canada or the United States whose parents were born in a North African country? How does one classify children with one Turkish parent and one Austrian one? Are they Sephardim?

On the other hand, when they take mother tongue as a point of reference, Torczyner and Brotman arrive at the conclusion that the Sephardi population in Montreal in 1991 was about 20,500. Again, there is a problem with the methods used. "The great majority of Sephardi Jews in Montreal come from Morocco," they say. "However, Montreal Jews who come from French-speaking countries such as France and Belgium, and whose first language is French, may or may not be Sephardim."

With regard to the age levels of Sephardim, two indicators were used: place of birth and mother tongue. According to the calculations made by the two researchers, 22.7 per cent of Sephardim whose mother tongue is French and 23.7 per cent whose first language is Hebrew were under 14 years of age in 1991. For the overall Jewish community, the average number of persons under 14 years of age in 1991 was 19 per cent.

A similar phenomenon is seen in the elderly. In 1991, 10 per cent of Sephardim whose mother tongue was French were over 65. Among Sephardim aged 65 and over whose first language is Hebrew, the proportion was six per cent. For the overall Jewish community, 22.4 per cent of Montreal Jews were 65 years of age and over in 1991.

Other interesting data on the lifestyles of the members of the Sephardi community are: 10.1 per cent of Montreal Sephardim born in Morocco lived alone in 1991, as compared with 14.1 per cent in the overall Jewish community. The families of Sephardi Jews from Morocco are much larger than in the Ashkenazi community. In 1991, 44 per cent of Moroccan Sephardi families had four or more members, while only 22.1 per cent in the overall community included four or more people.

With reference to the level of education and economic circumstances of the Sephardim of Montreal, the study also presents some significant figures. The indicator used for these estimates was mother tongue.

In 1991, 42 per cent of the Jewish community of Montreal 15 years of age and over were taking post-secondary studies or already held a university degree. Among Sephardim 15 years of age and over whose first language is French, the proportion was only 36 per cent. However, 25 per cent of the overall Montreal Jewish community did not have a high school diploma in 1991. The proportion of Montreal Jews whose first language is French who had not completed high school was 21 per cent.

With regard to the socio-economic status of Montreal Jews, this study reveals that, in 1991, those whose mother tongue is French had lower incomes than the other members of the Jewish community. The income of 9.1 per cent of Montreal Jews was over $75,000. For francophone Jews, the figure was five per cent. Furthermore, 37.8 per cent of francophone Jews had an annual income of less than $10,000 in 1991, as compared with 31.3 per cent in the overall Jewish community.

The figures referring to the poverty which is rampant in the Jewish community of Montreal clearly illustrate the devastating results of the economic recession. In 1991, 25 per cent of Montreal Jews born in Morocco or Israel lived below the poverty line, as compared with 20 per cent in the Jewish community as a whole.

In their conclusions, the two authors of the study pose some questions about the prospects for the future of the Sephardi community of Montreal: "Are the Montreal Jewish communal institutions adequately serving the members of the Sephardi community? How can the Sephardi institutions manage to strengthen their position within the framework of the Montreal Jewish community and in the decision-making process of Jewish institutions?"

The above is a translation of a portion of an article that appeared in French in the Montreal edition of CJN *Sept. 14. Translation by* CJN *staff.*

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity honors two of its members

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 450 members of the Toronto chapter of Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity met at Shaarei Shomayim recently to kick-off the new year and to honor two of their members.

David Cowan received an achievement award and Sam Newman a certificate of merit, in recognition and appreciation for the service they have performed for Alpha Omega.

The Jewish international fraternity, which was begun in Baltimore by a group of University of Maryland students, has about 850 members in Toronto and about 10-12,000 members worldwide.

Roger Spott, president, Alpha Omega International, gave an update of fraternity happenings worldwide and said that with the number of dental students declining each year, fraternity members could expect manpower problems with regards to leadership. He added, however, that this is a transitional period and numbers should pick up again.

He said that he expects to see chapters in Eastern Europe and Russia and reported that a Jewish dentist from Croatia recently received his fraternity pin and that there are two honorary members from Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

"I expect the next three chapters to be in Hungary; Beersheva, Israel; and Venezuela," he said.

Spott said that there have been funding problems at the Israeli dental schools at University of Tel Aviv and Hebrew University, but Alpha Omega does raise money for those schools. The Bridge the Gap campaign earmarked funds to renovate the building at Hebrew University and construction has already begun.

Next on the president's agenda is a trip to Australia to visit Alpha Omega chapters there. "I would like to see Alpha Omega get involved in humanitarian aid for war-torn countries and I would like to forge alliances with chapters in Australia to perform some of these humanitarian services."

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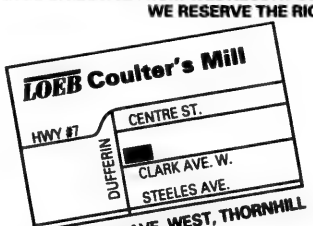

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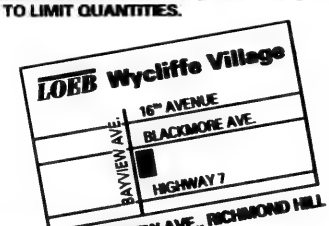

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Sept. 29, is deadline for Oct. 13 issue, and Thursday, Oct. 6, is deadline for Oct. 20 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Saturday, Oct. 1

BBYO DANCE

B'nai Brith Youth Organization opening dance for teens runs 8 p.m. to midnight at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., in the gym. Admission is $5 members, $7 non-members. Call **Yael** at BBYO office, 635-9411.

GLORIOUS SOUNDS

Join the students of the Historical Performance Ensembles at the University of Toronto for an evening of baroque and renaissance music, 8 p.m. at Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, 80 Queen's Park. Concert is free and no reservations required. For information, 978-4111.

Sunday, Oct. 2

BOND DINNER

Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Lodge B'nai Brith is holding its annual Bond Dinner honoring **Helen and Joe Morgan** at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For information and reservations call **Gail** at 789-3351.

YIDDISH WORD AND SONG

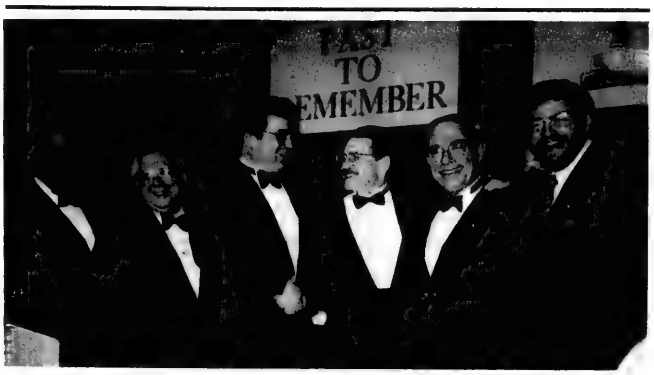
The fifth annual Albert Abromowitz memorial celebration of Yiddish Word and Song is at 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., during Yiddish Culture Month at the United Jewish People's Order. Yiddish songstress **Faye Kellerstein** will present Great Songs of the Yiddish Theatre. The evening's host, **David Abromowitz**, will read from writings of Jewish settlers in the Canadian West in Yiddish and English. Tickets are $3 available at the door or by reserving at 789-5502.

JEWISH GENEALOGY

Jewish Genealogy and the Electronic Superhighway present **Bruce Kahn**, president of Rochester Jewish Genealogical Society, on the theme Can I Find My Long Lost Cousins Through My Modem? at 3 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For details, call 256-1985.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim invites you to the season's opening session to hear **Berte Rubin**, counsellor/educator/ consultant, talk about Can You Age Without Distress?— Learning to Cope Effectively With Losses, Loneliness and Disappointments, at 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst/Glencairn) Breakfast and lecture $6 per person.



BBI CONVENTION

Delegates at the recent B'nai Brith International Convention elected Tommy Baer (third from right), a lawyer from Virginia, as president. Extending congratulations (from left) are Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada, Toronto; Ted Greenfield, BBI vice-president, Montreal; Brian Morris, president B'nai Brith Canada, Toronto; Harry Bick, BBI treasurer, Montreal; and Moishe Smith, BBI board of governors member, Ottawa.

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THE MIDDLE EAST

The Sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue invites you to the opening breakfast meeting at the synagogue, 10 a.m. Guest speaker **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, will speak on The Middle East: Yesterday and Today. Everyone is welcome. No charge for paid up Sisterhood members, non-members $5. For information, call **Sharon** at the shul office, 787-1631.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling Arts is holding a special evening entitled Fools and Songs for Toronto Arts Week at 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Rd. (Bathurst-Glencairn). For information, call 440-1330.

CAR WASH

B'nai Brith Women Tikvah chapter is holding a car wash, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Petro-Canada station at Bathurst and Sheppard. Cost is $5 and all proceeds go to charity.

CONFRONTING HATE

The Committee on Race and Ethnocultural Equity of the Town of Markham is holding a community forum entitled Confronting Hate, Affirming Diversity: Developing a Community Model to Respond to Hate Group Activities, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Markham Civic Centre. Keynote speaker is **Dan McIntyre** of the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services. Registration fee is $26.75. For seniors and students fee is $10.70. For information and registration materials, call (905) 477-7000, ext. 828.

Monday, Oct. 3

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting features nurse **Diane Nixon**, exercise supervisor at the Toronto Rehabilitation Centre, speaking on Diabetes and Exercise: A Positive Step. There will also be recipes available, displays, door prize. Time is 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Everyone welcome. CDA members $1, non-members $2. For information, call **Esther Schwartz**, 787-2176, or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

KEEPING YOUR SMILE

Keeping Your Smile is the topic prosthodontist **Dr. Daniel Isakow** will adress at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Dridz Sisterhood opening meeting, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. This is the first in a series of lectures devoted to Your Health.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

FASHION FOLLIES

Fashion Follies, the annual fashion show presented by the Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, features clothing from Melanie Lyne Fashions plus Jellybean Fashions for Children along with boutiques, door prizes and a raffle. Time is 7:30 p.m. at Richmond Hill Country Club, 8905 Bathurst St. Couvert is $30 with tax receipt. All proceeds benefit the Neonatology Department at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. For information and an invitation, 781-3584.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The theme of Shaar Shalom Sisterhood's opening meeting is Getting to Know You with guest speakers **Marylin Berman,** rebbitzen, Shaar Shalom Synagogue; and **Terri Winston,** president, Canadian Seaway branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. Thornhill. All welcome.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

JVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Jewish Vocational Service annual general meeting takes place 5:30 p.m. at Metro Hall, 55 John St., 27th floor. Program includes awards presentation, president's report and keynote speaker **Andy Barrie** of CFRB Radio discussing The Future Workplace.

AFTER AUSCHWITZ

Poet **Donia Blumenfeld Cleaman** will read from her work *After Auschwitz: I of all People Still Peddle Hope* at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Everone welcome.

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Heather Kassel is giving a lecture on the movie *Schindler's List* at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Charge is $8.

DIMENSIONS OF CANCER

Dimensions of Cancer: The Art, Science and Spirit of Caring, a four-part public lecture series for people with cancer, their families and friends, begins with clinical psychologist **Barbara M. Sourkes** speaking on Through the Deepening Shade: The Family's Experience of Cancer, 7:30 p.m. at Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. W. Series sponsored by Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre and Bayview Support Network. Admission and parking free. For information, 480-4662.

ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION

All women are invited to join in the celebrations for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. A Maariv service for and by women starts 7:45 p.m. followed by a shiur on women and Halachah. **Rabbi Chaim Sknowitz** will present the first of a three-part series entitled Kaddish, Kiddush and Kedushah.

CHILDREN OF THE FUTURE

A fundraising fashion show to raise funds for children in Chernobyl features a theatrical presentation of eight Toronto designers, 8 p.m. at the Future Bakery, Yonge and St. Clair. For information, 693-1035.

Thursday, Oct. 6

MAKING PEACE WORK

Canadian Friends of Peace Now annual meeting taking place at Temple Sinai with keynote speaker **Tzaly Reshef**, founder and official spokesperson for Peace Now (Israel) and distinguished attorney in civil rights cases in Jerusalem, whose topic will be Making Peace Work: Surprises and Challenges. Meeting starts 7:30 p.m., speaker at 8.

BETH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

Beth Sholom Sisterhood and State of Israel Bonds invite members and friends to the opening luncheon at 12:30 p.m. honoring Sisterhood member **Eve Rothblott**. Guest speaker is **Barbara Bank**, chair of Women's Division, UJA 1995. Couvert $20. Reserve now, 495-8373

And What Else Is New...

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Sholom adult education classes:

Mondays, 8 p.m. — Yiddish language course for beginners with **Solomon Nusbaum**. No background necessary. Starting Oct. 3.

Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. — Art classes with **Terri Sugar Keyfetz**, nine-week course $75. Starting Oct. 4.

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. — Emet Ve'emuna with **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein**. What makes Conservative Jews different? How are we unique from Orthodox and Reform Jews? Starting Oct. 11.

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. — Class in Tanach (Hebrew Bible) with **Dave Beck**. Starting Oct. 5.

Thursdays, 8 p.m. The Book of Samuel starting with David with **Jacob Israeli**, $40 for six classes. Starting Oct. 6.

Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Shiva Kaddish, Yahrzeit and Yiskor: What are my obligations? with **Cantor Israel Gutman**. Starts Oct. 20.

For information, call the synagogue office at 783-6103.

FOLKDANCING FOR WOMEN

Folkdancing classes for women only are held Mondays, beginners 7:30-8 p.m. and intermediate 8-9 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call **Sophie**, 221-6280.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

Two interesting exhibits are on view at the Koffler Gallery from Sept. 29 to Oct. 30.

The Quilt Project, with the participation of more than 100 women from across Canada, shows quilting as a historically subversive activity and as a means by which women have documented their lives and their histories. Presented in collaboration with the Women's Art Resource Centre in Toronto.

The Succah Project, a three-dimenional structure designed by Toronto architects **Guela Solow** and **Susan Spiegel** with contributions from over 20 women artists.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Conversational Hebrew courses offered this fall with **Yael Lev**.

Daytime classes designed for parents who have children in day schools, three levels, mornings or afternoons, at Associated Hebrew School (Neptune branch) and Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Evening classes in the intermediate and advanced levels, Mondays at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 8:30-10 p.m., and Wednesdays at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch 8 to 9:30 p.m.

All classes start the week of Oct. 3. For information and registration, call Yael, 225-6151.

JEWISH COOKBOOK

Save the GST and support a Jewish charity! Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's Lev Zahav chapter is now selling *Lillian Kaplun's Kitchen*, a com-

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memorative cookbook featuring over 200 of Lillian's best recipes. This book includes many traditional Jewish dishes, suggestions for Jewish holiday feasts and many helpful hints. Price is $20. To order your copy, call Forest Hill contact, 480-2017, or Avenue/401 contact, 633-7374 or Thornhill contact, (905) 669-4284.

ISRAELI DANCING

Israeli dancing for women only is held at Beth Avraham Joseph Congregation of Toronto (BAYT) Mondays, starting Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. for beginners and 9 p.m. for intermediate and advanced. Charge is $5 per evening.

VIEWMOUNT TINY TOTS

Viewmount Tiny Tots Co-op, for children aged 2 by Dec. 31, 1994, offers a creative program with experienced ECE-trained teachers. Only two spots are available, so call **Carla Warb**, 784-3098 now. This is a North York Parks and Recreation program.

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Folkdancing classes for women only, intermediate level, with Israeli and chasana dancing, are held Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. For information, **Sophie**, 221-6280.

JEWISH BODY, JEWISH SOUL

On Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Oct. 6 to Dec. 8, Jewish Body, Jewish Soul is presenting Morning Movement and Awareness Meditation (with children) exploring biblical themes with instructor **Shelley Duke.** Cost $75 or $10 per class. Register at the JCC Bloor Y branch.

Also on Thursday mornings, 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Kolel's The Genesis Narratives uses text study to look at real life themes and biblical stories. Cost $75, students $40. Register through Kolel, (905) 660-3154.

JF&CS GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service will be conducting a group, beginning in October, for women incest survivors. For information, call JF&CS, 638-7800 and ask for **Karen Wynnychuck**, ext. 806, or **Gail Solish**, (905) 882-2331, ext. 25.

HEBREW ULPAN

The Israel Youth Program Centre invites you to improve your Hebrew conversational skills in a fun and exciting environment through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles at the intermediate conversational ulpan led by **Yael Lev**. Classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the JCC North Y and last for 10 sessions. People of all ages are welcome. Space is limited, so sign up now. For information, call the Israel Program Centre, 398-6931.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the CIP office at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261.

WHY THE JEWS?

Aish haTorah presents Why the Jews? The Shocking Explanation for the World's Longest Hatred (Anti-Semitism), Tuesday, Oct.4 at 8 p.m. at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. or Wednesday Oct. 4, 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, suite 303, with **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**. Fee $5. To register or for information, call 636-7530.

JERUSALEM THE ETERNAL CITY

The University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies is offering a six-week course on Jerusalem. The course, on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting Oct. 17, will include sessions on the history of Jerusalem from biblical times to the modern era, including the Herodian, Roman and Middle Ages periods. Present day Jerusalem and its major sites and the projected future of the Eternal City will be covered in the course outline. Instructor is **Aaron Nussbaum**. Register by phone, 978-2400, or by fax 978-6666.

HEBREW AND YIDDISH

Hebrew and Yiddish classes will be given at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, sponsored by North York Board of Education. Fee is $49, seniors $5, for seven-week session. For information and registration, **Helena Isenberg**, 636-3544.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.**, the next eight-week session of **60 and Holding**, a nutrition counselling and weight reduction program, starts Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10-11:30 a.m. For information, 785-2500, ext. 2267.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch offers fall courses starting the week of Oct. 3:

Beginners Bridge, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Intermediate Bridge, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.; Knitting, Crocheting, Crewel, all levels, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. These courses are co-sponsored by North York Board of Education and the JCC. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami. A trip to Washington, D.C., to the Holocaust Memorial and other interesting sights with professional tour guide takes place Oct. 30 to Nov. 3. Package deal $484 Canadian double occupancy includes bus and four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059, for information.

Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing Tuesdays 1 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m.

Aluma Canadian Israel Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. On Sept. 29, the movie *Schindler's List* will be screened 6:30 p.m. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events and trips: It's time to get excited about the annual bazaar taking place Sunday, Oct. 23, in the clubhouse, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., bargains galore, free admission; Sunday, Oct. 2, dance with a live band at the Community Centre, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $4, non-members $5; Thursday, Oct. 13, general membership meeting 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Centre with entertainment and refreshments (please make an effort to attend); Oct. 17-20, Atlantic City casino trip, members $325 Canadian double occupancy, non-members $335 (call for details); Tuesdays, Nov. 1 and 15, local day trips, members only $5. For information on all activities, 395-7881.

Mel Lastman Place Variety Players Variety Show, with songs, dance and jokes galore, will perform Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. at **North York Seniors Centre**, 21 Hendon Ave. Tickets $5 refreshments and prizes. Reserve early, seating is limited. Call 733-4111.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is holding the second orientation for the Israeli trip (Oct. 31 to Nov. 21) on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. The fall color cruise to Bobcageon Wednesday, Oct. 5, includes a visit to Weitung Indian Gallery. For information on all activities, call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Senior Adult Services in the Annex offers a wide variety of interesting programs. Call 923-8909 for details.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

An evening of classical music, presented by the Special Events Committee and Lifelong Learning Institute, on Monday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m., features pianist **Shaya Petroff** and violinist **Youri Zaidenberg**. Members $2, non-members $3. Tickets at the information desk.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Osteoporosis Support Group with occupational therapist **Joan Turner** meets Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. For information, **Brenda**, 225-2112.

An information session on out-of-country insurance is being held Thursday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. Panelists are **Jackie Mann** of North American Life, **Lawrence Sinukoff** of John Ingles Insurance, **Sherry Waddingham** of Blue Cross, and **Ari Stolzman** of 21st Century Travel. Everyone welcome. For information, call **Barbara** or **Bookie** at 225-2112.

The movie *Carousel* will be screened Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2:30 p.m., non-members $1.

Don't miss an afternoon of songs in many languages with **Audrey Furs** Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

A reminder that Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, celebrates its fifth anniversary with a dinner-dance and entertainment Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. Members $14, non-members $16. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Service North Y branch, starts Learning Experiences with Nutrition and Fitness presented by **Nancy Rogers**, North York public health nurse, Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free admission. For information, call **Yvonne** at 636-1880, ext. 259.

About People

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT

Toronto chiropractor **Dr. Marshall Deltoff** of the Central Chiropractic Group in North York has been appointed as a part-time professor of radiology for the new chiropractic doctorate program at l'Universite du Quebec a Trois Rivieres. The doctor of chiropractic program at UQTR is the first of its kind in the world, and this fall radiology will be featured in the French-language curriculum for the first time. Deltoff will also act as a consultant in the design and construction of the X-ray Department of the new Pavillon de Chiropractique, scheduled for completion in the spring of 1995.

NA'AMAT CRAFT SALE

Slizzards, the soft sculptured toys seen above, are among the interesting assortment of handicrafts, boutique items and gifts created by over 100 crafts people for the Na'amat Canada-Pioneer Women Beersheba Club's annual craft and gift sale taking place Monday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bayview Village Mall, Sheppard and Bayview. There will also be hourly prizes and a clown for the children. Proceeds go to child care and education. Admission is free.

KOSHER COOKING CLASSES

The courses offered by the Kashruth Council of Toronto's Kosher Cooking School are under the direction of teacher and home economist Vivian Anhang, shown above. Courses include Seminar on Healthful Jewish Living (Oct. 11); Quick and Easy Cooking (Oct. 18); Gourmet Cooking and Entertaining (Oct. 25); Casseroles Galore, Part II (Nov. 8); Dreamy Desserts (Nov. 15). All sessions will be held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. For information and registration, call 635-9550.

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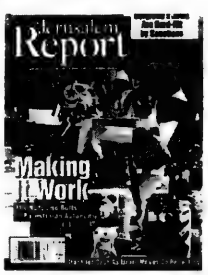

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Graham Coughtry's abstract work hangs at Baycrest Centre.

Canadian art work at Baycrest

TORONTO — An important Canadian work of art has finally found a home at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The large wall mural by renowned Canadian artist Graham Coughtry is a gift from the city of North York. Unofficially titled, *The Sun*, it was the first commissioned work by Coughtry. The brightly, colored abstract work measures approximately 18 ft. by 8 ft.

Completed in 1957, the mural adorned a curved wall of a lighting showroom at Revere Electric on Victoria Street until 1982. At that time, the building was sold and the new owner made plans to gut the structure — mural and all. However, the building vendors, with the assistance of lawyer Aaron Milrad, an arts expert, worked to save it.

They gave the mural to the city of North York and after it was painstakingly removed and restored, it was put on display at the Civic Centre. Unfortunately, city hall renovations in 1988 left no room to properly display the mural and the city began seeking a suitable new home for it.

After an extensive search, City of North York chose Baycrest which has a long history of appreciating and collecting public art. The walls of the facility feature bright, lively works of art.

The art, all of which has been donated, serves not only to beautify the halls, it also acts as a stimulus for clients and makes them feel like they are in a more home-like setting.

Restoration and installation of the mural at Baycrest was made possible by Harry and Yetta Ungerman and their family who have long been major benefactors of Baycrest.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

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HU to run lecture series

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Issues and Insights, the lecture series presented by the New Leadership division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, will open its five-part 1994-95 program on Nov. 15 with Thomas Friedman, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner.

The author of *From Beirut To Jerusalem* and chief White House correspondent for the *New York Times* will speak on The Challenge of Peace: An Insightful Account of Middle East Politics Today.

On Dec. 11, Rabbi David Wolpe of the University of Judaism (Los Angeles) will discuss How to Talk to Children (and yourself) about God.

The Jan. 23 session will feature Judaism and Sexual Behavior: a debate on the controversial 1994 Rabbinical Assembly Report on Human Sexuality. Panelists are Rabbi Elliot Dorff, author of the report, and Rabbi David Novak, member of the Union for Traditional Judaism. Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation will moderate the debate.

Letty Cottin Pogrebin, founding editor of *Ms.* magazine and author of *Deborah, Golda and Me: Being Jewish and Female in America*, will speak on Why Feminism is Good for Judaism. Her lecture will be held on March 28.

The series will wind up on May 17 with the world premiere of *Expulsion and Memory*, a Simcha Jacobovici film on the Conversos of Spain. Jacobovici, a Toronto film-maker and director, will provide commentary on the film.

All Issues and Insights lectures except the final one will take place at Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst Street. The synagogue is a sponsor of the series. Jacobovici's film is scheduled to be shown at the Ontario Science Centre. Lectures start at 7:45 p.m. sharp.

Subscription tickets for the five lectures are on sale now through Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University for $99 ($90 student rate). The series is run on a non-profit basis.

"We tried to figure out how we could cover a broad spectrum of topics that address modern-day, real-life [Jewish] issues," said Toby Deverett, co-chair of the issues and insights committee.

Both Deverett and her co-chair, Kayla Estrin, joined the New Leadership division after attending previous lectures in the series. "I thought they were great, and decided to get involved," said Estrin, a Hebrew University alumna.

The New Leadership division of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University was established in 1985. Its members range in age from approximately 25 to 40 years old, and their goals include education, fundraising and leadership development.

Stan Urman gets post at Ottawa Va'ad Ha'Ir

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

Stan Urman

OTTAWA — After more than 10 years working in the international arena, Stanley Urman has turned his eye to the local scene.

A former national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress as well as executive director of the Canadian Centre for Global Security, Urman was recently appointed executive director of Ottawa's Jewish Community Council, the Va'ad Ha'Ir.

There hasn't been a dull moment since he started the job in August, Urman says. Among other things, he worked with synagogues and schools to beef up security after this summer's bombings in Argentina and London, and a suspected fire bombing a few weeks ago of Ecole Maimonides, a French immersion day school in Ottawa.

He has already taken steps to examine the community's need to replace its aging Jewish community centre and retirement home. And on the horizon is a complaint to the Canadian Press Council that *The Ottawa Citizen* falsely accused the Va'ad of pressuring the Ottawa Board of Education to drop *The Merchant of Venice* from the high school curriculum.

In fact, the Board was asked, and agreed, to move the play from the Grade 9 curriculum to the senior grades because older students were thought to be mature enough to analyze the work's anti-Semitic stereotypes.

Before coming to his new position, Urman was executive director of the Canadian Centre for Global Security, a non-profit organization that promotes peace and security. He has also served as associate director of Jewish affairs for Charles Bronfman at Claridge Inc. in Montreal; executive director of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation; national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress and part-time political science lecturer at Concordia University.

Urman says he accepted the offer to take the reins at the Jewish Community Council because he wanted to get back to working for Israel and the Jewish community. He has brought with him years of administrative expertise, as well as contacts with Jewish leaders and organizations all over North America and Israel.

In Ottawa, Urman says, he has found a warm community and able leaders.

"One of the things that most impressed me and was a factor in my decision [to take the job] was the quality of the leadership in the Va'ad. They've got people of talent and substance. As a professional that's what you need to get the job done," he says.

Urman replaces Gerry Koffman who returned to Winnipeg, his home town, where he is now director of the combined Jewish Appeal Campaign.

New group for Orthodox students starts in Canada

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yavneh Olami, a Jerusalem-based organization for Orthodox students, is beginning operations in Canada.

The organization's new director, former Torontonian Rabbi Maury Kelman, made the announcement on a recent visit to Toronto.

A small committee has been formed to set up a structure and plan activities here, composed of young adults who have participated in Yavneh Olami's programs in Jerusalem.

Pam Geist, who is completing her final year at York University, said that the group plans to include Orthodox students attending York University, University of Toronto, Ryerson, and community colleges.

The first program was a Simchas Beis Hashoeva, a traditional Sukkot celebration, co-sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Besides providing the opportunity to meet other observant university students, the function also raised funds for the Israeli MiAs, Geist explained.

They would like to hold Chanukah and Purim programs, start a chesed program, and form a support group for students making aliyah.

"Yavneh Olami has lots of contacts in Israel, so it can really help with jobs and social connections. We want to give emotional support and information."

The committee is also involved with the creation of the Or Chaim Yeshiva Kollel program, which is beginning in early October.

An important element is expected to be chevruta learning, where a less knowledgeable student is paired with a more experienced one, to the benefit, tradition says, of both.

Yavneh wants to "bridge the gap between universities," Geist said, not just institutions in Toronto, but in other cities as well. She said that they are planning Shabbatonim within Toronto, and in conjunction with universities in the United States, such as Columbia.

Input welcomed

She said that the committee welcomes input and suggestions from those interested in taking part.

In Israel, Yavneh Olami targets one-year program students, young Anglo-Saxon olim and observant university students throughout the world.

Geist took part in a recent Summer Internship Program, in which the organization provided job placements in the students' own field of study, giving them Israeli work experience, as well as providing an apartment, shiurim, trips and Shabbatonim, all at a reasonable cost.

For more information, contact Geist, at 633-9582 or Jonah Kruger, (905) 881-6436.

Correction

In the article "Holy Blossom used for Global TV series" (*CJN*, Sept. 14), it was erroneously reported that Rabbi Larry Pinsker plays himself on the series *Ready or Not*. In fact, actor Jank Azman plays the role of Rabbi Pinsker.

The article also stated that Dr. Rob Silver is "back-up" cantor at his congregation, when he in fact shares those duties equally with another. We regret any embarrasment this may have caused.

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Apotex donates name to North York theatre

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A 50 cent cup of coffee led to a $1,000,000 gift for the right to have the theatre where *Show Boat* is playing named for his company, Apotex president Barry Sherman said recently.

"Mayor Mel Lastman invited me to lunch and I turned down the bid because I didn't want to be under any obligation to North York," Sherman said at a glittering dedication ceremony held at the North York Performing Arts Centre (NYPAC).

"But the mayor kept after me and suggested a cup of coffee instead of a lunch and I accepted."

The ceremony to name the Apotex Theatre produced a surprise star, Sherman's wife, Honey, who received an ovation when she was introduced.

"She deserves the credit," Mayor Lastman said, adding that the Sherman donation is the largest single gift so far received toward the cost of the NYPAC.

"I'm often reminded by my wife Marilyn that behind every successful man there is an exhausted woman," said the mayor.

Honey Sherman told *The CJN* that "if I am the power behind the throne, my husband is the only one who doesn't know. He has no trouble speaking to 8,000 people at a time. I can speak to 8,000 people too, one at a time."

She said no perks come with the $1 million gift and the Shermans will have to pay for tickets to shows in the Apotex Theatre like everyone else.

Sherman said he hesitated at first because, through a foundation, his company sponsors medical and health care research. But in recognition of Apotex's 20th anniversary and its corporate location in North York, he decided to name the theatre.

When it first started in North York, Apotex, which makes generic drugs, employed a staff of two and had 11,000 square feet of space. Today it has 1,500 employees and more than a million square feet in property in North York and Etobicoke, making it the largest independent drug company in Canada.

Jeff Lyons, the master of ceremonies and a member of the NYPAC board, said the Sherman family combines caring and civic pride and noted that they are supporters of the Weizman Institute in Israel, Mount Sinai Hopsital and Baycrest Centre. But Barry Sherman doesn't neglect his family duties, either, taking his brief case to the ski slopes where he works while his children ski, Lyons said.

Mayor Lastman said it was fitting that the theatre which is hosting one of the world's best mega-musicals should be named Apotex.

"Like the theatre itself, Apotex has taken on the world's best and won, just like the city of North York," said Sergio Marchi, federal minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Garth Drabinsky, head of LIVENT, which operates NYPAC, was introduced by Lyons as the man who has made Toronto number three in the world in live entertainment.

"The NYPAC is now an inherent part of Canada's cultural landscape," said Drabinsky. "A total of 700,000 people have been to see *Show Boat* or to Recital Hall concerts. It has generated in excess of $1,000,000 in capital funds for the centre."

Show Boat is already in previews on Broadway, he said, and the advance ticket sales have set a record for a musical revival, "notwithstanding a disproportionate amount of attention from the media."

A half-hour of hits from *Show Boat* closed out the evening. Patti Cohenour (Magnolia) and Hugh Panaro (Gaylord Ravenal) sang *Make Believe*, Valarie Pettiford (Julie) *Can't Help Lovin Dat Man* and Dan Tullis, Jr., *Old Man River*.

From left: Honey Sherman, Barry Sherman and Honey Sherman's sister, Mary Shechtman, at the dedication of the Apotex Theatre.

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Borodow gets gold at Commonwealth Games

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Andy Borodow, officially Canada's best wrestler in his weight class (130-kg), returned from the recent Commonwealth Games in Victoria bearing two souvenirs.

One of them, a gold medal, Borodow garnered after beating Nigerian freestyler Jackson Bidei.

But the other, a sprained right ankle, was the price Borodow paid in a semi-final match-up.

In an interview following his return to Montreal, the 24-year-old Cote St. Luc native downplayed the injury.

It came after his semi-final opponent "shot in on my legs and I went sprawling."

The injury forced Borodow to call injury time and wrap his ankle. But he said he has competed and won before with a lot worse, such as when he suffered a potentially serious ligament tear in his right knee at the 1992 Canadian Nationals that forced him to withdraw.

The fact that Borodow perservered despite the sprain shows some of his grit. He finished in a respectable fifth place at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona in Greco-Roman (G-R), the style of wrestling that restricts throws and holds to above the waist.

"I usually don't feel too much pain when I'm wrestling, because I'm concentrating," observed Borodow, who seems to have shed some of his well-known shyness as he's matured.

"But I'd rather have won without the injury."

The last few years have had their ups and downs for Borodow.

On the plus side, Borodow went back to his wrestling roots by reconciling with Victor Zilberman after a falling out that lasted two years. Zilberman heads the famed Montreal Wrestling Club (MWC). Zilberman's assistants are Rob Moore, who accompanied Borodow to Victoria, and Garry Kallos, a great veteran Jewish wrestler in his own right.

At the last Maccabiah Games, Borodow triumphed and he now has won a total of four golds, one silver and one bronze at the "Jewish Olympics."

In 1993 and 1994, Borodow also took the Canadian nationals in his weight class in both freestyle and Greco-Roman, and two months ago he also won at a meet for Francophonie nations in Paris.

On the other hand, Borodow, according to Zilberman, has been performing better at Greco-Roman than at freestyle. At the freestyle World Cup in Edmonton, for example, Borodow finished a respectable fifth. But at the worlds in 1993 in Toronto, he ended in 10th spot and he has not subsequently made the world free-style team, Zilberman said.

'I don't think I wrestled well at all'

In his coach's view, even Borodow's performance at Greco-Roman, his true forte, could be more consistent. In Sweden last year, for example, Borodow did not even place in the G-R event.

Borodow himself seems to recognize that not all of his efforts are always up to world class standards. In fact, it was Borodow's apparent lack of self-discipline that played a part in his original falling out with Zilberman.

Borodow says, for example, that while he was "really happy" to have won at Victoria and really enjoyed himself, "I don't think I wrestled well at all. I wasn't as aggressive as I should have been.

"I was expected to win and I think I wouuld have really been disappointed if I hadn't.

"I'd like to see myself get stronger, more conditioned in every single area. That's what every single athlete strives for."

Zilberman is hoping for the same thing, but he does not feel that his protege has yet lived up to that promise, in part due to Borodow's own lack of total commitment and in part due to the two years Zilberman could not guide him.

At this stage of his career, Zilberman says, Borodow is still not yet "in the league" to seriously take on the world's two best wrestlers in the 130-kg. class, American Greco-Roman specialist Bruce Baumgarten, and Alexandre Kareline, the freestyler who beat Borodow in Barcelona.

"Sure, it's nice to win at the Francophonie and the Commonwealth," Zilberman says, "but that's just part of it, the preliminary matches."

Zilberman feels Borodow still has what it takes to live up to his promise, but he has to find the commitment within himself, he says. Zilberman thinks he can.

And Borodow will get his chance. At writing, he was due to leave for the Greco-Roman Worlds in Finland. Next year, he'll go to Argentina for the Pan-Am Games. He says he will have to place among the top three in Argentina or among the top eight at the Worlds, as well as win the Canadian Nationals and Olympic trials, in order to qualify for Atlanta in '96.

Meanwhile, Zilberman is also looking forward to some performances from other Jewish wrestlers in his stable.

Oleg Ladik, a 100-kg. Jewish freestyler from the former Soviet Union, is eligible for world championships and is a great bet to make the Olympic team, Zilberman feels. Ladik has won the Canadian nationals, the Maccabiah and the World Cup, but must next win his Canadian citizenship to compete in Atlanta.

Another Jewish wrestler showing great promise is John Chambers, a 17-year-old graduate of Wagar High School who took second place in the provincial championships and is a "definite candidate for the Maccabiah Games," Zilberman said.

George Reinitz, the head of Jaymar Furniture and a former champion Jewish wrestler himself continues to be the MWC's greatest booster, in terms of morale and financially.

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Rivka Golani to bring musical talents to North York theatre

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Some two decades ago, Rivka Golani was a music student at Ramat-Aviv University in Tel Aviv, specializing in the violin, when she made a decision that would change her life and have significant repercussions on the international music scene.

"I didn't even discuss it with my parents," the fiery-haired Israeli virtuoso recalled recently in Toronto, where she has been living almost since her graduation. "I remember coming to my teacher and telling him I wanted to study the viola — it was the viola or nothing, there could be no discussion.

"He was really surprised because to him I was not big physically, and he was even laughing — he thought that something had happened to me. I said, 'I'm very serious, it's the viola or nothing,' and he gave me one of his violas. I took it and practised 10 to 12 hours a day, like a meshugene, from morning to night."

When Golani steps onto the stage at the North York Performing Arts Centre Oct. 16, the results of her musical labors should be well appreciated, as they are in concert halls around the world. One of only a handful of viola soloists anywhere, she is credited with almost single-handedly popularizing the instrument that conductors and composers had habitually dismissed as a larger, lower-voiced and less elegant cousin to the ubiquitous violin.

"When I made the decision to switch to the viola, I saw it as a very colorful instrument, but traditionally, it was not accepted as a solo instrument," she said. "It was not a bravura instrument. It was slow and low, and was used for elegies and memorial pieces. It's not really vibrant like the violin."

But Golani has changed all that. She has played solo viola with many of the world's finest symphony orchestras, including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Israel Philharmonic, and is featured as a soloist on almost two dozen recordings. Incredibly, more than 180 compositions have been written expressly for her, including 22 concertos.

"A German composer heard one of my pieces on the radio, found me, and wrote an unbelievable concert for me, a Holocaust piece," she said. "That is just one example."

Her playing typically receives excellent notices. "Rivka Golani breathes life into every note and phrase, be it Britten, Schumann or Schubert," extolled the *Jerusalem Post*. The *New York Times* has described her as "a violist of passion and taste."

Besides music, Golani excelled in math as a teenager, and was considered a precocious genius who could solve complex problems with little difficulty. "I didn't even know how I did it. I used to go to sleep and wake up with the answer. And these were very complicated problems that only a few people in the country could solve."

As well, she is a talented visual artist who paints to relax. Two years ago, she produced a 24-foot-long canvas to stand as the backdrop for a musical performance in England, both on the theme of Jacob's Ladder. She has also produced a series of canvases with British artist Israel Zohar, including some 20 oil paintings of WWII refugees that were stolen in mid-September from a London warehouse. The theft received wide attention in the British press.

But most of her time is spent with the viola, learning new pieces to add to her enormous and constantly growing repertoire. "In the last month I've been working on 10 new pieces, not all necessarily contemporary. Some are baroque, some are romantic, and some are modern pieces that I'm premiering."

Rivka Golani

Is there a Jewish element in the sounds she coaxes from the viola? "My Jewishness is so much in me, it's in my interpretation, of course it comes out. Whatever we [Jewish players] do is an expression of our deepest selves. But we have to be careful, when we work in a certain style like baroque or classical, not to mix in too much of the romantic tendencies that we have.

"Jewish players do have certain shared characteristics. There's a warmth, a certain freedom of expression, an openness, lots of pain, humor and wittiness. This is very much expressed in our art as well as in our music."

Born in the British Mandate of Palestine shortly before the birth of Israel, Golani credits her parents, who made aliyah from Poland before the war, and others of that generation, for providing the inspiring, supportive background she needed to develop artistically. "They were very idealistic people, very clean, very honest, very modest. You don't find many people like that anymore," she said.

"For them, the thing was not to make it, but to live in the country. For the most part, they lived closely with the Arabs as neighbors. All the hatred that we have today — they knew nothing of it . . . . I think there was a certain kind of idealism in Israel in those days, that today we can only cherish."

In conversation, Golani paints a touchingly warm and nostalgic portrait of the Israel of her childhood, and school days. "We'd go to kibbutzim to play concerts, and no one ever thought of money," she recalled. "No one thought of how much he or she would make. It was the event itself that paid us. It was not a commercial event or a commercial world. Take about romanticism! It really was a romantic period, and very idealistic."

Golani's upcoming performance in North York is the beginning of a scheduled musical tour that will take her to England, Holland and Israel — which she tries to visit at least once a year. "I was born there and my heart is there. And there are still certain values there that I don't find anywhere else," she said.

Winnipeg Jewish Theatre set to start eighth season

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Theatre is entering its eighth season and looking to follow up on the success of last spring's hit The Diary of Anne Frank with another record-breaking attendance year.

"We are most excited about the number of local actors we are integrating into our productions this year," said WJT publicist Liana Sanders. "This will be the largest number of local actors we have ever used."

The season begins Sept. 29 with a 10-day run of Ivan Menchell's *The Cemetery Club*. The play about women and friendship stars veteran local actors Doreen Brownstone, Nancy Drake and Cliff Gardner, and television and stage actor Joyce Gordon.

On Dec. 5, the WJT is staging a one-day workshop performance of *None Is Too Many* by local playwright Joel Greenberg. This is the first of the theatre's annual "play in the works." The production will be the culmination of a two-week effort by local writers and actors.

On March 11 and 12, the WJT is premiering *The Always Prayer Shawl* by local playwright Sheldon Oberman, based on his recent book of the same name in which a prayer shawl is passed down through many generations in Russia and America. The play, directed by Miriam Bernstein, is set in Winnipeg's north end.

For its final presentation of the 1994-95 season, the WJT is staging the Canadian premiere of Herb Gardner's Tony-nominated *Conversations With My Father* from April 27 to May 7. The play is a coming-of-age story concerning the son of an immigrant Jewish tavern owner on New York's Lower East Side.

The 1994-95 season will also see the WJT building on its outreach programs. "Not only are we seeking audiences, but we are also seeking interaction and input," said artistic director Kayla Gordon. Last year, over 4,500 students saw *The Diary of Anne Frank* through the outreach program.

Jewish poetry and songs

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An unusual evening of Jewish poetry and song takes place Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

The evening is sponsored by the Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library. Admission is free.

Adam Fuerstenberg, professor of English at Ryerson Polytechnic University, will speak on major trends in contemporary Canadian Jewish poetry.

The musical portion of the program is to be provided by musicologist Faye Kellerstein, well known for making Yiddish music interesting to young people. She will be accompanied by Jordan Klapman.

Vivian Reiss will read the poetry of Miriam Waddington, Leonard Cohen, Irving Layton, A.M. Klein and Peretz Miransky.

Local Jewish poets reading from their own works include Simcha Simchovitch, Donia Blumenfeld Clenman, Kenneth Sherman and Morton Manilla.

Simchovitch, recipient of I.J. Segal and Toronto Jewish Book Committee awards, will read his latest poems translated from Yiddish and some new Yiddish poems.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Winners of Jewish Playwriting Contest: A profound family-Holocaust drama and a rich historical drama have shared top honors in this year's Canadian Jewish playwriting contest, sponsored by the Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto. The plays, *This Night the Kapo* and *Gordin in America*, were chosen from 20 entries. As winners, they have been earmarked to received professionally directed staged public readings

This Night the Kapo, by Montrealer Robert Majzels, concerns an inmate's disturbing encounter with a brutal kapo in a Nazi death camp. *Gordin in America* is a concise theatrical biography of Jacob Gordin, the doyen of Yiddish theatre in New York at the turn of the century. The author, Beth Kaplan of Toronto, is a direct descendent of Gordin's and had access to family records.

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Exciting Opportunity for Playwrights: The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto invites playwrights to submit works in progress to First Words, a series of monthly readings of plays in development of interest to the Jewish community.

Scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month beginning Oct. 11, First Words offer playwrights the opportunity to showcase their work and receive constructive criticism through a facilitated audience discussion.

"We hope this project will help develop a potential audience for Jewish theatre and also help aspiring playwrights who need to test a work-in-progress," said Ralph Wintrob, committee chair. For more information, contact Florence Marantz, program director, Bloor JCC, 924-6211, or Dorothy Lichtblau, First Words coordinator, 533-4264.

Chanukiah Wins $10,000 Award: Choosing from some 200 submisions from around the world, judges at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago have awarded a $10,000 first prize to Israeli artist Janet Berg in a competition for exceptional designs on a Chanukah menorah.

Berg's winning design combines glass and metal in a cylindrical design, representative of the miracle of the Temple Menorah. Berg's chanukiah holds vials of oil that burn continuously for eight days. An exhibition displaying the winner and 25 finalists opens Sunday Oct. 2 at the Spertus Museum, 618 South Michigan Ave., Chicago.

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Jewish Films in Buffalo: This year's Jewish Film Festival opens on the evening of Oct. 22, and runs through Oct. 27 in Buffalo. Films are screened at the Amherst Theatre, University Plaza, 3500 Main St. For details, contact Gail Pitterman, (716) 688-3572.

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Writing Competition: Top prize is $2,500, and second prize $1,000, in the Writers' Union of Canada second annual Short Prose Competition for Developing Writers. The contest is open to all writers in Canada who have not been published in book format. An entry fee of $25 should accompany your selection of 2,000 to 2,500 words of non-fiction or fiction prose in English. Deadline Nov. 3. WUC, 24 Ryerson Ave., Toronto Ont. M5T 2P3. (416) 868-6914.

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Miscellaneous Notes: The Ontario Youth Choir presents the final concert performance of its 1994 tour in Toronto at Grace Church on-the-Hill, 350 Lonsdale Rd., Toronto, Oct. 1, 7.30 p.m. Michael Jones, (416) 363-7488.

The Black Light Theatre of Prague presents *Alice in Wonderland*, using puppets and black lights and no words, Nov. 1 through 5, Massey Hall, Toronto. Tickets $19 and $16. Box office 60 Simcoe St., (416) 872-4255.

Willowdale Group of Artists holds its annual art show, North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., Monday Oct. 3, 6:30 to 9:30.

A show of paintings by Safed-born artist Hannah Sandberg, whose colorful canvases illuminate the Torah, is on view at the Faculty Club Restaurant, S166 Ross Building, York University, Toronto, through Nov. 18. Contact Delwyn Higgens, (416) 739-9357.

Stage Centre Productions presents *Witness For The Prosecution*, by Agatha Christie, at Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., Toronto. Playing Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Wednesday to Oct. 8. Adults $15. Reservations, (416) 299-5557.

Gallery One, 121 Scollard St., Toronto, features an exhibiton of new paintings by Joseph Drapell, daily except Sunday 10.30 to 5 p.m. As the gallery's Goldie Konopny and Sharon Fischtein explain: "We all know the Czech emigre writers Milan Kundera and Josef Skvorecky, and now the art of Joseph Drapell is joining them in the international consciousness. We are glad that such considerable acclaim and success have already come to him, but we also know that there is much more ahead."

Spy thriller loosely based on reality

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Although *Les Patriotes* opens with a disclaimer that it is fictional in nature, nothing could be further from the truth.

Names and dates are changed, but anyone remotely familiar with the Middle East will know better.

Les Patriotes, which was screened recently at the Toronto International Film Festival, is a gripping spy thriller based on two unconnected events — the effort by Israel to sabotage Iraq's nuclear bomb project and the Jonathan Jay Pollard espionage case.

Directed with considerable skill by Eric Rochand, *Les Patriotes* revolves around a young idealistic Parisian Jew, Ariel Brenner (Yvan Attal), who makes aliyah and joins the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency.

Brenner is soon disillusioned by the Mossad's ruthless methods, and thus *Les Patriotes* is essentially a film about moral ambiguity.

It begins as Brenner is put through a series of sometimes ludicrous tests to determine his competency for the Mossad. Having proved himself, Brenner is assigned to a special unit responsible for obtaining the blueprints of a nuclear plant being built in an "anti-Israeli country"(Iraq) by France.

Through artful manipulation, Brenner and his team ensnare a married French engineer in a web of sexual blackmail. Having compromised him, they target an Iraqi nuclear scientist. They use an attractive French call girl (Sandrine Kiberlain) to knock him out of commission.

The murder of the Iraqi in a Paris hotel room is not a figment of Rochand's imagination. It actually happened in the late 1970s. In *Les Patriotes*, the date is moved up by several years.

Be that as it may, the subsequent disappearance and probable death of the prostitute, in which the Mossad is implicated, greatly dismays Brenner. Does the end justify the means?

The second part of *Les Patriotes* turns on Brenner's association with Pelman (Richard Masur), a Jewish American analyst employed by a super-secret U.S. spy organization.

Pelman, a man of apparently dubious character, offers to supply Israel with classified material about Arab military capabilities. He is closely modeled after Pollard, who is presently serving a life sentence for treason.

Like Pollard, Pelman believes that the United States should be sharing this sensitive information with Israel, its ally. Impressed by Pelman's data, the Mossad makes increasing demands on him and thus endangers his position.

Filmed in Israel, France and the United States, *Les Patriotes* is a fast-moving, well-acted film which, though 2½-hours long, never bogs down. It raises important questions and tries to answer them without becoming sanctimonious.

Its commercial run in Toronto starts next month.

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Rabid right-wing nationalism is growing in Europe and with it neo-Nazism. Amos Gitai, an Israeli film-maker living in France, examines this disturbing phenomenon in *The Neo-Fascist Trilogy*.

It was screened at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The first segment, *In the Valley of the Wupper*, dissects a bizarre incident which rocked the German town of Wuppertal on Nov. 12, 1992.

In a bar frequented by skinheads, a pensioner who claimed he was half-Jewish was stomped and beaten to death by two neo-Nazis. They dumped his body in Holland.

Gitai visits Wuppertal — a drab industrial city — and poses seemingly innocuous questions about the case.

"Do you know what happened in the bar?" he asks quite innocently. Most passersby are dimly aware of the cold-blooded murder, but show scant interest or concern.

A young man who describes himself as a right-wing radical condemns the murder, but lashes out at asylum-seekers and blacks. A conversation with teenagers reveals traces of xenophobia.

In the Valley of the Wupper is a sombre portrait of a town gripped to an alarming degree by insomnia and indifference. Unfortunately, the film tends to be ponderous and thus somewhat unappealing.

Part two, entitled *In the Name of the Duce*, turns on the 1993 municipal election in Naples and the mayoralty campaign of Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of the late Italian dictator.

A bottled-blond former actress, she denies she is a neo-fascist. Moreover, she voices admiration for Israel. But local Jews are not impressed by her disclaimers. They are deeply afraid of the rebirth of fascism, and they suspect that the neo-fascist party she represents is racist.

A good portion of the film is given over to their angst and their bitter memories of the late-fascist period in Italy, when anti-Semitism was state policy.

This is juxtaposed against scenes of neo-fascists chanting "Mussolini, Mussolini" and party officials refusing to let Gitai film a poster of Benito Mussolini at their headquarters.

Regrettably, *In the Name of the Duce* is largely insipid. The topic deserves better than Gitai's questionable skills.

(Part three was unavailable at the screening I attended.)

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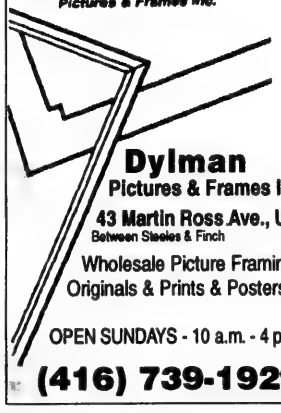
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Singer gets biblical inspiration

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — She begins by reading passages from the Bible, taking notes, studying until she feels herself slipping into a different reality. "Soon I feel myself entering another space, a place not in my everyday life, somewhere completely in my imagination," she says.

"Then I start to get images in my head and I say, 'Okay, now I can paint.' And I go to my jars of paints, and I say, 'Okay, I feel like using blue' ..."

Judy Singer is describing the process by which she painted the set of large, abstract canvases which are currently hanging in the Philip Smith Foyer of the Holy Blossom Temple. Quite appropriately, the title of the exhibition is Paintings Inspired by Scripture.

"So if I start with the blue, then I say, 'Now I need pink.' The canvas builds as I go along, and the whole time, I'm not thinking, I'm feeling. I try to listen to what my inner voice is telling me to do. My brain is not controlling the process, and all the time I'm painting, I'm not in control."

Relying on Biblical and mystical sources, and painting in acrylics, Singer has rendered dozens of large abstract canvases on Biblical themes, such as the painting *Ezekiel's Vision II*, in which one can discern the angels, the wheels within wheels and the watching eyes that are mentioned in the Bible. The painting, one of Singer's favorites, carries a price-tag as lofty as its theme: $3,800.

Judy Singer

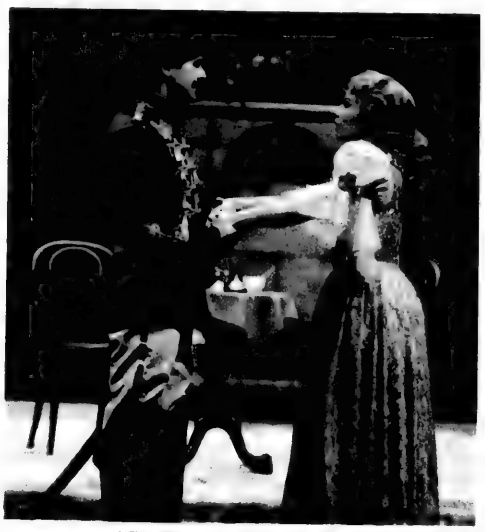
"I was trained classically — I had years of life drawing — but the subject material of abstract art, and what came from the subconscious, was more interesting to me. My inner landscapes were more interesting to me than the outer landscapes."

Singer, who graduated with a Fine Arts degree from York University in 1974, still teaches a course on modernist painting there. Her work has been shown in major galleries across Canada, including the Bonnie Kagan Gallery in Toronto, an early victim of the economic recession.

"I was selling a couple of paintings a month, and then the recession hit and it just stopped," she recalls. "It didn't even gradually decline. It just abruptly stopped."

To make up for the lost income, she joined with her husband, Henry Gotfryd, a landscape architect, in a business endeavor no less transcendental in its own way than her painting. Working in her kitchen, she began baking cakes and pies, selling them to gourmet food shops and hotels.

Today their company, Judy's Country Tarts, rents ovens from a catering company and supplies fresh-fruit baked goods to high-end gourmet food shops like Bruno's and Pusateri's as well as to hotels. Last year, the food section of the *Toronto Star* named Judy's Country Tarts as the best new pie of the year. All the company's products are kosher and pareve.



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Travel

Drainie looks at Jerusalem from outsider's perspective

By BILL GLADSTONE
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TORONTO — Canadian writer Bronwyn Drainie, the wife of a newspaper reporter assigned to the Middle East, returned from Israel earlier this year after living in Jerusalem for two years, and promptly wrote a book capturing her unique perceptions as a self-styled "outsider" to both Jewish and Israeli society.

My Jerusalem: Secular Adventures in the Holy City, published by Doubleday Canada in September ($27.95), "is a domestic view of the Middle East, not one of those interminable books that try to analyse the situation," said Drainie recently in Toronto. "It tries to be a woman's book that tells what it looks like and feels like and smells like to be in such a place. It's meant to be a tactile book."

The eldest daughter of the celebrated Canadian actor John Drainie, about whom she wrote a book-length biography some years ago, Drainie writes a weekly column on Canadian culture for the *Globe and Mail*. Many bookstores in Toronto are displaying her book prominently, some even alongside copies of the other recent book about Israel by a Canadian author — *This Year in Jerusalem*, by Mordecai Richler.

Jerusalem, to Drainie, "is such a mind-opening, mind-expanding place, because it's so related to our origins. It's where our civilization began. The whole concept of monotheism, believing in one God, arose out of Judaism. It's the dominant cultural theme of our civilization, and when you go there the importance of Jerusalem hits you in the stomach."

She and her husband and two preteenaged sons lived in Yemin Moshe, an historic neighborhood in the new city that dates from the 1850s. They lived near the Green Line, the former political divide that still delineates Jewish and Arab sections. According to Drainie, it's a beautiful but somewhat dangerous part of town, with cars being torched and similar incidents occurring several times weekly.

"The real problem of Jerusalem is that both sides (Arabs and Jews) see each other through a distorted mirror of fear," she said. "They see each other in terms of stereotypes. But if you're an outsider, you're removed from that."

Readers who dip into her book will find that she is expert at gleaning much social information from casual encounters at the Supersol (a local supermarket) and from seemingly routine procedures like attempting to get a business card published.

As well, she brings an unswervingly contemporary sensibility to experiences such as confronting the Western Wall, becoming annoyed when orthodox Jewish women seem to look at her disapprovingly for wearing slacks, an item of traditional male apparel.

According to Drainie, being a secular Canadian is one of the strengths that allowed her to avoid the prejudices common to Israelis and write an objective report of her experiences. Near the end of her interview, however, she surprises this reporter by casually divulging that she is, in fact, "half-Jewish."

Her mother — the former Claire Wodlinger, now married to retired film mogul Nat Taylor — is Jewish. According to Jewish tradition that would make Bronwyn fully Jewish, but she and her five siblings were apparently raised with no reference to their Jewish heritage. Her book dispenses with her Jewishness as a curious and largely irrelevent detail.

Coincidentally, Drainie met Richler while in Israel, and each author is mentioned in the other's book. "He had been sent out there by the *New Yorker* to do an article," she related. "He was staying in quarters not far from us in Yemin Moshe. In the end he didn't write the article, but it bloomed into a full-length book."

Cultural community

Drainie said that Richler occasionally accompanied her and her husband, *Globe and Mail* correspondent Patrick Martin, on outings around Jerusalem. "One day, we took him to watch the Franciscan monks, who were carrying a replica of the cross down the Via Delarosa. We followed the monks for about four stations before we got bored. Mordecai said, 'Where can we go to get a drink around here?' and so we did that instead."

Like Richler, but in her own way, Drainie is well-connected to the country's cultural community. Her book launch party, held recently in a large house in midtown Toronto, drew some of the biggest names in Canadian culture, as well as numerous members of the Jewish community.

Among those present were Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Erna Paris, author of *The Garden and the Gun*, an earlier book about Israel; Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee; Allan Gottlieb, former Canadian ambassador to Washington and former chairman of the Canada Council; Katherine Ashenburg, features editor of the *Globe and Mail;* Richard and Sandra Gwyn, political columnist and writer, respectively; Stephen Clarkson and Christine McCall, whose second joint volume on Pierre Trudeau is due for publication soon; and Peter Herrndorf and his wife Eva Czigler, TVO chairman and producer of CBC-TV's *Midday*, respectively.

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BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Richler's book humorous, intelligent

This Year In Jerusalem, by Mordecai Richler (Random House, $27.50)

The first thing to be said about this easily read book, a mingling of reminiscences about the author's youthful involvement with Zionism, Judaism and his family in Montreal, and reportage of his six-week 1992 visit to Israel, is that it is intelligent, winsomely nostalgic, fitfully informative and humorous.

It is at the same time, however, padded with familiar or superfluous material (brief biographical sketches of Zionist leaders, a resume of Arthur Koestler's novel, *Thieves in The Night*, a long story from his maternal grandfather's book about the Golem of Prague, etc.), jarringly simplistic and benevolently even-handed about Jewish and Arab aspirations. For the informed reader it provides few new insights about either Israel or the Middle East. One has the feeling that the material, properly condensed and pared down, would have made several fine magazine articles.

Richler admires Jewish accomplishments in Israel but indicates that "much of it was achieved on land where another people, however unambitious, was rooted. Their failure to cultivate their gardens does not justify their displacement by a stiff-necked people turning up with a book saying, 'This is the turf God Almighty promised me and mine thousands of years ago.' "

In expressing his exasperation with an opinionated young Canadian who regards Israelis as colonial oppressors and the Palestinians as innocent victims, Richler reminds him that some six thousand Jews, many of them even younger than he was, had died in an unnecessary war after five Arab armies invaded Israel in 1948.

"The Palestinians had been undone again and again, not by the courage and panache of the Israelis, or by the machinations of international Jewry, but by the mind-boggling stupidity of their own leaders . . . Had they agreed to the UN partition plan in 1947, they would soon be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their own state made up half of Palestine, as it then was, and including the Old City of Jerusalem."

In considering the many contributions that have been made by Jews to all aspects of growth in Jerusalem, he regards the city as a "brilliantly organized panhandler's heaven. The ultimate Schnorrerville. Clothing manufacturers, real-estate mavens, and stock market gaons are flattered with honorary degrees and photo ops with the prime minister. No issue of the *Jerusalem Post* is complete without its obligatory photographs of a middle-aged American or Canadian couple beaming in front of their gift: a bloodmobile, Talmud study room, tennis school, or intensive cardiac care ambulance."

He is unfair and insensitive when he suggests that non-Jewish leaders are quickly taken to Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Memorial Museum so that the dead may be "brandished as counters for securing favorable loans or trade deals. The six million are invoked as equity."

To former Canadians now residing in Israel, who insist that all Jews should make aliyah because they are hated or unwanted in North America, Richler responds, that Jews have served in "the federal Cabinet, as provincial premiers, leaders of mainstream federal and provincial political parties, chief justices of both the Canadian and Quebec Supreme Courts, and members of Parliament, without provoking riots." Of course, he acknowledges that Jews have had to endure the lunacy of assorted fringe groups.

The book contains interesting accounts of visits to a Palestinian refugee camp, to an Israeli kibbutz and to Kiryat Arba on the West Bank where right-wing settlers are surrounded by a hostile Arab population.

The portions of the book, however, that will be of lasting interest are those that concern growing up in the Montreal of a past era and the colorful characters of the author's youth, some of whom have found a new life in Israel.

The book contains a helpful Hebrew glossary and a selected bibliography.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Deluxe Country Inn in Southern Ontario: Approaching by car along a winding road through the forest, one's first sight of Langdon Hall puts one immediately in mind of Manderley, the British country house from the film *Rebecca*, or Tara, the southern plantation from *Gone With The Wind*. Across the vast expanse of lawn, you see the stately red brick mansion, the four great columns and the neatly dormered windows. The house, which has an almost antebellum aspect, appears both grand and incongruous, an architectural mirage surrounded by two hundred acres of its own elegantly restored gardens and grounds.

Langdon Hall sits on a height of land near the southern Ontario hamlet of Blair, near Cambridge, a few minutes drive from Highway 401. The American flag that flutters alongside the Canadian maple leaf above the front door provides an important clue to the provenance of this startling structure, whose history reaches back into the period of American history known as the Gilded Age, roughly 1870 to 1900.

At a time when wealthy American industrialists were building impressive summer homes in the Berkshires, along the Hudson River and on Long Island, members of the Langdon Wilks family — whose relations included the Astors and wealthy U.S. businesswoman Hetty Green — purchased the land in the middle of the last century, and built this country house between 1900 and 1903. The family chose Canada out of an atavistic loyalty to the British crown. Inviting and relaxing, the interior is a delightful marriage of an English country house and the American federal revivalist architectural style.

The main floor of the house offers a sweet circuit of peaceful reading rooms, intimate panelled lounges, meeting rooms and a comfy bar. Painted family portraits stare down from the walls. Tea is served in the Conservatory or on the Veranda, the preferred space for those with no greater ambition than to watch the sinking sun. Each of the guest rooms in the second floor and the attic is furnished differently.

My room was in the Cloisters, an L-shaped row of additional rooms built adjacent to the main house in a similar pleasing style. The room was spacious and contained a comfy loveseat and armchair, writing desk, fireplace, a large firm bed dressed in luxurious soft white linens, a large dressing area with bath and toilet in separate rooms, and a double pair of French doors that lead out onto a patio. Beyond the patio, on a verdant expanse of lawn, several guests were enjoying a genteel game of croquet in the sunny September afternoon.

I toured the grounds in the company of Langdon Hall's owner and manager, Bill Bennett, who established the consortium of investors that purchased the house when it went on the market in 1988. He showed me the lily and goldfish pond, the apple orchard, and a picturesque woods, at the edge of which a tuxedoed groom and white-gowned bride were posing before a photographer and tripod

Bennett, an architect and designer whose previous projects have included the Milcroft Inn and the Windsor Arms Hotel in Toronto, proudly walked me through the rows of assorted leafy vegetables and flowers, in stepped stages of growth, the various species of which I would later recognize in the mixed green salad — with orange and blue flower petals! — that was served to me at dinner. Built onto the side of the house, the restaurant is a wonderful complement to Langdon Hall, whose superb quality comes as no less a surprise than the existence of the house itself.

Situated near golf courses and the drama festival at Stratford, Langdon Hall is open around the calendar; in winter, its hiking trails make good terrain for cross-country skiers. The property is one of only eight establishments in Canada affiliated with Relais & Chateaux, an exclusive international chain of deluxe hostelries. It is roughly one hour's drive from Toronto, 45 minutes from Lester Pearson International Airport. For further information, exact driving directions or reservations, phone 1-800-268-1898, or (519) 740-2100 in Cambridge.

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Dresden's great architecture restored after ravages of war

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

DRESDEN, Germany — Often called the Florence on the Elbe, this city is a celebration of ethereal architecture and stunning art treasures.

Yet not so long ago, Dresden was a hulk, a smoldering wreck, a casualty of war.

On Feb. 13, 1945, Allied aircraft bombed it, raining down phosphorous and high-explosive bombs on its stately spires.

Dresden was of no real strategic value. It was targeted to crush the morale of the Germans. In the ensuing fire storm, at least 35,000 people were killed. The figure may be far higher, since many eastern Germans had found refuge in Dresden.

The devastating raid left the city in utter ruins. Many years would elapse before its lovely buildings were restored to their former glory.

The Zwinger, the Renaissance-style palace complex which houses a set of extraordinary museums, is an example of Dresden's rebirth in the postwar period.

Much of this intricate building was heavily damaged, but today the scars are gone and the Zwinger is as beautiful as ever.

Built in the early 18th century by Augustus the Strong, the prince of Saxony, the Zwinger is set off by gardens, fountains and a promenade. On its grounds are the Gallery of the Old Masters, boasting paintings by Rubens, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt and Vermeer; the History Museum, with its exhibit of ornate weaponry; and the Porcelain Museum, with its outstanding Meissen porcelain collection.

Yet another sight on a visitor's itinerary should be the so-called Green Vault in the Albertinum, a museum which also suffered during the war. Within walking distance of the Zwinger, it's renowned for its silverware, engraved glass, ivory figurines, jewelry, precious stones, amulets, jewel-encrusted clocks and ancient coins.

The Semper Opera House.

Within the same building is an art gallery with paintings by Monet, Renoir, Courbet, Degas, Van Gogh, Gaughin and such German painters as Max Lieberman.

Opern Platz, an impressive square in the centre of the city, is crowned by a huge statue of Johann II, who commissioned the construction ot the Semper Opera House in the mid-19th century.

Hit by Allied bombs, the Semper Opera House is one of those magnificent buildings you remember long after you've left Dresden.

The Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), adjacent to the Hilton Hotel, leaves a jagged impression on the skyline. All but reduced to rubble and left as a memorial to the horrors of war, it was considered the largest Baroque Protestant church in Germany.

Now it is being restored. The restoration is scheduled to be completed in 2006, which coincides with Dresden's 800th anniversary.

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After you've "done" Dresden, you should consider short excursions to the Pillnitz Palace and the Sandstone Alps.

The former summer residence of the Saxon kings, the palace is an excellent example of chinoiserie, a form of decorative art inspired by Japanese and Chinese motifs. The grounds are well-maintained and are ideal for a picnic.

The Sandstone Alps, or Saxon Switzerland, consist of bizarre cliffs and rock formations which rise from a densely forested valley. It is a rock climber's paradise.

Walkways and bridges connect the various peaks, offering visitors a panoramic vista of the snaking Elbe and its slow-moving barges.

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Bonds honoree lives life 'as a mentsh'

TORONTO — Who says nice guys never come out on top? Just ask Joe Morgan — a successful businessman who survived Majdanek concentration camp and admits today that "sometimes people take advantage of me and I let them."

Joe Morgan

Morgan's habit of living his life as a mentsh is one of the many reasons he is being honored by State of Israel Bonds and B'nai Brith's Raoul Wallenberg/Yorkdale Circle Lodge on Oct. 2 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogue.

Morgan's graciousness was nurtured by an adolescence devoted solely to survival as a concentration camp inmate and a slave laborer for the Nazis. "If I live," he vowed then, "I'm going to treat people humanely."

At 68, Morgan runs his business, Morgan Mae Enterprises, from a modest office and a desk covered with documents that almost hide the phone.

Morgan Mae manages millions of square feet of property across Ontario, acquired over nearly four decades. Morgan's recipe for success is simple human relations. "We get along excellently with people. That's my success."

Morgan was just 13 when the war broke out. By 15, he had already been transported to Majdanek, a camp from which virtually no one emerged alive, where he was assigned to building barracks.

"We worked around the clock," he remembers. "Trains came day and night, night and day. It was the most terrible experience in my life."

By what Morgan describes as "some miracle," he was selected to leave Majdanek to be a laborer at the Skarzjisco ammunitions factory. "I was young but my mind worked like an old person," he recalls.

Morgan's mind told him to survive; this became the main objective of his teenage years, during which he had neither friends nor family. His mother, father, sister and two brothers all perished.

Morgan was not only an adolescent Holocaust survivor but also a teenage groom. He was 19 when he met and married his wife Helen after they were both liberated in 1945. Their wedding was the first traditional ceremony performed in Chenstochova, Poland following the war. The Morgans will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next year.

When the Morgans came to Canada four years later, finding work was easy.

"I got a job the first week as a sweeper, but I didn't sweep for too long. Then I became a shipper, but I didn't ship for too long," said Morgan.

His rise through the hierarchy of the upholstery manufacturer for whom he was working was rapid: from shipper to foreman to purchasing agent.

Morgan was becoming restless. "I wanted to establish myself even if I made less money."

So he bought into the company from which he had been ordering frames, with only a handshake. Eventually he sold the company and acquired another furniture concern.

At the same time, Morgan was busy purchasing property, a talent that he believes to be "a gift from G-d." Thousands of deals later, Morgan is proud of "never going back on my word."

Despite Morgan's confidence and financial success, he's nowhere near retirement. In fact, that's the last thing on his mind. When he's not handling a property problem, Morgan is busy with his three daughters, 10 grandchildren and a list of Jewish causes — among them B'nai Brith, Baycrest, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the Stashiver Young Men's Society and, of course, State of Israel Bonds. Joe and Helen Morgan are veteran Bonds investors.

After a lifetime in which he suffered sorrow and humiliation, witnessed genocide and miraculously rebuilt his life, Morgan's focus is on his family.

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Fruits And Veggies Push CPI Up

JERUSALEM — The Consumer Price Index jumped 1.1 per cent in August, marking the sixth consecutive month with inflation of one per cent or more.

Central Bureau of Statistics spokesman David Neuman reported that inflation is now estimated to be running at 14.5 per cent annually.

Fruit and vegetable prices jumped ahead of housing prices, contributing 0.4 percentage points to the index, with housing contributing only 0.3 per cent.

Together, they made up nearly two-thirds of the index's rise.

Jonathan Katz, head of the Economic Modeling and Forecasting organization, said the smaller rise in housing prices was good news and was an important sign of lower inflation ahead. He added that he expected that housing prices will increase less than the overall index this month.

Fruit and vegetable prices, on the other hand, surged 9.1 per cent last month, rising 19.7 per cent since the beginning of the year, compared with 19.2 per cent for housing.

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Trade Deficit More Than Doubles

JERUSALEM — The trade deficit more than doubled last month to $920 million, as exports plunged 17.3 per cent and imports surged 14.6 per cent, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

Exports fell to $1.081 billion from $1.307 billion in July, while imports rose to $2.001 billion from $1.746 billion.

The drop in exports reflected a sharp fall in industrial exports, which make up nearly three-quarters of total exports. In contrast, large consumer imports and production goods imports pushed imports up.

During the first eight months of the year, the trade gap shot up 29 per cent, as imports rose 14 per cent compared to a moderate 6 per cent increase in exports.

Seasonally adjusted figures for the second third of the year show that exports, excluding diamonds, rose by 2.6 per cent, or at 8 per cent annually, as they did in the previous third.

Imports shrank by 1 per cent, or 2.5 per cent annually, after shooting up by 25 per cent, or 45 per cent annually, in the first third of the year.

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Aircraft Deal In The Works

JERUSALEM — U.S. aircraft manufacturer McDonnell Douglas is seeking to sell El Al passenger planes in a package deal with Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) worth $200 million.

Company chairman John McDonnell visited Israel recently to discuss the proposed deal with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

McDonnell Douglas is the Pentagon's largest contractor. Next year the company is to begin delivering its latest airliner.

At a meeting with Rabin, McDonnell is expected to propose an airliner purchase deal in exchange for a contract with IAI to convert old airliners to freighters.

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Cabinet Okays Inflation Fighters

JERUSALEM — The cabinet has approved, in somewhat amended form, a joint Treasury-Bank of Israel plan to fight inflation.

The proposal to tax stock market profits was also approved.

The anti-inflation plan, which had been debated for several sessions and had run into opposition from several ministers, revolves around enabling the government to import fruit and vegetables if the price of local produce rises sharply and impose limitations on ministries' procurement budgets if the overall budget is exceeded.

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Free export zone will boost economy, supporters say

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Get ready, Israel. The capitalists are coming.

After a two-year struggle, a group of American Jewish business executives have succeeded in obtaining Knesset approval for a free export processing zone, where foreign companies can operate free of Israeli taxation and bureaucracy.

Now, the group — the Israel Export Development Co. Ltd. (IEDC) — is working to sign up tenants.

Access to Israeli workers and isolation from Israeli ministries, the group promises, will create a haven for research and development, financial services and light manufacturing that can compete with similar zones from Ireland to Hong Kong.

The group expects to start building by March 1995, after a few legal and technical hurdles are overcome.

David Yerushalmi, chair and chief executive officer of IEDC, expects the first tenants to start moving in at the end of 1996.

IEDC's board of directors reads like a who's-who of American Jewish business executives, real estate developers and philanthropists.

Larry Silverstein, president of IEDC, was just named chairman of the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of New York. His company owns and operates over 10 million square feet of office space.

Among IEDC's shareholders are Laurence Tisch, chair of CBS, and Morton Mandel, Cleveland industrialist and past president of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Sy Syms, chair of the New York-based clothing retailer that bears his name and a vice-president of the IEDC, said the project had two goals: to create jobs for Russian immigrants, and to make money for the investors.

"We said, somewhat jokingly, that this is not charity. We're ugly Americans who happen to be Jewish and like excessive profit. We can give to UJA" if charity were the goal, he said.

Looking back on the efforts to approve the zone, which culminated this summer, Yerushalmi said that "two years is a long time to fight a government bureaucracy.

"But two years to go from an idea thought up by a think tank, to a policy, to a draft bill, to approval by the finance minister and prime minister, to Cabinet approval and passage by the Knesset — two years for this is revolutionary," he said.

The think tank Yerushalmi referred to is the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies, a Jerusalem-based group headed by Alvin Babushka, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

Wielding a scalpel of free-market economics, the think tank has explained how Israel's milk cartel results in the fact that prices for Israeli cheese are lower in New York than in Tel Aviv, and denounced American loan guarantees as propping up Israeli bureaucracy.

For Babushka, much of the appeal of the free export processing zone lay in its elimination of Israeli bureaucracy, if only from 700 acres in the northern Negev.

If, as Yerushalmi insists, the project succeeds, it could have Israeli bureaucrats on the run.

As now enshrined in Israeli law, companies doing business within the export zone will be exempt from customs, tariffs, foreign currency restrictions and a wide-ranging gamut of economic regulations.

Companies will pay no taxes, except for a flat 15 per cent on profits repatriated out of the zone.

How much will this cost Israel? Yerushalmi insists that it will cost little more than most foreign investments in the country, which are heavily subsidized by the government.

Where the Israeli tax collector will benefit is from the payroll taxes, because workers in the zone will be taxed in the same way as any other Israelis.

And employment is what the zone is about.

For the Israeli legislators who signed on to the idea, Yerushalmi talks of 15,000 people being employed when the zone completes its first stage of development, in about two-and-a-half years.

And he predicts an additional three jobs created outside the zone for each job created inside it.

"That's an enormous benefit" in a country where double-digit unemployment translates to some 150,000 people looking for work, said Yerushalmi.

Already, he said, the company has begun seeking potential construction workers among Russian Jews who have not yet made aliyah to Israel.

And an employment firm, which has been signed up to make available hiring and payroll services to zone tenants, has begun retraining Russian engineers and software developers to meet Western standards.

Yerushalmi believes the quality of the Israeli labor force is a major selling point for the zone.

"It's a work force that is as sharp and as good as in Silicon Valley," said Yerushalmi, referring to the high-tech zone in Northern California, "but much less expensive and less mobile."

For Yerushalmi, the project has ramifications not only for the well-being of Israel, but for that of the American Jewish community as well.

"We've been able to pull a group of men together who have always found it in their hearts and time and pocketbooks to support Israel as a charity case," Yerushalmi said.

Business Briefs Business Briefs

Israel's Net External Debt Jumps

JERUSALEM — The country's net external debt jumped 8.9 per cent during the first half of the year to $17.96 billion, as the government borrowed $1 billion in U.S.-guaranteed funds and foreigners increased their deposits in local banks, the Bank of Israel's supervisor of foreign currency reported.

The government's foreign debt increased by $1.11 billion to $21.36 billion mostly as a result of the $1 billion U.S.-backed loan raised in March.

The state's share of the debt continued rising, reaching 78.9 per cent of the total at the end of June, compared to only 65 per cent in 1987.

Most of the debt is owed directly and indirectly to the U.S. government.

In a turnaround, the business sector's external debt rose by $453 million to $4.16 billion, after falling by $153 million last year. The rise reversed a downward trend that has been in effect since 1989. According to the central bank, the change is due to the fact that a few large firms received long-term credit abroad.

The net foreign debt to Gross National Product (GNP) ratio rose to 27 per cent from 26 per cent at the end of last year, mostly as a result of government borrowing.

The debt-to-GNP ratio is used to measure a country's ability to meet its financial obligations.

The country's gross foreign debt jumped 6.2 per cent to $38.46 billion in the first half of the year, an increase of $2.24 billion.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in the CJN.

This week The CJN features ...Korry's Clothiers

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

TORONTO — When the media need an expert on men's fashions they turn to Saul Korman. He's been on radio open-line and television talk shows, and he's quoted in the local papers.

Korman wrote a fashion column for the *Globe and Mail* for nine years and now he writes one for *Lifestyles* magazine.

Considered one of the leading authorities on men's clothing in Toronto, his reputation is built on a firm foundation: president of **Korry's Clothiers**, Korman has 43 years of experience in the menswear business.

Korry's is located at 569 Danforth Ave., just west of Pape on a trendy strip lined with Greek restaurants and outdoor cafes. Korman says he enjoys the vibrancy of Danforth Village. "I wouldn't want to be in another part of the city."

Korry's, a family business has been located on the Danforth from the beginning. Nathan Korman, Saul's father, founded the business in 1951 and Saul's son Michael, who now works in the business, is being groomed to take it over.

The store sells a wide range of clothing from leisure wear — sweaters, sport shirts and slacks, to business wear — suits, blazers and dress shirts, but suits in the mid to high price range are the mainstay of their business, Korman says.

His best seller is the Roberto line of suits, Korry's private label. By marketing suits under this label, he can lower the price of high-quality domestic-made suits and appease the manufacturers who don't want him underpricing suits with their labels, Korman says.

Roberto suits are priced from $395 up. Suits of this quality — they are all made with Italian cloth — are twice the price in other upper scale menswear stores, Korman says. "The private label — I registered the name — is great value, but I can't be half price with Boss and Canali."

Korry's carries a line of clothing from these two European companies which are more expensive than the local products. Suits by Hugo Boss, a German line, retail from $785 up, while those by Canali, an Italian company producing hand-sewn suits, start at $1,000.

Ready-made suits are more popular today than made-to-measure ones because the quality of these garments has improved with the automation of the tailoring, Korman says. And Korry's has changed with the technology. They used to specialize in made-to-measure suits, but now they do a bigger business in ready-made suits, keeping five full-time tailors busy with alterations.

Alteration is only one of the many customer services offered at Korry's. All his sales staff are trained wardrobe consultants who assist customers with color coordination and accessorizing. The store also offers wardrobe analysis and color consulting.

Korman says that natural colors like browns, greens and charcoals are the big fall colors this year. However, he adds the classics ("You've got to have a navy suit.") are integral to any wardrobe. Navy suits, and black and navy blazers continue to be Korry's best sellers. "The navy suit is still in 12 months a year."

He advises overweight men to buy dark-colored double-breasted suits with pleated pants, worn with suspenders for a better fit. He also recommends a double-breasted suit for short men, because this style will make them look taller.

Consumers have to become informed shoppers by asking more questions about the maintenance of clothes from salespeople. "They have to ask, 'Will it crease? Will it hold its shape?' " he says. "They're not getting answers because they're not asking questions."

It used to be customary for men to buy winter and summer suits, but now they buy suits of lighter material that can be worn all year round, Korman finds. The change in the consumers' shopping patterns is a direct result of the recession — people have less money to spend on clothes, he says.

And like many stores, Korry's was hit very hard by the recession and Korman says at the time he wasn't sure if the store would survive. But business has improved considerably.

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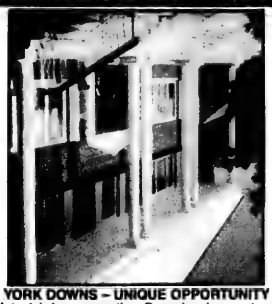

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Arab states ase boycott against Israel

PRESENT OF PEACE

PLO leader Yasser Arafat unwraps a 100-year-old Torah scroll before presenting it to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a recent summit between the two leaders. The scroll, from Yemen, is made of animal skin and written in Hebrew. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Ottawa pleased

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Jewish and government leaders in North America joined Israeli officials in hailing the decision by Saudi Arabia and its five Persian Gulf trading partners to ease the Arab boycott of Israel.

But while applauding the Gulf states' move last week to terminate the secondary and tertiary boycotts against Israel, pro-Israel activists said a total termination of trade restrictions against Israel was long overdue.

Israeli commentators called the move an important milestone in the peace process, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres welcomed the decision as "an additional move in dismantling the walls of hatred and separation and boycott.'

Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said the easing of the boycott would provide a boost to the Israeli economy, which over the years has suffered the adverse effects of foreign companies fearful of ignoring the boycott.

The view from Ottawa was also optimistic.

The announcement "is certainly welcome and long overdue," said Foreign Affairs ministry official Rodney Moore. "It's helpful to the Middle East peace process."

Moore said Canada will "encourage" all Arab nations to drop the economic boycott entirely.

Rob Ritter, director of the Canada-Israel Committee, also welcomed the announcement.

"There's still a long way to go," he cautioned, "but this sends a message to Canadian companies that they need not fear the boycott any longer."

In 1992, Canadian companies exported $116 million worth of goods to Israel, while Israel imported over $131 million in Canadian products. The figure, Ritter feels, will rise now, particularly in high-tech areas.

"For the first time, I have some real hope that there are Arab states serious about ending the boycott against Israel," said Democrat Congressman Rep. Charles Schumer, co-chair of the Congressional Task Force to End the Arab Boycott.

"This is the kind of statement I've been looking for," Schumer said, adding that he hopes the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council will "do everything they can to persuade the rest of the Arab world to follow them."

Even two years before Israel's founding in 1948, Arab countries had imposed a trading boycott against the emerging Jewish state in an effort to undermine its economy and isolate it politically.

In 1951, the Arab League extended the restrictions, imposing a secondary boycott on companies engaged in trade with Israel and a tertiary boycott on firms doing business with those companies.

At its peak in the mid-1970s, the boycott had over 6,000 companies in nearly 100 countries on its blacklist.

Israel's chamber of commerce has estimated that the boycott has cost the country $40 billion in lost investments and exports.

The announcement to terminate the secondary and tertiary boycotts reflects a dramatic change in Arab attitudes toward Israel in the year since Jerusalem signed the self-rule accord with the Palestinians.

A number of Arab countries have unofficially ignored the boycott as a direct result of the strides toward peace accomplished on the Israeli-Palestinian front and, more recently, in Jerusalem's improved relations with Jordan.

The announcement came in a statement issued last Friday by Saudi Arabia following an annual meeting at the United Nations between the Gulf Cooperation Council and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Along with actively attempting to broker peace agreements between Israel and its Arab neighbors, Christopher has placed a high priority on ending the Arab boycott.

North American officials were disappointed in August, when at its meeting of foreign ministers in Cairo, the 21-member Arab League refused to put the issue of the boycott on its agenda.

That failure was largely the result of efforts by Syria, whose negotiations with Israel have been stalemated for months.

Following the August meeting, Christopher apparently turned his attention to the Gulf Cooperation Council — which along with Saudi Arabia includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — hoping to achieve at least a partial break in the solidarity of countries participating in the boycott.

According to Israeli media reports, Christopher put heavy pressure on the Saudis.

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Spielberg project to tape survivors' tales in Toronto

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — They won't be quite the same as *E.T.*, *Jaws* or any of the Indiana Jones blockbusters, but Steven Spielberg is coming to town to make some films.

Or more accurately, Spielberg's Survival of the Shoah Visual History Foundation plans to set up shop here as soon as next month, with a view to videotaping the testimony of local Holocaust survivors as only the director of *Schindler's List* can.

In typical Spielberg fashion, the project is envisioned as massive, creating what its organizers hope will be one of the largest, most detailed and most meticulously cross-referenced data bases on the Holocaust in the world.

Certainly, it will produce the biggest video library of survivors' testimony, with much technical wizardry thrown in. In November, the nascent project is scheduled to open five branch offices — in Miami, New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem and Toronto. Production is expected to expand worldwide by 1995.

Many will recall Spielberg's Oscar night pledge "not to allow the Holocaust to remain a footnote in history," after *Schindler's List* won a fistful of Academy Awards.

The director has already backed up his promise, diverting the film's profits towards the establishment of the Righteous Persons Foundation, a Holocaust education and outreach project. Those heading up the new non-profit Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation hope to tap into some of that money, as well as raise private donations.

The foundation has sought input from historians, Holocaust experts and interviewers from around the world. Gerald R. Molen and Branko Lustig, who produced *Schindler's List*, will supervise the project with Karen Kushell, head of special projects at Spielberg's Los Angeles production company, Amblin Entertainment.

While Spielberg won't actually be here or get involved in the day-to-day workings, the videotaping of survivors' testimony was his idea, say those behind the scenes.

"Steven, as well as all of us who are involved, feel there's no doubt the window of opportunity is closing fast," June Beallor, the project's senior producer, told *The CJN* in a telephone interview last week. "The next five years are that window."

The project has already videotaped about 100 survivors in California. According to Beallor's co-producer, film-maker James Moll, this will be no less than "a computerized, multimedia navigation system," incorporating not only the actual testimony, but archival material such as photographs, documents, maps, family trees — anything a survivor wants to see preserved.

Once the project is up and running, everything on tape will be fed into a computer and digitized, a process comparable to putting music on a compact disk. Digital technology renders the information endlessly reproducible, with no loss of quality.

Eventually, all the data will be cross-referenced by subject, town of origin, current residence, place of incarceration and many other variables, Moll says. That means information will be easily accessible by future researchers.

The project's organizers stress they'll go out of their way to avoid any conflict or turf battles with Toronto's eight-year-old oral history project, which has videotaped the testimony of over 400 survivors, using the facilities of various Metro television stations.

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Goodbye!

After being associated with *The Canadian Jewish News* for over 20 years, Editor-in-chief Patricia Rucker says goodbye. **See page 11.**

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'Bureaucratic roadblocks' hinder implementation of continuity report

Brotman concerned

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It took two years for a task force on Jewish continuity to prepare its report, but that time was not nearly as frustrating as the last two months since the report was published, the chair of the task force said recently.

Longtime community volunteer Aaron Brotman told an informal meeting in a downtown corporate boardroom that he is concerned that "bureaucracy and process" will slow down implementation of the task force's recommendations.

Expanding on that theme for *The CJN* afterwards, Brotman said he has run into bureaucratic roadblocks in the aftermath of the report's publication. "Professionals say, 'you must go slow, it takes time,' " Brotman said.

But he believes it's time for "a new mindset. The situation requires a creative approach. . . It will take a concentrated effort on a pro-active basis to push this. . . If everyone pays lip service [to the idea] that continuity is the number one priority, it has to be treated as the number one priority," he said.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which sponsored the task force, has accepted the report and agreed to allocate $1.2 million in funding for new continuity-related programs, he said. But Federation staff and lay people have been so preoccupied with the problems of the near- bankrupt Jewish Community Centre that creation of an implementation and funding committee has been held up. "I suspect that nothing will be completed until early 1995," Brotman said.

Brotman was speaking at a lunchtime meeting sponsored by the Association for Jewish Continuity, a volunteer organization that is unaffiliated with the Federation. Community activist Julia Koschitzky served as the event's moderator.

Aaron Brotman

Brotman told about 25 people attending the meeting that the task force adopted an inclusive approach that was intended to embrace synagogues, young people and those who feel alienated from the mainstream community.

In the end, the task force identified three priority areas: urging families to live Jewish lives in the home; promoting Jewish education; addressing "singles issues."

Responding to Brotman's remarks, business executive Norm Grafstein criticized the task force, suggesting its mandate was unclear. It did not adequately articulate why continuity was important, he contended. If you haven't defined the importance of continuity and what it means, then it becomes impossible to determine whether any remedial measures are successful, he said.

Grafstein, executive vice president of Premier Capital Management, suggested there is a need for qualitative research to determine the views and needs of various groups in the Jewish community. And, acknowledging a "motherhood" issue, he called for easier and broader access to Jewish education for people of all ages, including parents who should instruct their children on the Jewish people's rich heritage.

In a question and answer period that followed the formal remarks, one person suggested that the task force was flawed because it was based on assumptions that are not accepted by all Jews. As a result, it speaks to the converted and continues to isolate, marginalize and even repel other Jews, he said.

The speaker suggested that secular Jews, non-Zionists, Israelis and Jews of non-European descent were not addressed by the report.

"The organized Jewish community is not user-friendly to the many Israelis here in Toronto," while Sephardi Jews also do not feel welcome in local Jewish organizations, he argued.

Brotman responded by saying the task force excluded only two types of people — those who ignored their Jewish identity and ultra-Orthodox who do not wish to mix with others. He said the task force faced great difficulty in getting Sephardim and Israelis to participate in discussing these issues.

Another questioner called for greater community tolerance. She said people need to have somewhere to go in a non-religious environment and "still feel connected."

Another speaker, who identified himself as married to a Jewish woman, said "there is a reluctance in Toronto to accept couples where one party is not born Jewish." That's the case even where the non-Jewish spouse wants to participate in community activities, he said.

Another speaker suggested the community should address the issue of Jewish spirituality as a response to those who leave Judaism in a search for religious expression.

Heritage Front 'star' turns her life around

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The majority of young recruits to the white supremacist Heritage Front come from normal, suburban backgrounds, a one-time member said last week.

Elisse Hategan said some members are attracted by the skinhead look and its rough-edged music while others get hooked on the movement's camaraderie and the feelings of empowerment and superiority it promotes.

Hategan, once a part of the Heritage Front's inner circle, was the featured speaker at a program sponsored by the Toronto Mayor's Race Relations Committee and Vision TV titled They Don't All Wear Sheets.

Heritage Front members feel part of a second family, she said. "[You believe] you'll be a winner and no one will mess with you."

Hategan, 19, was a rising star in the movement and a self-described protege of Front leader Wolfgang Droege before she defected.

She said she became disillusioned with the Front's harassment campaign against anti-racists and felt she was left on her own after being charged with promoting hatred by distributing Front leaflets.

Since leaving the Front, she has cooperated with anti-racist organizations, particularly the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice (CCRP), and she testified against Droege and other Front members on charges they violated a court order against broadcasting racist telephone messages.

"She has done more to put racists behind bars than the police," CCRP executive director Martin Theiault told an almost-full house at the meeting.

Hategan said the Heritage Front recruits young people by preying on the concerns they voice. For example, if someone mentions an incident with Asians, the recruiter pushes an anti-Asian line, she said.

Recruiters are also instructed to praise a person's country of origin if they are of white, European descent, even if privately they believe it's "genetically inferior." They tell the recruit they should be proud of their heritage.

Recruits are invited to attend concerts and other events where racist views are expounded. Eventually, they are fed the line that everything that isn't white is inferior, she said.

Young people who become part of the movement erroneously believe the leaders respect them, she said, and most women join because of their boyfriends.

Vision TV screened its documentary about Hategan, *Heritage Point*, before she addressed the meeting. In the film she says the only frightening thing about her past is "the person I was back then would kill the person I am now."

Theriault confirmed she had little to fear from former Front colleagues because the group is now "in crisis and Droege's best friends are the media. They're willing to listen to him but the members aren't."

Theriault said the Front's members are now working to create smaller cells that can't be infiltrated, while George Burdie, who is affiliated with the racist Church of the Creator, has started a record label called Resistance Records to promote racist bands, attract young people and make money for the movement.

Also addressing the meeting was Floyd Cochran, a former member of the U.S.-based Aryan Nations. A recruiter of young people, Cochran said, "I was good at making hate sound palatable."

Cochran said his two greatest "allies" were people's beliefs that he wasn't worth taking seriously and his reliance on the Bible, which gave him "a veneer of respectability."

"People say, 'He can't be that bad, he reads the Bible, he goes to church on Sunday,' " he said.

But "racism is preached in the name of Christian Identity and God. I would have killed someone in the name of God, but not for a political ideology."

Christian Identity believes that Jews are literally the children of Satan and that the Bible permits the murder of Jews. If a member of the Aryan Nations were to kill a Jew, they'd be awarded a medal, he said.

Vancouver is a "hotbed of Christian Identity" while Gatineau, Que., is the site of a computer bulletin board that disseminates racist information, he said.

CORRECTION NOTICE — RABBI HAROLD LERNER

On the basis of information provided by the Association of Independent Rabbis (AIR), a story in The Canadian Jewish News (September 1, 1994) identified Rabbi Harold Lerner as a member of the AIR.

The AIR has since informed The Canadian Jewish News that this information was incorrect and inaccurate. We regret any embarrassment or inconvenience caused to Rabbi Lerner by incorrectly identifying him as a member of the AIR.

SUCCAH-BY-THE-WATER

Lulav circle leaders at this year's Succah-By-The-Water, Toronto's third annual feminist Sukkot service, await their turns to add decorative organza leaves to the sukkah. See story p. 25. [Frances Kraft photo]

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Bloor JCC takes steps to institutional autonomy

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Bloor Street branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) took another step towards institutional independence last week with the announcement of the proposed creation of "a new Bloor JCC."

The new entity will be "a self-managed and self-financing operation" independent of the near-bankrupt JCC, of which it is currently one branch. The new organization will sever its legal connection with the JCC and will "work for and be accountable to the downtown Jewish community," said Mark Sarner, chair of the Bloor task force, a committee charting new directions for the facility.

Speaking to 150 people at a public meeting, Sarner said the new Bloor JCC will have its own board of directors responsible for determining the centre's programs and financing. The centre will work cooperatively with the downtown Jewish community.

Sarner told *The CJN* that a management company has been incorporated to run the Bloor JCC's operations on an interim basis, pursuant to an agreement with JCC receiver Richter & Associates.

"It charges us with responsibility for managing the Bloor JCC" until an arrangement involving the JCC, its creditors and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto kicks in, he said.

That arrangement will see the JCC split into three distinct entities corresponding to its three branches on Bloor, Bathurst and at Leslie and Steeles (the Valley).

One day after the meeting, the Federation, the receiver and the Bank of Montreal reached a "verbal agreement" to go ahead with the plan, said Federation spokesman Morris Zbar. The managment company is headed by Michael Kerbel.

Allan Wexler, chair of the Valley management committee, told *The CJN* his branch is also making arrangements to become autonomous and to establish an interim management company similar to the Bloor one.

The Valley is also well on its way to raising the $1 million designated as its portion of the money owing the bank. Between $300,000 and $400,000 has already been pledged, he said.

At the meeting, Sarner said the Bloor facility has generated an operating surplus in past years and it will continue to do so by managing its costs and aggressively finding new sources of income.

In what could be seen as a backhanded swipe at the near-bankrupt JCC, Sarner said, "Most important, we will operate in a financially prudent manner."

Frank Jacobs, co-chair of the Bloor fundraising committee, said the current goal is $5 million. Of that, $3 million is earmarked for the Bank of Montreal, the JCC's secured creditor which holds a mortgage on the Bloor Street building.

Another $1 million will go to upgrade the facility while the last $1 million is intended to create an endowment for major programs.

The committee has proposed a five-year campaign to raise the money. The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has promised $250,000 a year for three years to allow the Bloor JCC to carry a new mortgage on the property. Jacobs pointed to other funding sources like major gifts, direct marketing, special events, government grants, sale of yerushas (lifetime memberships) and operating surplus.

Next to address the meeting was Federation president Bernie Ghert, who outlined the Federation's involvement in the effort to restructure the JCC. The Bank of Montreal, which is owed about $9.7 million of the JCC's $15-million debt, will receive $5 million from the Federation (in exchange for the JCC's Bathurst branch), $3 million from Bloor and $1 million from the Valley branch of the JCC, he said.

The evening's event turned testy during a question period, when Ghert was peppered with queries about the Federation's role in the restructuring plan.

With several former employees of the Leah Posluns Theatre present, Ghert was asked about the demise of the facility. The JCC directors knew what money was available for the rescue of the JCC and they determined how that money could best be used, he said.

Going on the offensive, he suggested "you should ask the directors of the JCC who feel they should be indemnified ahead of the employees."

(Among the JCC's many debts is $520,000 owing to Revenue Canada in unremitted payroll deductions for which the JCC's board of directors is responsible. That money was used to finance ongoing JCC expenses.)

Speaking to *The CJN* following the meeting, former JCC president Bernie Kamin said, "I understand that [Ghert] said if [the board] did not go ahead with the restructuring that included closing the theatre, the Federation would not pay Revenue Canada."

Responding to Kamin's statement, Ghert said, "All we said to them is that if the facilities are saved for the community, the [Federation] officers will consider positively indemnifying the directors for the money owed to Revenue Canada.

"If you pay off all the other employees, there won't be money for Revenue Canada," he added.

He said the theatre lost at least $340,000 a year, a figure disputed by former employees of the theatre, who claim it broke even.

The exchanges again grew testy when Fred Tittel, who has held a variety of JCC positions, asked why the Federation did not follow the recommendation of former UJA chairmen who urged the Federation to pay all the JCC's debts.

Raising his voice, Ghert said that decision was up to the officers of the Federation, not past UJA chairmen.

Asked by Kamin why the Federation did not accept a proposal advanced last summer by philanthropist Wilfred Posluns to spearhead a fundraising campaing to raise $25 million for the JCC and other community projects, like a new facility for CHAT, Ghert said "It's one thing to say they'll raise it, it's another thing to do it.

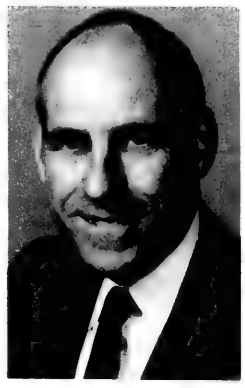
"It's a lot of money to have to raise at once in a very short time."

Another questioner, referring to the plans for the Bloor branch, warned against creation of a "family compact" making closed door decisions and going public only when they need funds for a bailout.

Sarner said, "We are planning an open process. This kind of meeting is a function of the Bloor JCC, hearing your concerns."

Former federal politician to stump for Weizmann

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter



Gerry Weiner

TORONTO — Former federal cabinet minister Gerry Weiner will become national executive director of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, effective Nov. 1. The job will be based in Toronto.

Weiner was the only Jewish cabinet minister in the government of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. First elected in the Tory sweep of 1984, he went on to serve as Secretary of State, Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship and Minister of Immigration. He was the principal author of the Canadian Multiculturalism Act.

The 61-year-old native Montrealer, a pharmacist who built up and ran his own chain of pharmacies (GLS Associated Apothecaries), served as councillor and then mayor of suburban Dollard-Des-Ormeaux for six years before entering federal politics.

Over the past year, Weiner returned to the practice of pharmacy in Montreal. He's also been active within the Canada-Israel Committee, the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research and other boards.

Weiner's numerous honors include three Man of the Year awards — from the Sephardic Community of Quebec, State of Israel Bonds, and Amal Schools, Israel.

In his first letter to Weizmann board members, Weiner said that "the Talmudic teaching that one person can make a difference" has been a fundamental principle in his life.

He is "enormously excited and thrilled to be joining the Weizmann Institute," he told *The CJN*.

The position of national executive director has been vacant for the past three years, while Gloria Snow and Gloria Temkin served as associate directors. Snow will remain with the Canadian Society as associate director, while Temkin has left to pursue graduate studies at the University of Toronto.

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Camp allergy death 'accidental'

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The death of a 12-year-old boy at a Jewish camp during an overnight canoe trip more than a year ago was "accidental," a Quebec coroner has ruled.

But Howard Costin's death, which Coroner Marie-Louise Boshouwers concluded resulted from a violent allergic reaction to a minute quantity of peanuts, might have been avoided if more care had been taken in preparing sandwiches for the trip.

Costin, who was attending Camp Massad, died on July 15, 1993, during a canoe trip in Mont Tremblant Park, after he ate a cheese sandwich adulterated with a trace amount of peanut butter, the report concluded.

He succumbed while en route to hospital in Ste. Agathe and despite intense efforts to revive him.

Because of the park's isolated location, it took four hours to get Costin to the hospital.

Boshouwers' report does not state that the camp showed negligence in Costin's death. But it clearly suggests that if more attention has been paid to the preparation of the sandwiches, the tragedy may have been avoided.

The amount of peanut butter Costin consumed was so small as to be undetectable in his stomach contents, the coroner noted, but it was enough to trigger a fatal allergic reaction, even though Costin had never before reacted severely to peanuts.

"It is highly doubtful that Howard Costin consumed a peanut butter and jelly sandwich," the report says, "because he knew very well that he was allergic to peanuts and was careful about it."

"If particular attention has been paid in the preparation of the sandwiches in order to make sure there was no peanut butter in contact with the cheese sandwiches, this death would probably have been avoided," Boshouwers writes.

The report notes that Costin had arrived at camp with a box containing medication for his allergies and with a letter advising the camp doctor that Costin suffered from asthma and from an allergy to peanuts. The letter also said that Costin should always carry an Epipen with him — a pen-sized instrument containing adrenaline — as a precaution against an asthma attack or allergic reaction.

The morning of July 15, Costin went to see the camp doctor, who gave him a Ventolin inhaler (for asthma). But Costin, after being asked, told the doctor he did not feel he would need the Epipen and the doctor did not insist on it.

As well, the counsellors leading the trip were not advised of Costin's peanut allergy.

At about 1:45 p.m., perhaps one hour after consuming the cheese sandwich, Costin complained of not feeling well. Within five minutes, he stopped breathing, the report says.

The counsellors tried continuously to revive Costin and used a cellular phone to call an ambulance, which reached the campers at 4 p.m. But by then it was too late and Costin was pronounced dead at 7:32 p.m.

The coroner's report made two recommendations:

First, it advised the management of the camp that any "pertinent information" about a camper's health care be conveyed to camp staff responsible for that care; and second, to the camp doctor, to respect the wishes of parents in regards to the "therapeutic" care of thir children.

Even though it is possible that one or even both Epipens Costin brought with him to camp would not have been enough to save his life given the severity of his allergic reaction, the coroner says, the camp doctor should have made sure that Costin or one of his counsellors had an Epipen along on the trip.

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Canada

Veteran MP chooses substance over style

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — After 32 years on the job, Solicitor General and Liberal House leader Herb Gray relishes working in the eye of the storm.

In the 10 months since he was re-elected and posted to cabinet, Gray has grappled with tobacco smuggling and the subsequent controversy about lowered cigarette taxes, been involved with prison and parole legislation at a time of unparalleled public anxiety about violent crime, and contended with the recent revelations that a paid CSIS informer may have founded the white supremacist Heritage Front.

He finds public life an endless education. "It's something that's ever fascinating and interesting," Gray told *The CJN*. "You run into such a range of human concerns and experiences. You have a chance to try and do things to help people either individually or as a community."

First elected in 1962 at age 31, Gray, a lawyer, is the longest sitting member of Parliament. He first came to Ottawa when John Diefenbaker was prime minister and Lester Pearson was the leader of the Liberal opposition. There was no universal health plan, no Canada Pension Plan and no constituency office in his Windsor West riding — MPs worked out of their living rooms.

Despite having served four Liberal leaders as minister of revenue, industry, consumer and corporate affairs, Gray is keen on dealing with current issues.

"I don't spend a lot of time reflecting about the past," he said. "I'm more concerned with what's happening now and how to deal with current problems and how to achieve the best future for our country."

In any case, he has little time to reflect. As solicitor general, Gray oversees public security. With prisons and policing as part of his domain, it is never a quiet portfolio.

As Liberal House leader, Gray steers all parliamentary business through the House. Virtually nothing happens without his involvement, says long-time assistant Jerry Yanover.

Aside from his hectic schedule in Ottawa, Gray visits his Windsor riding almost every weekend.

Herb Gray

"He is one of those members who thinks the highest calling is to work in elected office," Yanover said of his boss.

In Windsor, Gray attends dinners, meetings and ceremonies. Sometimes when he isn't busy, he strolls around a neighborhood or drops into a donut shop to talk to people. Staying in touch with constituents is the key to being an effective MP, says Gray.

"If you can't do that, you can't do this work because you wouldn't be elected and re-elected for any period of time," he asserted. "You might do it once but you wouldn't continue.

"If people are in touch with me complaining about the lack of jobs, their concerns about what's going to happen to their pension, that's a set of real life experiences that I bring to bear in discussions in cabinet and debates in the House."

Responding to constituents is a theme Gray returns to often. As solicitor general, Gray is acutely aware of public concerns about violent crime, parole and the return of offenders to the community. It doesn't matter that statistics show the incidence of violent crime is not as high as people believe, he says: people are worried and deserve a response. Canadians are afraid that crime will reach American levels.

"In the U.S. they have been busy locking people up and imposing longer sentences. If that was the only answer they would be crime-free, but in fact it seems that the more people they lock up the more serious their crime problems becomes," Gray said, revealing his fierce pride in the Canadian way of doing things.

His focus is on crime prevention. "It's a major concern of mine. We have to work in the area of dealing with some of the basic social concerns, lack of education and so on. So you have to have a balanced approach, which is what we're doing."

Shaughnessy Cohen, MP for Windsor and St. Clair riding, says Gray is regularly mobbed by people who want a word with him when he crosses the lobby of Parliament on his way to question period.

"That has as much to do with his personality as his power. He is accessible and his staff is accessible," she said.

His popularity has not diminished with changing political styles. When good looks, television presence and charisma became essential political aids, Gray's staid image and famed colorless speaking style did not hamper his career. He has usually run ahead of his party at election time.

"Charisma was okay in the '70s and '80s and started being important in the '60s," said friend and fellow lawyer Stephen Victor. "The type of politician [Herb] represents is the politician of the '90s. The public wants a leader who is substance not just veneer, who will get something done. He was ahead of his time in being a politician who really cares about his profession and the people he serves."

Beneath the dull exterior, say friends, lies a sly wit and a genuine interest in popular culture. Gray is a fan of blue-collar rockers like Bruce Springsteen and John Cougar Mellencamp, but he knows what's going on elsewhere on the music scene.

"I've seen him sit down with teenagers and absolutely floor them with his knowledge of the bands they like," Yanover said.

Lately, Gray has been listening to country music. When the television in his oak-trimmed suite of offices isn't tuned to the House, Gray sometimes watches the Nashville Network.

"Today, unlike a lot of popular music, it has lyrics, it has tunes, the songs are about things like families and getting old and raising children, having a job," he said.

Much like his own life. Gray and his wife Sharon, a lawyer, have been married 27 years and have two children — Jonathan, 22, and Elizabeth, 20 — both off at university.

At 63, Gray has no plans to slow the pace of public life. He finds the work too interesting.

"I have to say, frankly, I'm still learning something almost everyday."

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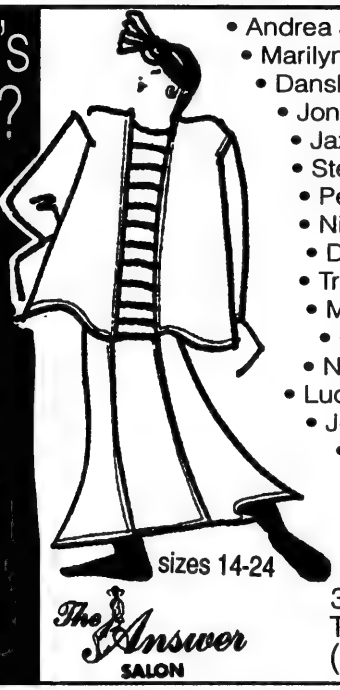
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Restaurant closing leaves patrons hungry for past

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Someone compared it to a stock market crash; another to a death in the family.

The comments are typical of the reaction in the Jewish community to the sudden closing of the Brown Derby Restaurant and Delicatessen. A word like "institution" hardly suffices in expressing what the Brown Derby, located in a strip mall on Van Horne Avenue, meant to many.

It was, above all, a place where people conducted business, usually over a lengthy breakfast, in a noisy, bustling atmosphere. Patrons shmoozed with one another between tables or they held court at their favorite tables, while waitresses catered to each of the regular's tastes.

It was also a social centre for older people. Matrons were often seen having coffee and sharing a piece of cake. Rarely did you pass the Brown Derby at any time of day when there wasn't a group of elderly men outside chatting.

The 40-year-old restaurant, whose longtime owner Harry Fleisher declared bankruptcy, was also probably the last place in Montreal one could find such a variety of traditional European Jewish food on the menu, like kasha and bowties — and in large portions.

Although not kosher, the Brown Derby held candlelit Friday night dinners "like momma used to make" and, during Passover, the restaurant was transformed with tablecloths and different dishes. It closed on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Sherry Stein, communications director of Federation CJA, recalls taking a woman from the U.S. Midwest there last year, who was so excited when served a steaming platter of chicken soup with a humungous matzo ball in the middle, she dashed out to the car for her camera to take a photo. "She said she hadn't seen food like that since her grandmother's cooking," Stein said.

Stein's overwhelming reaction is sadness. "The Brown Derby was a feel-good place. If you were having a bad day, you knew your spirits would be buoyed because there was always that camaraderie, people you knew there who would stop at your table and talk."

Joe King, a veteran broadcaster and community worker, fairly brims with anecdotes about the Brown Derby. "More business was done at the Brown Derby than at the Montreal Stock Exchange on a quiet day."

He remembers one fellow involved in real estate who had the same booth every day from 7 to 9 a.m. "He would have appointments with three or four customers during that time, one after the other."

The relationship between patrons and staff, especially the hardworking waitresses, some of whom were there over 30 years, was unusually close. For one, her kindness paid off.

"When Norman Spector was young he delivered coal and because he was dirty with dust, no restaurant would let him in. But there was a waitress at one place who fed him from the back of the kitchen," King related.

Years passed and Spector became head of the S. Albert Oil Company. The same waitress was now working at the Brown Derby. "Norman always made sure he sat at one of her tables. He bought her gifts and tipped her handsomely from then on."

"It was like a family there, and the waitresses were part of it. They knew who wanted scrambled and who want boiled," Stein said. "They knew all about people's lives."

The Brown Derby attracted a cross-section of society, from millionaires to taxi drivers, but there was a certain hierarchy. "The needletrade sat in the centre," Stein said.

In more recent years, Israeli and Moroccan businessmen also had their distinct sections.

Then there is the story of the Jewish man found living alone and close to starving in the East End. He had worked as a cutter and suffered a debilitating accident.

Jewish Family Services arranged his placement in a foster home in the Snowdon area. "It's said that his first comment was 'Oh good, now I'll be living near the Brown Derby,' " King said.

Although the restaurant underwent expansion and renovation, the rather incongruous painting of Middle East desert scenes with bas-relief camels remained.

Norene Gilletz, who was a consultant to the Brown Derby a few years ago when it added lower-fat, lighter foods to the menu, thinks the business foundered because of the aging Jewish population and because it refused to compromise on quality, even though labor costs were going up. Instead, it offered more and more specials.

"For many older people eating at the Brown Derby was like a religion," Gilletz said, recalling how a friend's 80-year-old father, obviously ailing, would not see a doctor because he had to make his usual date with his cronies at the Brown Derby.

Although those lengthy business meetings and social get-togethers gave the Brown Derby the appearance of being as busy as ever, apparently customers were not spending enough to keep their favorite haunt afloat.

CIC chair begins term following major changes

OTTAWA — Stephen Victor of Ottawa has been appointed the new national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC).

He succeeds Daniel U. Pekarsky of Vancouver, who held the position for four years and who will continue to serve on the CIC executive committee as immediate past chair.

This is the first CIC board to be appointed following the restructuring of the organization which culminated in June with the adoption of a new constitution at the CJF Plenary.

Joining Victor and Pekarsky on the CIC executive committee are: Stephen Lipper of Montreal (vice chair); Norman Godfrey of Toronto (vice chair); Sheldon Lerman of Toronto, treasurer; Hal Joffe of Calgary, secretary; Don Carr of Toronto; Tom Hecht of Montreal, Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec chair; Kurt Rothschild of Toronto (president, CZF); Brian Morris of Toronto (president, BBC); and, Herb Rosenfeld of Toronto (CJC).

Stephen Victor

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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

TOON

Ralph Stein's forebears were surnamed Toon, whom I remember as neighbors.

He thought that the name was related to the Hebrew for fast (like Yom Kippur).

I reject that theory because his ancestors came from Lithuania and they would not pronounce the Hebrew word tanis (fast) as Tunis.

There is a shtetl called Tynovich near Vilna, which is more probably the origin.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE OF NAME

After the Revolution in Russia, there was a rash of name changes. Of particular interest are the changes of some of the revolutionary leaders who were of Jewish origin: Bronstein became Trotzky; Rosenfeld became Kamenev; Applebaum became Zinoviev; Tzederbaum became Martov; Wallach became Litvinov.

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World

Israel, Tunisia normalizing ties

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TEL AVIV — In a move reflecting greater international acceptance of Israel in the wake of its peace initiatives with the Palestinians, Israel and Tunisia have agreed to take a first step toward normalizing relations.

After meeting in New York on Saturday, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his Tunisian counterpart, Habib Ben Yahia, announced their countries would establish economic interest sections in Tel Aviv and Tunis.

Under the terms of their agreement, reached with the help of Belgium, the two countries will soon exchange economic representatives. Because interest sections mark a lower-level exchange than the establishment of embassies or consulates, each country's representatives will be sent to the Belgian embassies in Tel Aviv and Tunis.

The question of just when the two countries will begin stationing officials with higher diplomatic rank has been left open, pending further discussions.

Peres, who was in New York to attend last week's opening sessions of the UN General Assembly, later said the agreement will extend Israel's diplomatic ties in North Africa.

"This is an agreement we will pursue until we attain a full agreement on relations," he told Israel Radio. "At this point, we have some sort of relations with three North African states — namely Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia."

On Sept. 1, Israel and Morocco announced they would establish economic liaison offices in Tel Aviv and Rabat, a move that made Morocco the second Arab country to establish ties with Israel. The first was Egypt, which signed a peace agreement with the Jewish state in 1979.

Following the September breakthrough with Morocco, Israeli news reports suggested that Tunisia would soon follow its neighbor's lead.

As the reports persisted, Tunisia issued a statement at the time saying it was not planning to establish official relations with Israel.

Israel has been greeted with increasing acceptance by the international community in the wake of the signing of its accord with the PLO last September.

Prior to the agreement with Tunisia, Israel established ties with 21 nations in the past year. Israel now has relations with 146 of the 185 member nations in the United Nations, the highest number since the state was established in 1948.

In addition to its agreement with Israel, Tunisia also plans to establish economic liaison offices in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, the two Palestinian self-rule zones.

The PLO maintained its headquarters in Tunisia from 1982 until July of this year, when Chairman Yasser Arafat moved it to Gaza. Over the years, Tunisian government officials reportedly urged Arafat to pursue dialogue with Israel.

After meeting with Ben Yahia, Peres met with the foreign minister of Qatar, Hamad Thani. Qatar is also said to be interested in forging relations with Israel, but has been under pressure from the Syrians not to do so.

Arab states ease boycott

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One of the arguments he used, according to the reports, was that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, given his difficult negotiations with Syria over withdrawal from the Golan Heights, needed some sort of "peace dividend" to help sway Israeli public opinion behind his efforts.

Dropping the indirect boycott against Israel, Christopher reportedly argued, was the least the Saudis could do to help advance the peace process.

One Israeli commentator noted that last Friday's developments marked the first time the Saudis came down from the fence, went beyond verbal declarations of support for the Middle East peace process and expressed their support with an open, practical step.

Spielberg team to hold training sessions

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A subcommittee of the Holocaust education committee at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the oral history project has been headed by historian Paula Draper, whom the Spielberg team hopes to tap as a key resource person in areas like interviewing techniques and local survivor outreach.

"There's no reason for conflict," assures Beallor. "We have a mutual goal."

The Spielberg project "is most welcome" in Toronto, agrees Draper. "Our biggest concern is that the survivors' best interests be protected."

To do that, the Spielberg team will begin training sessions for potential interviewers in Toronto the week of Oct. 23, Moll says. Soon after that, the office here will be hiring members of the interviewing team: a cameraperson, who will double as lighting and sound technician; a volunteer assistant and the interviewer, who will receive a $50 honorarium per session.

Whenever possible, interviews will be conducted in survivors' homes and at synagogues, in the language the subject chooses. Each survivor will receive a copy of his or her testimony as a keepsake. According to Spielberg's wishes, spouses, children and grandchildren will be invited to appear on camera for the final moments of the segment.

The two- to three-hour interviews will encompass a survivor's experiences before, during and after the war. "It's important that survivors share not only an account of their pain, but the details of how, after losing so much, they managed to rebuild their lives," Moll says.

The completed videos will be available for viewing at the following locations: the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University; the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York; the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Draper is hoping that a copy of each tape will be also be given to the oral history project.

Eventually, Spielberg and his team have big hopes: preserving forever the stories of as many of the estimated 250,000 to 350,000 Holocaust survivors in the world as possible.

The foundation is currently seeking to contact survivors and potential interviewers worldwide. For information in Canada, dial 1-800-661-2092, or write to Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, P.O. Box 8940, Universal City, CA. 91608-0940, USA.

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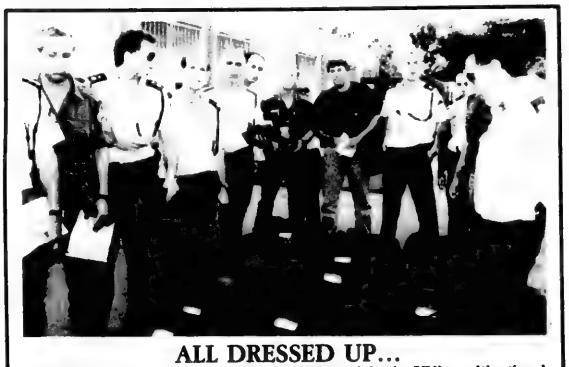

ALL DRESSED UP...

Israeli police officers, due to leave for Haiti to join the UN's multinational force there, examine equipment issued for the mission. The force has been delayed because of legal wrangling. Israel's Supreme Court this week will hear a petition, filed by a former Kach activist, which argues that sending a police force to Haiti violates Israeli law. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Reform leaders urge Rabin not to court Shas' support

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — North American Reform leaders are asking Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin not to cede control of religious matters to the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party in exchange for its support of a Syrian peace deal.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Reform's umbrella organization, warned Rabin in a recent letter that caving in to Shas demands would bring "lasting damage to Israel-Diaspora relations," and would dampen North American Jewish support for the peace process.

Canadian Reform rabbis say they too are leery of possible Labor Party concessions to Shas which might curtail freedom of religion in the Jewish state.

"Peace with Syria and with all of Israel's neighbors is a goal of the highest value," said Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, "but it's hard to give enthusiastic support to a peace arrangement which sacrifices religious pluralism."

The Labor Party, which controls 61 of the Knesset's 120 seats, is hoping to add the six seats of Shas, its one-time coalition partner in the event of a land-for-peace deal with Syria.

Shas has said it would return to the coalition only if Labor pledges to pass a law nullifying any Supreme Court ruling that challenges the status quo on religious affairs.

The status quo, in effect, gives the Orthodox establishment a virtual monopoly over all religious affairs in Israel.

But talk of concessions has incensed some Canadian Reform rabbis. "Religious pluralism is a principle, not a strategy," said Rabbi Michael Stroh of Toronto, the immediate past-president of the Reform Zionist Kadima organization. "You wouldn't trade off your right to trial by jury. These principles shouldn't be on the table."

Others, like Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky of Edmonton's Temple Beth Ora, say both regional peace and religious pluralism can be accommodated. "[The principles] are not mutually exclusive," Rabbi Sidlofsky said.

Shas leaders say the counterlegislation is needed after recent court decisions which "chipped away" at the status quo. These decisions have been issued largely in response to petitions by Israel's Reform and Conservative movements in their struggle for legitimacy.

Rabin agreed to Shas' demand two months ago, sparking opposition within his own party, most notably from Justice Minister David Libai. Last week, leaders of Labor's other coalition partner, the left-wing Meretz bloc, refused to sign onto the deal.

Shas leaders have threatened to join the opposition on the Golan question if they do not get what they want.

Rabbi Moshe Maya, a Shas Knesset member, explained the party's position in an interview on Israel Radio. "We support the peace process [in the] hope that peace will come to the land [so] that Jews can keep the Torah and mitzvot."

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Rabbi Avi Weiss arrested at protest

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NEW YORK — Crying "Shame, shame!" and "Why weren't you with the families in Buenos Aires?" activist Rabbi Avi Weiss disrupted a gathering of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation recently because it was honoring Argentina's President Carlos Menem.

Protesting the presentation of the World Statesman Award to Menem in light of Argentina's failure to apprehend the terrorists who bombed the Jewish community building in Buenos Aires July 18 and the Israeli Embassy there two years earlier, Rabbi Weiss and a colleague from his New York-based Coalition of Concern-Amcha lay huddled together on the floor of the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pierre.

After allowing them to speak to the media, police arrested Rabbi Weiss and David Kalb, who were charged with criminal trespassing and resisting arrest. They were ordered to appear in court Oct. 24.

Rabbi Weiss, who in the days following this summer's blast flew to Buenos Aires to meet with Menem and members of the Argentine cabinet, told reporters about the families of those who died in the bombing and his concern that Argentina's border is so easily breached.

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president and founder of the ecumenical Appeal of Conscience, decried Rabbi Weiss's actions.

"Anyone should be free to demonstrate, but the few should not terrorize the others in the world," he said. "We are all in the same boat."

Noting that his organization had nominated Menem for the award months before the July bombing in Buenos Aires, Rabbi Schneier said he is "satisfied that the Argentine government has brought in the CIA, the FBI, the Mossad and the French Secret Service, and is doing everything it can to bring the terrorists to justice."

Menem, who had met with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations earlier in the day, told a reporter that Argentina is "in the midst of the investigation," into the terrorist attack, which killed 99 people and wounded nearly 200.

In his speech at the luncheon, Menem made only limited reference to the bombing, saying, "This abhorrent act was an attack on the Argentine people as a whole.

"I wish to reiterate the strong commitment of the Argentine government to fully investigate this act and to find and punish those responsible."

Survivor case goes before Israeli court

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court of Justice on Friday gave the government 60 days to explain why Holocaust victims receiving pensions from the Treasury get less than those who who receive compensation directly from Germany.

The order was in response to a petition by Likud MK Avraham Herschson and three others.

Under the 1952 reparations agreement with Germany, Israel agreed to pay all claims against the German government by Holocaust victims who were already living here, in exchange for an annual payment from Germany of between 210 million and 310 million DM (between $240 million and $360 million).

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The News in Brief

Solidarity For Hunger Strikers

JERUSALEM — More than 700 people took part in a 24-hour fast at the Gamla protest site last Wednesday, in solidarity with Golan activists who have been on hunger strike for nearly three weeks.

Organizers said the mass fast was aimed at putting further pressure on the government to return to its pre-election promises of maintaining an Israeli presence on the Golan Heights, even in the event of peace with Syria.

Residents of kibbutzim, moshavim, towns, and villages in the Galilee, the Golan itself and from other parts of the country took part in the demonstration.

"What the hunger strikers are doing is what any resident of the Upper Galilee should be doing, and that's why I'm here taking part in this 24-hour hunger strike," said Avshalom Shamai of Rosh Pina.

Miriam Shahak, from Har Adar, near Jerusalem, said her husband Itzik joined the Golan hunger strikers two weeks ago. "Now the whole family is here giving support and I'm also fasting for the day. As far as the Golan is concerned, I don't even like the phrase 'giving it back' to the Syrians because it was never theirs in the first place."

Protesters were angry over remarks made by former Northern Commander Avigdor "Yanush" Ben-Gal in an open letter to the daily newspaper *Maariv*.

Ben-Gal accused the Golan activists, and the hunger strikers in particular, of being "deaf, blind and insular." He charged they are "morons" who did not have a clue about regional politics, and accused them of misleading the public.

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Team Heads to Bahrain

JERUSALEM — A six-member Foreign Ministry team last week paid the first visit by Israeli officals to Bahrain, to prepare for a trip there by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

Israel and Bahrain do not have official relations, but the Gulf state has followed the lead of neighbors Oman and Qatar, which have hosted Israeli delegations as part of the multilateral peace talks. Kuwait is also scheduled to host a round this year.

The multilateral round deal with the environment, arms control, economic development, refugees, and water. Canada hosts the working group on refugees.

Bahrain will host the working group on the environment, to take place Oct. 25 and 26.

Sarid is also scheduled to travel to Tunisia next month for a meeting with environment ministers from other Mediterranean countries to discuss regional problems.

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Menem Offers Help

NEW YORK — Argentinian President Carlos Menem told Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last Tuesday that he would try to arrange a meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad when he visits the Syrian leader at the end of November.

Peres, who arrived here last Monday morning, is pressing for greater international political and financial support for the peace process in a series of meetings with leaders gathered for the opening of the 49th UN General Assembly.

During their half-hour meeting, Menem asked what he could do to facilitate the peace process during his upcoming visit to Syria. Peres said Assad's insistence on keeping negotiations at the level of lower ministers, rather than face-to-face talks between the two leaders, is the major impediment to progress. Menem pledged to push Assad to agree to such a meeting.

Menem expressed his "sorrow" at July's terrorist bombing of the Buenos Aires Jewish community center, which killed 100 people.

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Synagogue Was Targetted

RABAT — An Algerian Muslim fundamentalist arrested in Morocco for killing Spanish tourists has confessed he had been instructed to attack a synagogue in Casablanca, according to a report by the Moroccan news agency MAP.

Hamel Marzouk said he decided not to attack the synagogue because it was so heavily guarded, and instead shot up tombs in a Jewish cemetery, according to the report.

No day or time of the cemetery attack was reported.

Elan Steinberg, director of the World Jewish Congress, said the arrest appears to be tied to the Islamic fundamentalist movement "that has ripped Algeria," and not to Morocco's recently established ties with Israel.

Marzouk was arrested in connection with the Aug. 24 attack on the Atlas Hotel in Marrakesh, Morocco, in which two Spanish tourists were shot to death.

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Arab Paper Now Defends Talmud

NEW YORK — In the latest indication of changing Jewish-Arab relations, a prominent Arab newspaper has published a defence of the Talmud.

The defence, written by Rabbi Daniel Landes of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, was a response to an earlier assault on the Talmud in the Arabic publication *Al-Hayat*.

Calling the newspaper's decision to print his response a "tremendous opening," Rabbi Landes said, "As far as we know this is the first time that a Jew has not only been allowed to respond but to speak for the Jewish faith."

Al-Hayat published its assault on the Talmud and on Jewish values, in June. The two articles charged that the Talmud "preaches two different values, one for Jews and the other for Gentiles."

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Fire Rips Sydney Shul

SYDNEY — A major fire ripped through this city's largest synagogue here last week, devastating the interior of the three-storey building and destroying the main sanctuary.

All of the Central Synagogue's Torah scrolls, including 15 stored inside a recently installed fire-proof safe, were completely burned after the intense heat caused the safe to buckle.

There were no injuries reported.

Arson was originally suspected, but the latest reports from police and fire officials indicate the blaze was caused by a malfunction in the air-conditioning system.

Congregants wept and watched with horror as 12 fire-fighting units battled the flames for more than two hours.

Jewish leaders designated Oct. 3 as a day of mourning for Sydney's Jewish community. At that time, remains of the religious books will be buried and a special service will take place at a hall that will serve as a temporary synagogue for the Orthodox congregation.

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Swiss Pass Anti-Racist Law

GENEVA — After months of anticipation, Swiss voters have narrowly approved legislation that will make it a crime to discriminate against ethnic groups or incite racial hatred.

Final results from the Sept. 25 referendum indicated that 54.6 per cent of those voting approved the legislation, while 45.4 per cent voted against it.

Approximately 45 per cent of eligible Swiss voters turned out for the referendum.

Swiss legislators passed the law in June 1993, but a drive by right-wing groups succeeded in putting the measure to a popular vote.

The law forbids public attempts to incite racial hatred or discrimination and makes it a crime to publicly deny the Holocaust. As a result, Holocaust deniers and neo-Nazi groups will no longer be allowed to hold public meetings or distribute their literature in Switzerland.

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Anti-Semitic Acts Double

NEW YORK — Anti-Semitic incidents in Germany have skyrocketed by 100 per cent for the first six months of 1994 over the same period last year, the World Jewish Congress has reported.

German police reported 701 anti-Semitic attacks in the first half of 1994, compared with 343 in the same period last year.

Most of incidents took place in the southwestern state of Bavaria.

Official figures show that 121 crimes aimed at Jews or at Jewish targets have been solved by investigators.

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Halter searched for righteous gentiles

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "The world is based upon 36 righteous people," Rabbi Abaye observes in the Talmud.

Mindful of this dictum, Marek Halter — a Jewish writer living in Paris — devoted several years to looking for 36 extraordinary human beings.

After an exhausting search, he found them — 36 gentiles, Christians and Muslims, from 14 countries who saved upwards of 500,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

Halter tells their inspirational stories in *Tzedek*, his 180 minute-long documentary which had its North American premiere at the recent Toronto International Film Festival.

For all intents and purposes, *Tzedek* chronicles the courage and decency of 36 "Oskar Schindlers." But unlike Schindler, whose now-famous story was magically transformed into an Oscar-winning film by Steven Spielberg, the people in Halter's movie are virtual unknowns.

There is Berthold Beitz, the German who saved 800 Jews; Zaineba Hardaga, the Bosnian Muslim who saved 10 Jews; Irena Sendler, the Pole who saved 2,500 Jews; Senpo Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat who saved 3,600 Jews; and Giorgio Perlasca, the Italian who saved 5,200 Jews.

And Halter's list goes on and on.

Halter, who was born in Warsaw in 1936, made *Tzedek* after a lukewarm reaction by French high school students to a lecture he had delivered on the Holocaust.

"I left with the feeling that I had irritated them," said Halter, whose family escaped to the Soviet Union during World War II. "My story was too heavy for them."

After mulling over the matter, Halter concluded that he had alienated his listeners because he had dwelled exclusively on the negative dimension of the Holocaust.

He decided that it was just as important to single out and honor those who had risked their lives and that of their families to assist Jews in their hour of need.

Some of Halter's Jewish friends disagreed. "They said that since the discussion on the 'evil' of the Holocaust hasn't been finished, it was premature to discuss the 'good.' "

Marek Halter

He spent the first three years on research. "I contacted a group of historians, who helped me track down the 36 righteous gentiles."

In all, Halter talked with 202 such persons, eliminating repetitious interviews. A few of his subjects declined to be interviewed. "They were modest heroes. Some had even refused medals from Yad Vashem" (the Holocaust memorial-cum-museum in Jerusalem).

Halter persisted, convincing all but three of his reluctant interlocutors to cooperate.

He says that none of the interviewees accepted money in exchange for their altruism. "Those who did are not really righteous gentiles."

As he delved deeper into the topic, Halter discovered that the righteous gentiles fell into three categories.

"They were motivated by three reasons. The first was religious belief. They would say, 'I did it for God.' The second was a form of resistance against the Germans. The third was basic decency.

"The majority," he adds, "were simple people, not intellectuals. And about half had had Jewish friends before the war."

Tzedek changed Halter, who is not averse to self-promotion. "I discovered the meaning of modesty. It was a very beautiful lesson."

To those who may criticize him for accentuating the positive, Halter has a ready answer.

As he puts it in a press release: "I am, I believe, better placed than most to know to what levels of ignominy the people of Europe could sink to at that time. But I am just as insistent that we remember that even during those years of abomination and extreme distress there were those men and women who allowed us not to despair of humanity."

Halter, who is best known for his 1983 novel, *The Book of Abraham*, a saga covering the life of a Jewish family over 2,000 years, says that *Tzedek* will open its commercial run in Europe at the end of November.

A release date for North America has yet to be fixed.

However, *Tzedek* was screened at the Israel Film Festival in Haifa late last month.

As well, a book version, entitled *Tzedek — The Righteous*, will be published in French next February in Paris. An English edition will appear several months later.

Fine balancing act

Once, Halter would have agreed with them. "I did not immediately like *Schindler's List*," he explains. "I thought it was too early for such a film. As the philosopher Walter Benjamin wrote, 'After Auschwitz, poetry is impossible.' "

But after thinking about it further, Halter reassessed his opinion, coming to the conclusion that *Schindler's List* was in fact a fine balancing act between good and evil.

And so Halter disregarded the advice proffered by his friends and embarked on a journey of discovery.

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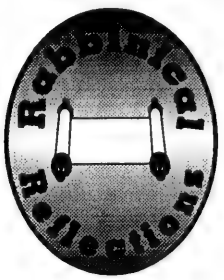

By RABBI IRA S. GRUSSGOTT

This week's Torah reading features two main episodes: The Flood and the Tower of Babel. From a literary point of view they pose a problem. If God wanted to destroy the world, why employ water as the medium? After all water is symbolic of life — mayim hayim.

In literature destruction can more effectively be conveyed through the media of fire and brimstone. Wouldn't fire be a more effective medium to employ here? Similarly, if the message of the episode of the Tower of Babel would have us reflect upon the consequences of disunity, confusion, conflict and chaos, why employ a tower to symbolize such a state? A tower is seen as a symbol of strength and cohesion. Would not the story's theme of conflict and chaos be better expressed via the bulding of a cave underground or a fence or a wall around the city?

Perhaps the inappropriate media convey a message in themselves. By pairing destruction with water and strife with a tower, the Torah teaches us something basic about evil. It tells us corruption can come clothed in righteousness, and sin can take on the trappings of virtue.

To be sure evil existed before The Flood. Indeed it came with the first man, Adam, who disobeyed God. But when Adam disobeyed God at least he was ashamed and in the aftermath of his disobedience he hid. When Cain killed his brother he disavowed the act at first and then he offered an excuse. However lame, at least he had an innate understanding of right and wrong.

No such understanding existed in the generation of Noah. Man had "progressed" from shame to denial to rationalization to justification. He had learned to overlay his evil acts with the symbols of virtue and trappings of piety. When society in Noah's day reached that point, a "moral mabul" ensued. "And the earth was filled with violence." (Gen. 6:11)

Today's world is filled with violence of the same sort as that exhibited by the "flood and tower generation" of old.

Perhaps the message of this week's Torah portion with its inversion of symbols (water as the vehicle of destruction rather than life and the tower as the setting for chaos rather than unity) is an effective rejoinder to Marshall McLuhan's observation that "the medium is the message."

There is always the danger of the medium *obscuring* the message. This is best illustrated by the story of the sailor who stepped ashore every morning to set his watch by the clock on the tower of the local bank. One day the banker stepped outside the bank to ask him why. "Well," said the sailor, "I am the man who sounds the noon siren on my ship and I want to be sure it is the correct time." "That's strange," said the banker, "I set the clock on the tower by that siren each day."

No McLuhan, the medium can not be the message and we will guard against those who misuse any medium, who would stir up the "still waters." Instead we shall be guided by the message of our Torah which transcend any media however misused. Only then can we expect its message to serve as "mayanei hayeshua" waters of salvation and "migdalei oz" — towers of strength.

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Jordan backs away from Muslim sites in territories

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Jordan renounced its religious links to Judea, Samaria, and Gaza last Tuesday in a move apparently aimed at avoiding further bickering with the PLO. But Amman retained its religious claims to Jerusalem.

A four-page statement issued by the government in Amman said Jordan was also dismissing hundreds of employees working at nearly 40 religious sites in the territories.

The statement, read on national television, stressed that Jordan will continue to "support the Palestinians by all means and ways and will not allow any side to harm the deep-rooted relations between the Palestinian and Jordanian people."

It said the decision was in accordance with instructions from King Hussein. However, Hussein maintained his guardianship of Muslim holy sites in the territories and Jerusalem.

Over the years, Jordan has spent millions of dollars for the upkeep of holy shrines scattered around the territories and Jerusalem. Officials say the kingdom spends $9 million (U.S.) annually for the maintenance of shrines and employees' salaries.

The Jordanian statement, quoting the king, said: "There have been attempts by some employees of the Palestine National Authority to create a conflict with the kingdom over its historic role which preserved the Arab and Moslem holy sites in the occupied territories."

It said those included the "harassment" of Jordanian employees working for Islamic shrines and taking unilateral decisions, sidestepping Jordan's religious claims to the territories.

"His Majesty ordered the council of ministers to take all necessary measures which ensure an end to all attempts aimed at creating a conflict with the kingdom and that all these decisions should not in any sense affect the brotherly relations between the Jordanian and the Palestinian people," it said.

The statement said Jordan decided to maintain legal and administrative responsibility over religious sites and courts in Jerusalem.

In Jericho, the PA's Islamic affairs minister welcomed the decision. "I think it's a good step in the right direction," Minister Hassan Tahboub told the Associated Press.

"If Israel disengaged itself from several departments in the West Bank, why not Jordan? It seems that King Hussein has realized that the Palestinians must take care of their own affairs, like any other country in the world," he said.

Last month, PLO leader Yasser Arafat named Tahboub as minister of Islamic affairs, a move seen as an open challenge to Jordan, whose Wakf (Islamic Trust) runs dozens of Muslim sites in the territories and Jerusalem.

Tahboub said he is confident the dispute over Jerusalem could be settled, and hinted that the Palestinians would not insist on exclusive control.

"Jerusalem is for all Muslims and we cannot ban any Muslim from claiming his right to Jerusalem," he said. "The Palestinian National Authority will discuss the issue with its Jordanian brothers, and we are sure that we will come to a conclusion that will satisfy everybody."

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Dear Rosie, IN THIS NEW YEAR, I'VE DECIDED TO WRITE A LOT MORE LETTERS AND TRY TO SAVE ON THOSE HUGE PHONE BILLS.
RING RING RING RING
LORNA! Hi, sis. I WAS JUST READING YOUR LETTER...
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Front Line

Goodbye, and thank you all

By PATRICIA RUCKER
CJN Editor-in-chief

Saying goodbye is always hard to do. And this goodbye, to the more than 150,000 readers of *The Canadian Jewish News* across Canada, in Israel and in corners of the Diaspora I never dreamed we reached until I received your letters, is especially hard to do.

Over more than 20 years, as a freelance writer (1972-76), as a reporter (1983-86) and as editor (1989-94), *The CJN* has been a part of my life, and as they will attest, a part of my family's. The births of our sons, Simon and Joshua, (now 21 and 18) were announced by Miriam Herman in her *What's New* column; our daughter Elizabeth wrote her first words at *The CJN* on the battered manual typewriter of our beloved editor Ralph Hyman, *z'l*, while he instructed her mother on the finer points of getting the story right; Liz came back 19 years later to write the year-end news roundup on her mother's computer.

In a very real way, this newspaper, its readers and advertisers, its directors, members of the Montreal and Toronto advisory boards, its staff, especially my predecessor Maurice Lucow, and writers, and the myriad of people involved with the community it serves, have become mishpachah, family.

As I write this final column, I cannot help thinking about what it means to be a part of that family, the family of the Jewish people and of those who, while not Jewish, care about our fate — and of how that has informed my sense of what role *The Canadian Jewish News* plays in promoting the welfare and security and the values of that worldwide family.

We are a very diverse people; we speak many languages, live in many different countries and hold widely divergent political beliefs. We identify ourselves as Jews in many different ways, and express that identification in a variety of forms. Like any family, we fight among ourselves. But we are bound to each other by ties of history, faith and culture that have survived millennia of persecution and dispersion. In spite of our differences, any threat to the survival of our family unites us.

The Canadian Jewish News has always sought to reflect our diversity in a way that made it clear that we are united on one issue: we will not tolerate any threat to our survival. As our mission statement phrases it: we are "an independent newspaper dedicated to the well-being of the Jewish community. Our mandate is to provide information and informed commentary on the issues and events that concern members of the Jewish community in Canada, as Canadians and as Jews." It continues: "We insist on respect for Jews as individuals and as members of a worldwide community, which includes, as a major focus, the State of Israel."

The point of greatest tension in Jewish journalism is the point at which the words "information" and, on the other side, "well-being" and "respect" balance. Every one of our readers can, I am sure, find an example where she or he believes that the information we published conflicted with the well-being of the Jewish community or the insistence on respect for Jews; and every reader can also find an example where he or she believes that we were too timid, for fear of causing disrespect, or harming the welfare of the Jewish people.

It is a very fine and difficult balance to achieve, and each one of us who practises Jewish journalism lives with the knowledge that we are inevitably off balance, to one side or the other, in the opinion of at least half of our readers.

What keeps us going is the passion that underlies both the criticism and the praise we receive. We are writing about and for a community that cares. As I look back over the issues that have provoked the greatest response during the past five years, every one of them was an issue of fundamental importance to the survival and well-being of the Jewish people: the Gulf War, the peace process, the exodus of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry and the ongoing efforts to complete the rescue of Syrian Jewry; and in Canada, intermarriage and assimilation, and the future of Quebec Jewry.

This list is hardly exhaustive, and omits some issues to which, during the past five years, I have tried to give a higher profile: AIDS in the Jewish community; women's issues, including family violence and the plight of agunot; poverty among Jews, particularly elderly women. If I have any regrets, it is that these issues have not provoked the same breadth of response across the community as the more familiar concerns. My successor will find much to do, and a dedicated professional staff to help in the task.

But now is not a time for regrets. As I take up my new position as a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, a position of great responsibility for the lives and welfare of others, I know that I have learned much from a community that has not forgotten that decades ago, because this country did not have a moral refugee policy, so many of our people were denied refuge on these shores. I have learned much from those who, because they cannot forget that, seek justice and practise compassion; who have built a strong and caring community; who defend the right of Jews and non-Jews alike to live free from persecution and oppression; and who live their lives according to the words of Rabbi Hillel:

"If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, then what am I?"

Thank you all.

We can love each other despite differences

By RABBI NACHUM BRAVERMAN

I found myself recently seated beside a stranger at a banquet. He turned, saw I was wearing a yarmulke and said to me, "I hate Orthodox Jews." This is called sinat hinam, unprovoked hatred.

The Talmud records that sinat hinam was the principal cause behind the destruction of the Second Temple. Bitter factional struggles and petty individual vindictiveness destroyed the cohesion of the Jewish Commonwealth, condemning the Jews to 2,000 years of exile. Even when the Romans had besieged Jerusalem and total disaster was imminent, hostile groups within the city fought among themselves and plundered stores of food, causing terrible famine.

Today, as then, we face a great crisis of survival. Today, as then, our response is often self-destructive. In 1983 Steve Huberman reported to the Federation Council of Los Angeles that only 25 per cent of local Jews affiliated with the Jewish community. The remaining 75 per cent didn't contribute to the federation, belong to a synagogue or Jewish organization of any kind.

Statistics compiled by the Harvard Centre for Population Studies and reported in the *American Jewish Year Book* indicate that if intermarriage continues at its current rate of 50 per cent, five million Jews will disappear in the next 50 years. This is the overwhelming crisis of Jewish life. It threatens the financial future of all Jewish organizations and jeopardizes American support for Israel as well. The bitter factionalization of the 25 per cent who do care and do affiliate makes any effective response nearly impossible.

Most Jews today have little connection with Israel and no intention of ever living there. They are indifferent to the issues which form the nexus of intra-Jewish strife. Religious pluralism in Israel, the Law of Return, the Jerusalem bus-stop dispute — for the majority of American Jews these are sectarian issues with all the immediacy of inter-religious violence in India. The majority have a simpler and more relevant question: Why be Jewish at all? We can't answer their question because we're too busy fighting among ourselves. We are bickering while the Temple burns.

We can't pretend we don't have differences. We differ greatly in our understanding of G-d and revelation, the authority of Torah and of Halachah. We can't finesse these issues away but we must remember we're in a time of great crisis. If we want the Jewish people to survive the next 50 years we'll have to put the sectarian issues aside. We simply don't have time to fight among ourselves.

Our differences don't mean we can't love and be committed to one another, learn together and work together for Jewish survival. Our differences don't mean the other side is less intelligent, less well motivated, or less desirous of truth than ourselves. Our differences mean we disagree. Men of goodwill can and must disagree about matters of great importance without questioning their love for or commitment to one another. Two people who learn together will battle passionately, says the Talmud, and end more passionately committed to their friendship because their disagreements express a common search for truth. If we can see our differences as the honest disagreements of intelligent, well-meaning men, we can work together to confront the issues which face us all.

Jewish law records the question of may one Jew take another's life to save his own (other than in self-defence). "No," responds the Talmud, because we can't judge another person, and can't possibly know which of the two is more precious to G-d. For true dialogue to begin we must assume our interlocutors are as Jewish as ourselves, as close to G-d as ourselves, as honest, intelligent, and well-intentioned as ourselves. All too often prejudice and mistrust interfere with this assumption.

The Talmud says in every generation in which the Temple is not rebuilt it is as though it has been destroyed. We have a chance still to reassert our unity and our common goals. We can reach out to the disaffected 75 per cent and together commit ourselves to Israel and the Jewish people. Let's seize that chance now before it's swept away and famine grips the city of Jerusalem once again.

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Jewish people reclaiming Dead Sea Scrolls

By ARNOLD AGES

Since 1947, when the first group of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by Bedouin shepherds in the Judean desert, those documents have been celebrated without being known.

Their celebrity was enhanced over the years by a trickle of revelations made to the press by a close-knit group of scholars who spent years painstakingly unravelling, decoding, deciphering and transcribing the Hebrew and Aramaic writings found in the caves at Qumran.

Some of the scrolls, of course, were fairly easy to read. The biblical scrolls, even those with versions slightly at variance with the traditional Masoretic text — Vayikhal instead of Vayelekh in Deuteronomy 31:1 — were eminently readable.

Anyone who has had an opportunity to see photographs of some of the other materials from Qumran — non-canonical texts and manuals exclusive to the inhabitants of the desert community — will have noticed not only a sometimes esoteric vocabulary but numerous words and sentences which have faded from the leather scrolls through the ravages of time.

It is in this context that one can appreciate and understand the yeoman's work which went into the reconstructing of the original Hebrew and Aramaic of many of the documents. This is the kind of paleographical enterprise that cannot be hurried.

There is, however, a reasonable limit to this kind of work and 47 years does seem to be an adequate time span for the completion of such tasks. Had it not been for the exertions of a number of American and European scholars, however, it is doubtful that the full texts of the scrolls would be available even today.

Perhaps the most disquieting aspect of the scrolls story lies, not in the length of time it has taken to reproduce them for scholarly exploration, nor in the heated debate on the identification of the community which established itself in the Judean desert, but in the nature of the team which worked on them for the first 20 years.

This is not at all a trivial consideration, because all the speculation about the nature of the non canonical treaties at Qumran were shaped by the first group of scholars to whom the scrolls were entrusted. Their interpretations were the first to be communicated to the outside world.

Because of diverse factors — the 1947 Arab-Israel war being the most important — a library of documents written, copied, and transcribed by a group of Jewish pietists became the exclusive preserve of a coterie of Christian scholars (Catholic and Protestant).

There are uncomfortable parallels between the physical hijacking of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the spiritual hijacking of the Torah itself by Christian scholars over the centuries. Just as the Church formulated a Christian reading of the Torah, widely at variance with a Jewish understanding of that text, so the first members of the Dead Sea Scrolls research team left an indelibly Christian imprint on their analytical exercises.

Arnold Ages

It should be noted that Christians, or for that matter, any group, have the right to interpret the Torah in any fashion they wish. Again, it must be acknowledged that the Christian scholars who worked on the scrolls brought impeccable academic credentials to their work on the Hebrew and Aramaic documents at Qumran.

But their doctrinal biases filtered through their scholarship. Thus the impression often conveyed by them was that the Qumran community was a proto-Christian society with "baptismal" rites, communal dinners similar to the Last Supper and a "teacher of righteousness," who was a model for John the Baptist.

The Qumran community pictured by the first scholars was a kind of matrix from which early Christianity grew. It is not suprising that the Jewishness of the Qumran agglomeration was deemphasized when one takes into consideration the fact that one of the first leaders of the Dead Sea Scroll team gave an interview to the *Jerusalem Post* several years ago, in which he referred to Judaism in terms redolent of Louis Farrakhan.

Since 1967, when the Dead Sea Scrolls came into Israeli hands because of the imprudence of King Hussein in launching a war against Israel, the scrolls have maintained their celebrity but they have also become known. This is indoubtedly due, in part, to the fact that many Jewish scholars have become involved in editing and interpreting the scrolls.

In the last five years, scores of books have appeared detailing the richness of the Qumran trove and the huge number of manuscripts — not scores but hundreds — that were found. Now the scholarly debate ranges over the origin of the people who settled in Qumran and what their relationship was to other Jewish factions during the Second Temple period.

Now that these essentially Jewish documents are being read by Jewish scholars, certain aspects of the Qumran literature, hitherto ignored, have become the focus of scrutiny.

Thus documents of a halachic nature, that is to say, materials dealing with technical questions of Jewish law, as Lawrence H. Schiffman shows in his forth coming book, *Reclaiming The Dead Sea Scrolls*, are surfacing and are being subjected to methodical analysis. One prominent example is a discussion of water purity laws which preoccupied Qumran residents. Those same laws are addressed in Mishnaic sources.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, that precious legacy of a Jewish outpost in the Judean desert, are coming back to the Jewish people.

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Lithuania's new policy

During World War II, when Lithuania was occupied by Nazi Germany, Lithuanian nationalists murdered thousands of Jews with the assent and cooperation of the Germans. In the process, one of the most illustrious Jewish communities in Europe was all but extinguished. Today, in sovereign Lithuania, the Jewish community, consisting of less than 6,000 persons, is but a shadow of its former self. "Lithuania," Gregory Kanovich — a noted Lithuanian Jewish writer — has said, "is a graveyard for Jews."

Until Lithuania regained its independence from the Soviet Union several years ago, the Holocaust was a subject of which few Lithuanians spoke, much less were aware. As in other Communist-dominated countries, the Holocaust was, for all practical purposes, a non-event. At memorials dedicated to the victims of the war, not a word was said of Jews who had been murdered by Germans and their local collaborators. Successive Lithuanian governments, taking their cue from Moscow and hard-line nationalists in Lithuania, silenced the unprecedented tragedy of the Jewish people.

Last month, in a startling reversal of policy, Lithuania publicly atoned for crimes some of its citizens perpetrated against Jews. In a television address, the prime minister, Adolfas Slezevicius, urged fellow Lithuanians to acknowledge and repent for this shameful chapter in their history.

As he put it: "During World War II, over 200,000 Lithuanian Jews were killed. Despite the fact that this holocaust was the realization of Nazi policies in our country, we should recognize that hundreds of Lithuanians took direct part in this genocide. This obliges us to repent and ask the Jewish people for forgiveness for the unjust suffering inflicted on our fellow citizens. I would also like to say that the government of Lithuania assumes responsibility for prosecuting those who participated in murder."

By any yardstick, the prime minister's speech is a welcome, albeit belated, admission of reality. And Lithuania should be commended for it. However, as the Simon Wiesenthal Center correctly points out, the speech is marred by two inaccuracies.

The first is that thousands, not merely hundreds, of Lithuanians have blood on their hands. Facts should not be distorted, if only for the sake of the future generation. The second is that Lithuania's efforts to extradite Lithuanian war criminals have fallen far short of the mark.

In this respect, Lithuania can make amends by extraditing Aleksandras Lileikis, a wartime policeman living in the United States who has been accused by U.S. federal prosecutors of handing over Jews to the Germans from 1941 to 1944.

Lithuania's response to this case may well be a clue to its overall attitude toward the Holocaust.

Saudi fundamentalists

Saudi Arabia has never been in the vanguard of progressive Arab states. In the last half century it has been a militant supporter of terrorism against Israel, a major proponent and backer of the Arab League Boycott Office and a promoter of the most rigid kind of Islam, Wahhabism.

These factors have not prevented Riyadh from becoming a target of an aspect of revitalized Islam that has become known as fundamentalism. On several different occasions since 1926, Saudi rulers have had to contend with outbursts of Islamic fundamentalism that have threatened the stability of the Saudi authorities.

In 1979, 300 militant Muslims used the occasion of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Islam's holiest shrine, to take over the main mosque in the city. It took police over two weeks to overcome the extremists and their supporters with many casualties on both sides.

In the last several months Saudi Arabia has been relatively free of the fundamentalist violence which has become murderously commonplace in Algeria, Sudan and Egypt. However, the United Nations conference on population in Cairo triggered a number of confrontations between Saudi fundamentlists and the government.

The activities of Muslim militants in Saudi Arabia have nothing to do with the purity of Islam since Riyadh, as the protector of Mecca and site of the annual Haj (pilgrimage) has always encouraged the most Orthodox and puritanical form of that faith. What is at stake here is simple political power as fundamentalists seek to subvert any government which in their eyes, does not operate according to their understanding of the tenets of the Muslim religion.

In this context one can only commiserate with the Saudi authorities as they attempt to rein in those violent elements within Islamic society that seek to destabilize politically existing governments. In the last decade the Middle East has begun to reach a modicum of political equilibrium with the PLO-Israel accords and the new realism of Jordan and Syria.

It would be a shame if religious zealots were permitted to reverse such historic gains.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ISRAEL AND QUEBEC

(The story referred to here appeared in the Montreal edition Aug. 25. An English translation of the letter follows.)

Au sujet de l'article intitulé "Two Candidates vie for Outremont riding" dans l'édition du 25 août dernier, la question suivante de M. Cohen, "Comment pouvons-nous dire que le nationalisme des Juifs qui ont créé l'Etat d'Israël est sain et que celui du Québec ne l'est pas" est un autre exemple des nombreux commentaires insensés attribuables au Parti Québécois. Si on fait une comparaison directe, la différence fondamentale devient apparente.

Le "nationalisme" d'Israël est né spontanément et naturellement quand une nation entière s'est réjouie du succès collectif d'avoir créé une terre d'accueil dans le désert. Les opprimés et les survivants s'étaient accrochés aux derniers vestiges de l'espoir d'un nouveau commencement et avaient en effet été temoins de sa réalisation. En conséquence, cette nation naissante s'est emparée d'un sentiment de nationalisme profond.

Au Québec le "nationalisme" a été artificiellement "manufacturé" par des dissidents qui, malgré certaines lois façonées de manière à limiter la présence anglaise et ainsi à continuer à exiger la séparation du reste du Canada. Ce pays, dont l'histoire a débuté au 17ème siècle et qui est estimé dans le monde entier, a été construit par les efforts et le travail des gen qui sont venus de beaucoup de milieux différents (y inclus des Juifs), qui sont vigoureusement fédéralistes et qui demeurent convaincus que la séparation est malsaine pour le Québec et pour le Canada et, qu'il n'y a aucun besoin de nationalisme.

En s'alignant du côté de ceux qui sont déterminés à détruire ce pays, des Sépharades tels que Cohen et Elbaz, qui ont accepté de vivre au Canada, démontrent peu de considération et de compréhension des ramifications de cette élection. Leurs actes ne font que diminuer leur statut dans la communauté juive.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Re: the article entitled "Two Candidates vie for Outremont riding" in the August 25 issue, Mr. Cohen's question "How can we say the nationalism of Jews which created the State of Israel is healthy and that of Quebec is not?" is another of the many thoughtless comments attributed to the Parti Québécois. In a direct comparison, the fundamental difference is readily apparent.

Israel's "nationalism" was born spontaneously and naturally when the entire nation rejoiced at the collective successes in bringing vibrant life to the desert homeland. The oppressed and the survivors had clung to the last vestiges of hope for a new beginning and had indeed witnessed its realization. Thus the feeling of profound nationalism overtook the young nation completely.

In Quebec the "nationalism" was artificially "manufactured" by some dissidents, who, despite some tough laws designed to severely limit the English presence in the province, continued to push for separation from the rest of Canada. The country, whose history began in the 17th century, and which is held in high esteem throughout the world, was built by the efforts and labors of people of mixed and varied backgrounds (including Jews), who for the most part were and continue to be staunchly federalist and who remain steadfast in the opinion that separation is unhealthy for both Quebec and Canada and that there is no place for "nationalism" at all.

By aligning themselves on the side of those who are bent on tearing the country apart, Sephardi Jews like Cohen and Elbaz, who accepted the opportunity to live in Canada, have demonstrated little regard or understanding of the implications of this election, and their actions will certainly diminish their stature in the Jewish community.

Jack Korne
Montreal

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WHAT THE BIBLE MEANT

The United Nations conference on population and development is held once a decade. This year it is being held in Cairo, Egypt.

The Talmud teaches that human life is not to be taken lightly. It says that a person's life is equivalent to a whole world. In Judaism, so much importance is given to human life and its proper development, that Maimonides ruled that a parent who fails to provide for the education and guidance of his or her child has no repentance, because it is impossible to rectify the misdeed.

Accordingly, Judaism believes that the responsibility for giving life and nurturing it rests with the individual. The Bible states: "And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them, and God blessed them and told them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and master it . . ."

The command "be fruitful and multiply" must be understood in the context of the biblical sentence. Man is commanded to strive for the lofty image that God gave him. In this image, he is instructed to master the earth and to use his potential to multiply accordingly. This command was given equally to men and women and they are both obliged to fulfil it.

Eli Ophek
Toronto

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BERGEN-BELSEN SURVIVORS

Last year I made a trip to the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen, since it was there where my maternal grandmother perished and I considered it a visit to her grave even if it was a mass grave and one of many. Being a child survivor myself, this was important to me and my cousin, whose mother died there too, and as I found out, more than two months after liberation.

Needless to say this was a very emotional visit and I was surprised by the welcome and help we got in the Museum of Bergen-Belsen. Mr. Jurgens, a historian, gave us a personal tour and also took us to the cemetery, which is still on the military base of the English army. He also pointed out to me the very incomplete records he has and asked me if I could help publicize a plea for help in making these records as complete as possible. All those who know about people who perished in Bergen-Belsen, or were themselves inmates of Bergen-Belsen should write to Mr. A. Jurgens, Niedersaechsische Landeszentrale fuer Politische Bildung, Gedenkstaette Bergen-Belsen, 29303 Lohheide, Germany.

Dr. Nadia Rosa
Hamilton

Mr. Jurgens writes: "The data so collected, will be the basis for a commemorative book, dedicated to all former prisoners of Bergen-Belsen. Even though the injustice which was inflicted onto these people is irreparable, their countless names can at least remain as a warning memory."

Dry Bones

THEY'VE HAD THEIR NEW YEAR'S FEAST AND THEIR YOM KIPPUR FAST.
THEY BUILT THEIR "SUKKAS" AND WAVED THEIR FLAGS ON SIMHAT TORAH
BUT THEIR BEST HOLIDAY WILL BE TU B'SHVAT WHEN THEY SAVE THE PLANET
?
THAT'S WHEN THEY PLANT THE TREES!!
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How easy it is to forget

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur I had the opportunity to attend a special conference in Ottawa called by Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi. There has been a lot of discussion around the country on whom we should admit to Canada, how many people we can accommodate each year, and how we can make sure that the people who finally do arrive are beneficial to Canada.

It took me a while to digest the impressions created by this high powered and often fascinating gathering, and since Sukkot was approaching it seemed particularly appropriate to put my thoughts in order. After all, Sukkot deals with people who were refugees from Egypt, looking for a land in which they could sink down their roots and taste life to the fullest. Unfortunately, they couldn't quite bring it off. They never had the chance to get out of their huts and tents; only their children were to have that opportunity.

Canada has about 29 million inhabitants today, and the immigration department sets an annual quota of how many people we want to take. Usually the figure is around one per cent, or about a quarter of a million people, consisting of immigrants and refugees.

The conference which I attended concerned itself exclusively with immigration, and with such specific issues as integration, jobs, cultural diversity, and acceptance by resident Canadians. In a long and interesting session we also considered the matter of prejudice against immigrants, and that especially struck home.

Rabbi Plaut

The majority of the delegates were favorably inclined toward the whole idea of immigration as a necessary growth factor for Canada. We are, after all, an immigrant country and the distinction we have achieved rests squarely on that fact. Everyone except the First Nations are latecomers. We Jews belong to that class, as does just about everyone else.

Having wandered across many continents through many centuries, and having tasted hospitality and rejection, friendship and enmity, we Jews longed to rest in our original home, just as the descendants of the Egyptian refugees did after 40 years in the desert. But until relatively recently the Promised Land was not available for mass migration, and so we looked elsewhere. In the United States and Canada Jews found societies that promised to treat them as residents and not as tolerated strangers.

It wasn't easy — in fact, for most Jewish immigrants it was very tough. But they labored away, making many sacrifices, so that their children might inherit the good life. God be thanked, most of them did in time.

But along with that came an ever-accelerating capacity for forgetting what their parents or grandparents had gone through. I have listened with some dismay as many otherwise enlightened and charitable people now speak of "them" — the recent immigrants — and call them pushy or lazy, unsuited to Canada, and harbingers of national dissolution and decay.

Just read these words over again: they are the same that were once said about us. We didn't fit here, so why didn't we go home? And if we decided to stay, we should keep quiet and keep out of the way of the "real Canadians."

I would not be surprised if some of my readers think the picture I paint is exaggerated. But I have heard these remarks often enough to realize that being stereotyped in the past is no protection against stereotyping others when the chance arises. In other words, we have forgotten how it was.

I am glad to say that at the Ottawa conference, many of the enlightened voices belonged to Jews, but I wondered how one could best bring their message back home. The one per cent addition to our Canadian population is a very small portion of the whole. As far as I am concerned, it is all for the good. Diversity is the spice of our life.

But of course, that by itself is not enough. There must also be a sense of national pride, that in this land it is possible to live out our earthly existence in as free a manner as possible. That is enough reason for being happy to belong to such a nation, which values law and decency as national characteristics.

In time, immigrants become part of this fabric, just as we did. Though we have forgotten much, I would like to think that somewhere deep down we still recall the biblical exhortation, "You shall befriend the stranger, for you yourselves were strangers once in the land of Egypt."

Yossi Beilin raises important issues

By RABBI REUVEN P. BULKA

It is the nature of most people to resist change, especially if things are comfortable as they are. Thus, "don't rock the boat," or "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," have become well-worn cliches to justify maintaining the status quo.

On the other hand, there are others who welcome change, who are eager, even over-eager to jump on the "it cannot go on like this anymore" bandwagon. These are people who are upset about the status quo, or sometimes upset about life.

When it is upset about life that is the motivation, the advocates for change are likely to want change even after the changes. These people are perpetual change-ists. Yes, even the Jewish community has change-ists.

When speaking of change in the Jewish community, the name Yossi Beilin springs to the fore. In fact, with all the divisions within the Jewish community, the most pervasive these days seems to be whether you are pro-Beilin or anti-Beilin.

Beilin has alienated many people in many ways. His political statements, especially his views on Jerusalem, have not endeared him to a significant segment of the Jewish community, in and outside Israel.

And his comments about the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization have angered many outside Israel, and even many in Israel.

But it is his comments about Diaspora philanthrophy that have raised the anger level to fever pitch.

In line with the famous observation of the Maggid of Dubnow, that the real difference between the wise child and the deviant child at the Passover seder is not so much what they say but how they say it, Beilin could have used a bit more tact in conveying his message.

Thus, instead of saying to Jews outside Israel that "you should keep your money, we don't need it," or words to that effect, he could have opted for a more diplomatic statement, such as "we deeply appreciate all your efforts for Israel until now, but with the large crisis of assimilation outside Israel, we feel that it is more appropriate to use the monies you raise to save your Jews and your Jewish communities."

In defence of Beilin, had he been so polite, his may have been dismissed as just another politically correct message. As it is, his attention-grabbing method has certainly caused people to stand up and take notice, but it has also generated such a conclusive reaction that many people dismiss him and all he says.

That is unfortunate, because Beilin has much to say that deserves our serious attention. It would be wrong to throw out the Beilin with the bitter water that he prescribes.

No matter what we may think about Beilin's Beit Yisrael idea, or about his repudiation of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, how can we not welcome his suggestion of a census of Jews in the Diaspora, to ensure that "basic social and cultural needs can be met by the Jewish community."

Beilin may have other things in mind with the information gleaned from the census, but the idea is sound. How can we effectively address the issue of assimilation if we do not know who is assimilating? How can we reach them if we do not know who they are, and where they are?

Who among those concerned about the future of Jewry outside Israel can honestly reject Beilin's idea that every Jewish teenager outside Israel be given a free voucher to be used between the ages of 17 and 18 (I suppose the age limits are not carved in stone) to visit Israel for a month?

The trip would be preceded by language and education preparation and would be structured so that the teens would work on a project of their own choosing in Israel, meet Israeli peers, and experience the many dimensions of Israel.

Who has come up with a better strategy for addressing the continuity (more accurately, the discontinuity) dilemma?

Beilin may have presented his proposal as a total package, but we need not accept it as such. The future of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, and State of Israel Bonds, for that matter, are not pressing issues.

But Jewish attrition is a most pressing matter, and Beilin's solution is the most easily implemented, probably the least bureaucratic, definitely the most focused, unquestionably the strategy capable of reaching the largest percentage of the most critical segment of the Jewish community.

Rabbi Bulka is chair of the rabbinic cabinet, State of Israel Bonds Canada.

You need a routine to start the day

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

By the time my gang leaves the house at 8 a.m., I've been working for two solid hours, and I'm still in my housecoat. Follow along and I'll explain (warning: minors should not attempt this without adult supervision).

The alarm goes off at 6 a.m. I lift the 4-year-old from his midnight perch across my legs, get up and stagger toward the sink. I try to splash enough cold water on my face to shock my brain into functioning before I put on a robe and head for the kitchen.

The puppy, who has grown into a big, frisky 1-year-old toy boy who is always "on," awake and ready to party, twists himself into an affectionate frenzy of licking, yelping, and charging for the back door. I let him out, turn on National Public Radio (my best friend in the sunrise kitchen), and assess the situation.

My ability to cope with breakfast in the morning relates directly to how much coping I did the night before. If I was energized after dinner and did all the dishes, washed the counter tops, swept, and put the breakfast dishes on the table, life is wonderful, breakfast is just a matter of carrying out the cereal and fruit, and I can take it easy. This happens just often enough to keep me hopeful.

But, if I was pooped after dinner, left the dishes to soak, and didn't give breakfast a thought, then I am bamboozled before I begin. At that hour, I can stare at a stack of place mats for five minutes before my brain synapses connect with my arm, causing me to put them on the table (I guess it takes me that long to give up on the notion that they will levitate and fly there without my assistance).

The place mats are followed by the bowls (our 4-year-old wants the *101 Dalmatians* bowl; our middle child wants her *Little Mermaid* bowl and her *Beauty and the Beast* spoon; our oldest won't eat breakfast no matter what flatware she gets). Then comes the cereal, the fruit, the milk, the sugar, the juice . . . every choice as individualized as three little people and one sleepy lawyer can be.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

With that array on the table, I evaluate the clock to see if, just possibly, I have time to put up a pot of coffee before I make school lunches (and an office lunch, too, for my husband). Each lunch, again, is as individual as the person who will — or won't — eat it.

With three kids at a Jewish day school, it goes without saying that the lunches have to be kosher. The school requests dairy lunches and sends an obvious-sort of little memo telling us that lunches should be balanced and healthful, packed with fiber and protein, and with no junk food, candy, cookies, and chips. In other words, don't pack anything kids will eat.

I do try to pack nutritionally sound lunches. This is a pointless exercise, because — although it is not "allowed" — the children swap stuff with their buddies in a blizzard of bargaining and hondeling that, by comparison, makes an Israeli open air market seem as staid as Tiffany's.

There are just not that many items, no matter how lovely they seem to me early in the morning, that still appeal to a small child, at room temperature, four hours later. Rather than eating the treats I pack, our middle daughter much prefers to trade away her granola bar for three cream-filled cookies and a playground draft choice to be named later.

My assembly line is a row of empty lunch boxes: a black plastic quonset hut-shaped model for my husband; a blue pouch with Barney on it for the 4-year-old; a pink lunch box with a matching thermos and Barbie logos for the 8-year-old; and a plain brown paper bag for the 11-year-old, who would not deign to open a Barney pouch or a Barbie box if they were stuffed with caviar and concealed three get-out-of-school-free passes.

Now for the contents: my husband wants a low fat, high fiber meal with representatives from each tier of the food pyramid. The pre-teen will either (1) eat nothing I pack, (2) eat everything I pack and complain that she was starving, or (3) hit up her father for pizza money.

The third grader will eat any sandwich I make, as long as it's cream cheese, any snack as long as its fruity yogurt, and any drink, as long as its apple juice. She's my best customer, not exciting, but easy to please.

And the little guy wants nothing but cereal or salty carbohydrates. At home, he eats only Cheerios and macaroni and cheese, sometimes together. At school, he eats only potato chips and an occasional peanut butter sandwich. His current diet has no known nutrients. This is not due to what I serve him — I hide zucchini in the cheese sauce and load up his cereal with fresh fruit — it is due to what he consumes, which is limited to starch and orange cheese. He gives the fruit and veggies to the dog (who, being too young to know that dogs don't eat broccoli and peaches, eats them with relish). If it wasn't for vitamin tablets, my son would have rickets, scurvy, and premature baldness, but my dog is healthy.

Lunches packed, breakfast ready, now for the fun part: "Okay, kids, rise and shine." Or, at least, rise.

First envoy to Israel looks back

Reporting from the Bonn suburb of Gielgen, Sheldon Kirshner speaks to a retired German diplomat whose ties with Israel are special.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It is customary for a foreign ambassador in Israel to present his/her credentials to Israel's president. It's a time-honored ceremony which causes barely a ripple.

Yet when Rolf Pauls presented his credentials to Zalman Shazar in August 1965, the event unleashed a tidal wave of of anger and angst.

"I wasn't nervous," he recalled in an interview. "I was prepared for everything."

Pauls, who turns 80 this year, was Germany's first ambassador to Israel, a position that required sensitivity, tact, a clean record and thick skin.

When he arrived in Tel Aviv to take up his post, only two decades had elapsed since the ignominious collapse of the Third Reich. He was therefore not surprised that some Israelis were less than thrilled to see a German ambassador in the Jewish state.

Israel and West Germany had established formal diplomatic relations on May 12, 1965, 15 years after the first formal talks between Israel and West Germany in Istanbul.

Pauls — a war veteran and a seasoned diplomat who bears a passing resemblance to the Hollywood actor Jimmy Stewart — was chosen as his country's first envoy to Israel for at least two reasons. He had dealt with Jewish and Israeli affairs and had played an integral role in the negotiations which culminated in the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between Bonn and Jerusalem.

As a diplomat, Pauls was initially exposed to these issues when he was posted to Washington as a counsellor for political affairs. There, he forged links with Abba Eban, then Israel's envoy to the United States, and with American Jewish leaders.

Subsequently, as a Bonn-based official in charge of fostering trade with overseas countries, Pauls worked on improving incipient German-Israeli relations.

In 1952, West Germany and Israel had signed a reparations agreement under which Holocaust survivors would receive restitution payments. Shortly afterward, an Israeli mission was opened in Bonn to implement the accord. In view of the vehement opposition, there was not a reciprocal German mission in Israel. Nevertheless, German-Israeli commercial relations grew.

In 1960, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion met in an historic encounter in New York City. Five years later, Adenauer's successor, Ludwig Erhard, suggested that official diplomatic relations be established, and Israel accepted the offer. Pauls and another German diplomat went to Israel to hammer out the details. Their interlocutors were Shimon Peres, the deputy defence minister, and Zev Shek of the Foreign Ministry.

Within about a week, an agreement was reached. But the big, unanswered question was how the Israeli public would react to the presence of a German ambassador. "It was, of course, Israel's problem," said Pauls.

Early in August, he settled into his office at the West German embassy on the fourth floor of the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv. The embassy had a staff of nine diplomats, supported by 11 local workers.

To welcome Pauls to Israel, Menachem Begin — the leader of the right-wing Herut party and a Polish-born Holocaust survivor — organized an anti-German demonstration in front of the Sheraton. "Begin spoke very eloquently, though I didn't understand his speech," noted Pauls. "I read about it in the newspaper."

The public response was not entirely hostile. The morning after Begin's diatribe, a bouquet of flowers, with a card from an anonymous sender wishing Pauls all the best, was delivered to the embassy.

Rolf Pauls in his garden.
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Pauls weathered protests after arriving in Tel Aviv

Four days later, on Aug. 11, Pauls presented his credentials to Shazar amid still more anti-German demonstrations. Not long afterward, Pauls' wife and 10-year-old son joined him in Israel. They lived in a cottage in Herzilya Pituach, a ritzy suburb of Tel Aviv.

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Pauls was born in eastern Friesland, close to the Dutch border, the son of a Protestant clergyman. The Pauls were a family of landowners and seafarers, but he joined the army when he was 20. He fought with the Wehrmacht in France and in the Soviet Union, where he lost an arm near Smolensk.

Released from hospital, he was sent to Turkey — a neutral country — as a military attache. He was then a general staff officer in Germany, Italy and, finally, France.

Politically, Pauls was a conservative, and was never a member of a Nazi organization. Although he was not involved in the July 1944 plot to assassinate Hitler, he was associated with a senior officer who took part in the failed conspiracy.

After the war, in a U.S. prisoner-of-war camp, Pauls read about the Holocaust for the first time in *Stars and Stripes*, the American armed forces' publication.

"I was shocked," he said. "I felt ashamed to be a German."

As for the long string of German anti-Semitic laws which preceded the Holocaust, Pauls can only say they were "illegal and inhuman."

Released from captivity, Pauls studied law at the University of Hamburg. In 1948, he began working for the Parliamentary Council in Bonn, which drafted West Germany's constitution. That job finished, he joined the Federal Chancellery, which became the Foreign Ministry.

On his first assignment, Pauls was posted to Luxembourg, where talks on reparation payments to Holocaust survivors were taking place. There, he met Nachum Goldmann, the director of the World Jewish Congress. Their friendship lasted until Goldmann's death in 1982.

As Germany's ambassador to Israel, Pauls worked tirelessly to promote bilateral ties. He tried to learn Hebrew, "but I didn't get very far." He mastered a few phrases which he has since forgotten.

Looking back at his ambassadorship in Tel Aviv, Pauls said he was impressed with Israel as a nation. "There was such an enormous concentration of energy in all fields.".

There were difficult moments, such as when he met Holocaust survivors and listened to their harrowing stories, which he describes as "depressing and heart-breaking."

During the course of his three-year tour, he received his share of unpleasant letters, but Pauls prefers to accentuate the positive. "I met people who couldn't be nicer and more helpful. And then I heard they had lost parents and relatives (in the Holocaust), and this was deeply moving."

He remains grateful to the Israeli government for having helped him acclimatize himself to the country. "The government did all it could to make things easier for us."

Pauls had a good working relationship with David Ben-Gurion, who resigned as prime minister shortly before his arrival; David HaCohen, the chair of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee; and Moshe Dayan, the former chief of staff who was named defence minister on the eve of the 1967 Six Day War.

During the war, on Dayan's express instructions, Pauls was given a top-level military briefing by one of his aides, Aharon Yariv, who had been director of military intelligence. "So I had very good information on the war."

Pauls left Israel in the summer of 1968, having been appointed ambassador to the United States. When his tour of duty in Washington ended in 1976, he was named the envoy in China. Pauls capped his career as the ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). He retired from the foreign service in 1980.

For the past 14 years, he and his wife have returned to Israel about once every other year on two-week vacations for reunions with old friends. "The great pity is that some of them have died. We are getting old."

The Pauls live in a spacious cottage, filled with Oriental carpets, in Gielgen, which is on the right bank of the Rhine River and about seven kilometres from Bonn.

They have three sons. One is a banker whose PhD dissertation was on the industrialization of kibbutzim. Their oldest son, a diplomat in Germany's Washington embassy, worked at Sde Boker — Ben-Gurion's kibbutz in the Negev — as a student. The third son is an actor in Hamburg.

Pauls expressed optimism about the current peace process in the Middle East. Asked whether Israel should withdraw from the territories, he replied: "It's up to the parties. One shouldn't give advice prematurely."

However, he added, "The Arabs of the occupied areas will be too heavy a burden for Israel. In the long run, cooperation is better and less expensive than occupation."

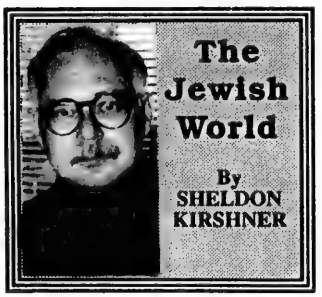
As for Jewish settlements in the territories, Pauls believes Israel erred in building them. Far too many troops are needed to defend them, and they limit the army's mobility, he explained.

The Holocaust, he observed, must never be forgotten. "We have to continue our intensive cooperation so as to remember what happened and to try to help each other," he said, referring to Germany and Israel.

He condemns German right-wing extremists as "a completely crazy, small minority" who should be considered dangerous because of their ability to mount violent attacks on their targets.

But Pauls is confident that the government can contain these radicals and that Germany will not go the way of the doomed Weimar Republic.

Rolf Pauls shakes hands with Zalman Shazar as he presents his credentials.



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The *Washington Post* is one of America's finest newspapers. Like the *New York Times*, it is owned by a family of Jewish background. Eugene Meyer, a Wall Street millionaire turned public servant, bought it in 1933. His daughter, Katharine Graham, inherited the daily and, after her husband's untimely death in the 1960s, she assumed the mantle of publisher.

She built it into a great newspaper and the Washington Post Company into one of the biggest media conglomerates in the United States. Today, she is one of the wealthiest women in the world, worth some $500 million.

Carol Felsenthal chronicles her life and career in *Power, Privilege and the Post* (G.P. Putnam, $38.95), a fascinating, gossipy and unauthorized glimpse into a most powerful clan.

Katharine Meyer Graham's father was the scion of a French rabbinical family from Alsace. Eugene Meyer bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange when he was 25 and parlayed it into a fortune in copper, steel, motorcars and chemicals. At the age of 57, he bought the bankrupt *Washington Post*, a then mediocre newspaper.

As Felsenthal suggests, Meyer was a rank opportunist and an ardent assimilationist. Bouts with anti-Semitism had left him with the determination to downplay his Jewishness and to marry out of the faith. He married Agnes Ernst, a Lutheran of German ancestry, in her home in the Bronx. The ceremony was conducted by a Lutheran pastor. Felsenthal is silent as to whether Meyer actually converted to Christianity.

A powerful clan

Because of his profound ambivalence to his Jewishness, Meyer remained cool to Zionism. And, Felsenthal adds, he resisted entreaties from Zionist friends like Louis Brandeis and Felix Frankfurter to take up the cause, financially at least, of a homeland for the Jewish people.

Katharine, known as Kay to her friends, was not raised as a Jew. Somebody at Vassar, her alma mater, apparently once asked her how it felt to be Jewish. According to Felsenthal, the question seems to have surprised her.

In 1940, she wed Phil Graham, a Florida farmer's son who had graduated from Harvard with distinction and who had been a clerk to a U.S. Supreme Court justice. Like her parents, they were married in a Luthern ceremony.

By all accounts, Phil Graham was a brilliant, though unstable, personality, prone to anti-Semitic outpourings which intensified as he grew older. As his mental health deteriorated, Graham's anti-Semitic outbursts turned into regular harangues. He would call Eugene Meyer a "kike" to his face. He would say, "Well, that's a kike for you," when he was angry. He would call his wife a "dirty Jew" and play the Nazi Horst Wessel song to her. In jest, he remarked of his own daughter, "Pretty bright for a little Jewish girl."

These are not the only unsettling revelations in this most readable of books. After Eugene Meyer died in 1959, the *Washington Post's* obituary never once mentioned his Jewish roots. And the funeral service was conducted at a Unitarian church. At whose behest? This remains unclear. But Felsenthal claims that his widow had mixed feelings about her husband's Jewish origin.

Five years after his death, she endowed a medical research centre at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in his memory. Had he become a Zionist in his old age? Felsenthal doesn't address this matter.

However, she claims that Agnes Meyer possessed an ugly anti-Semitic streak. "She regretted that her children and their children would never escape their Jewish blood," Felsenthal writes. And she was not happy when her youngest daughter married a Jew.

This uneasiness appears to have rubbed off on Katharine Graham. "A Jew who looked right, talked right and acted right — who was, in other words, 'presentable ' — would be perfectly acceptable to her." But, Felsenthal notes, Graham "had no tolerance for people who were 'too Jewish.' "

This is quite an indictment of a supposedly worldly woman like Graham. But *Power, Privilege and the Post* is well documented and plausible. Go figure.

Sarajevo's Jews bringing their luggage to the synagogue before their departure on the JDC evacuation convoy of Februrary, 1994. [Edward Serotta photo]

Plight of Sarajevo Jews shown in Serotta's photos

TORONTO — Award-winning photographer Edward Serotta will be touring Canada with a collection of his latest photos depicting the plight of the Jewish population of Sarajevo.

The photos are part of a larger photo exhibition entitled Survival in Sarajevo, which is currently touring museums throughout the world.

The moving images in Survival in Sarajevo describe the efforts of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to assist Bosnia's besieged Jewish community. This effort was extended to Bosnia's endangered Christians and Muslims as well.

"For the first time during a modern European war," noted Edward Serotta "Jews are saving and protecting Christians and Muslims, wherever, whenever they can."

Serotta's portraits of Bosnia's disintegrating Jewish community include the stark image of a man waiting to leave, dragging his suitcase across the floor of an empty synagogue.

Other dramatic photos depict Jewish refugees racing through Sarajevo in their escape from the city.

Particularly compelling are some of the personal stories concerning the rescue of members of Bosnia's non-Jewish population.

There is the 77-year-old Muslim woman, Zeyneba Hardaga, who lived in Sarajevo and hid a Jewish man during the Nazi occupation. Recognized by Israel as a Righteous Gentile (the first Muslim ever to receive the honor), she refused to accept Israel's rescue offer until her entire family was allowed to emigrate with her to Israel. She and her family now live in Israel.

Another of Serotta's favorite subjects is Denis Karalic, a 13-year-old Muslim who appears in a series of photos, working for the Jewish community, being treated for a wound received in a mortar attack, crying on a bus about to leave Sarajevo, and finally arriving in Israel.

In October, Serotta will be travelling to six Canadian cities where he will be lecturing and exhibiting his photographs. He will also be screening a new video containing selected images from his collection.

Serotta has photographed for *Time* Magazine, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*. His work may be found in the collections of various museums throughout the world.

Serotta's Canadian tour is sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal, Combined Jewish Appeal, and the United Israel Appeal. A portion of the funds donated to these organizations assist the JDC in its efforts to rescue Jews in endangered communities.

He is scheduled to speak in Montreal Oct. 11. For further information contact your local Jewish Federation or UIA Canada, (416) 636-7655.

Old bowlers keep going

TORONTO — One of the oldest five-pin bowling leagues in Canada is looking for new blood.

The Judean Benevolent Friendly Society, which registered its first five-two split back in 1919, has openings for recreational bowlers of all skill levels and ages.

The bowling league started on Trolley Street in downtown Toronto and it has followed the northward migration of the Jewish community, said spokesman Avery Matlow. Participants now bowl out of York Bowl on Wilson near Dufferin.

The league currently has 11 members, down from its heyday of 150 bowlers in its early years. The membership is hoping to revitalize the league and is calling on any interested bowlers along with past members and their children and grandchildren to continue the tradition, Matlow said.

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Gluskin, Sheff make an artistic investment

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ira Gluskin and Gerry Sheff gave the Art Gallery of Ontario $1 million to bring the Barnes Foundation collection of impressionist and post-impressionist paintings to Toronto not because they are lovers of art, they say, but because they sensed right away that it would be a winning investment.

"We were looking for something big, and then the Barnes came along, and we knew it would be spectacular," says Gluskin. "There are moments and rare opportunities in life, and when they come your way, you just have to seize them."

Gluskin and Sheff are the principals of the 10-year-old Toronto investment management firm Gluskin Sheff & Associates Ltd. The company requires a minimum investment of $1 million from clients, manages more than $1 billion for high net-worth individuals, institutions and charitable foundations, and earned about $15 million in profits last year.

"We have an excellent track record," says Sheff. "We manage money only on a performance basis. So if we've done very well for our clients, we do very well for ourselves, and we get to do what we've done for the Art Gallery of Ontario."

Since their decision to become corporate sponsors of the Barnes exhibit, Gluskin and Sheff have also earned an extraordinary amount of media attention. They have been the subject of recent profiles in *Toronto Life* and other magazines, Toronto's three daily newspapers, and on TVO, CBC and other television networks.

Gluskin penned an article recently for the *Toronto Star* in which he explained why his company made this extraordinarily generous gesture to the arts establishment and the wider community. "It was our judgment six months ago that the Barnes would be the equivalent of a winning Stanley Cup team," he wrote, "and we wanted our firm to be associated with a winner."

The Barnes collection, which consists of about 80 paintings by Renoir, Matisse, Cezanne, Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, van Gogh, Monet, Manet, Seurat, Rousseau, Modigliani, Braque and other impressionists, has also been the focus of intense media attention, the fiduciary duo note.

"If you go down to the Y, you'll meet some guys who know nothing except racquetball, but even they will know about the Barnes collection, and their wives will be dragging them to go see it," Sheff comments.

In mid-September, Gluskin Sheff hosted a gala opening party at the Art Gallery which was attended by about 1,700 people, mostly business associates, friends of the AGO, and dignitaries. Gluskin and Sheff enjoyed themselves immensely, but were chagrined that the media reported that most of those in attendance were family and friends.

"We invited only a tiny list of friends and relatives to the party," says Gluskin. "Meanwhile, every guy I went to Hebrew school with 42 years ago has called me to complain, 'What kind of rotten guy are you by omitting my name from your list?' "

"I'm irritated," adds Sheff, jokingly. "Why should someone I haven't seen in 27 years be saying what an ingrate I am by forgetting him?"

After the party, hundreds of people who had attended wrote or phoned with thanks and comments, says Gluskin.

"There was a common denominator to many of the letters," he says. "In almost every instance, people seemed to be seeing this as a return of optimism. The party seemed to signal that the recession is over — that we can afford to stand up now; we don't have to hide our head anymore. That's what people are saying."

Both Gluskin, who grew up in Toronto, and Sheff, who comes from Montreal, are longtime philanthropic supporters of the Jewish community. "As our business has done well, we've become big supporters of the UJA and any other Jewish cause known to mankind," Gluskin divulges.

They are also active volunteers within the community. Sheff has been chair of two regional UJA campaigns in years past, and Gluskin, along with Avi Bennett, is heading up a delegation from Toronto's Jewish community that plans to visit key personnel in the U.S. State Department in Washington this year.

Although Gluskin and Sheff are careful not to present themselves as art connoisseurs, in fact their firm has amassed an impressive art collection.

"We bought our first work of art within three months of opening our doors 10 years ago," says Sheff. "We've always put importance on adding visual quality to our office."

Investment counsellor Alan Schwartz, who joined the firm about five years ago, has put his own stamp on the collection, steering it exclusively towards contemporary Canadian art.

"But don't you see? Our interest or lack of interest in art is entirely irrelevant," Sheff insists. "Back in February, when we decided to sponsor this exhibit, we understood even then that it was going to be a commercial success — one of the biggest successes ever to hit Ontario — and that's precisely what we wanted."

Senior named York's writer-in-residence

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Does 74-year-old Harry Pollock think being named writer-in-residence at York University is the fitting climax to an eclectic career?

"Not really, though it is an honor," he said. "My next goal is to appear on Broadway in a play written especially for me and overnight the critics plunge me into stardom."

What else would you expect from the restless James Joyce scholar who has adapted and played leading roles in the Irish author's work at the famed Abbey Theatre. He has become so closely identified with Joyce's work that a Toronto reviewer hailed him as the living embodiment of Leopold Bloom, one of the characters in *Ulysses*.

Kevin Jones, master of Stong College, with which Pollock is affiliated, said Pollock has taught there for 25 years. As writer-in-residence he will see students and discuss their writing, but he won't have to do any marking, for which he is grateful.

As founder of Temple Sinai in 1954, as an actor in theatre groups including Theatre of Action, and as a partner for 20 years in the Grosberg, Pollock, Gwartzman advertising agency, Pollock has touched the lives of many people in Toronto.

He and his wife Vera (Bacal), formerly of Montreal, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next week in their North York home. They have two children, Allyn, of Toronto, and Sharryn Ruth Dixon of Burgessville, Ont., and a 7-year-old granddaughter, Whitney Dixon.

The many facets of his life in Toronto are reflected in his novel *Gabriel*, published in 1975, and ahead of its time in sexual explicitness. The same could be said of his recent book of erotic poetry *The He and The She of It*. He edited *Litters from Alofta* collection of papers given at a James Joyce symposium at McMaster University in 1971, co-published with the University of Tulsa. He is a frequent contributor to the *James Joyce Quarterly* published in Tulsa. For 10 years he has been working on a new novel *After the Funferal*.

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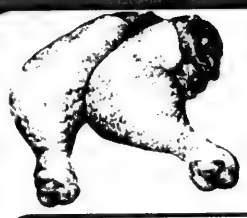

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Winnipeg establishes awards

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council has established two new community awards.

The Sol Kanee Community Service Award will become the highest award the community can bestow, recognizing individuals who have shown outstanding leadership within the Jewish community.

The Max Shore Memorial Award, for those who have shown leadership and dedication to the Combined Jewish Appeal and the principles of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, is dedicated to the late businessman and philanthropist Max Shore, who died last December at 82.

Kanee, 85, is a lawyer and businessman. He is a past national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, and serves as chair of the general structure of the New York-based World Jewish Congress.

Locally, Kanee served as president of the United Way of Greater Winnipeg, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the Health Sciences Centre Foundation and was a past chair of the University of Manitoba Board of Governors. He is currently board chair for the Sharon Home, Winnipeg's Jewish nursing home for seniors.

Shore was a founding member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and a longtime cabinet member of the CJA. He worked hard to raise money for Israel, particularly for the Israeli War Campaign. He held leadership positons in the State of Israel Bonds and the Sharon Home, was a member of the Executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada and a board member of the YMHA and the Jewish National Fund. He helped found a JNF Nahala and Karen Hayesod prekindergarten in Upper Nazareth. He was also a founding member of Ben-Gurion University's Maimonides College

The awards will be presented each spring during the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council/Combined Jewish Appeal annual meeting.

Rhonda Goldberg (far left) presents a gift to Chana Weisberg (centre) and Goldie Plotkin of the Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study. Individuals or organizations may sponsor a course in memory or in honor of someone special to them.

Women's Institute offering new courses in second year

TORONTO — The era of King Solomon, family purity and the story of Rachel and Leah are among the new courses offered this year by the Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study.

The institute, which was formed in January 1994, meets at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The intention, according to director Goldie Plotkin and dean Chana Weisberg, was "to meet the needs of the Jewish woman ... to explore [her] Jewishness in a scholarly and intellectual milieu that will enhance and broaden [her] sense of who [she is]."

Over 300 women have taken courses so far, ranging from teenagers to senior citizens, and from those with minimal Jewish background to graduates of girls' yeshivot and seminaries.

It is hoped to establish a resource room/library, and round-the-clock classes.

Courses for the fall session will be given Monday mornings and Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Other courses are Incredible Codes and Secret Prophecies, examining clues to Jewish history hidden in the Torah; a course about Kabbalah and mysticism; and another about Maimonides.

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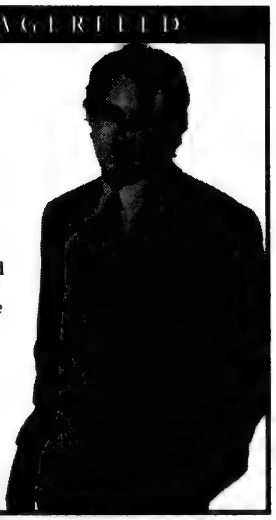

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Toronto Women's ORT head hopes to increase involvement

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — One of the main thrusts of Kathleen Crook's term as president of Toronto Women's ORT is to ensure the organization is accessible to everyone who wants to participate.

"Every person is important to us and I would like to see a lot of projects going on so no one feels left out," Crook said, who became president recently.

Crook joined ORT's Business and Professional chapter about five years ago and said she was immediately caught up in ORT's "tremendous work. I am a great believer in ORT's philosophy of helping people become self-sufficient by teaching them a skill.

"ORT schools create independence rather than fostering dependence and it is inspiring and exciting to see people, who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to do so, to learn a skill and work at it successfully."

Kathleen Crook

Another of Crook's main thrusts for her one-year term is to work towards amalgamating the men's and women's organizations. "Our work will be more effective if we can pool contacts and resources and ensure that no name falls through the cracks."

She said one of the joint initiatives is to establish ORT schools in Canada. She praised Ontario region president Mark Pearlman for "getting the ball rolling" and said the new North York ORT resource centre "will teach teachers and help them become more efficient in the classroom. Such a centre would go a long way in raising ORT's profile in Toronto."

Crook said one of the biggest challenges facing ORT, as well as all other service organizations, is meeting the needs of the 1990s volunteer. "Volunteerism that we know from previous generations has changed," she said. "People today have limited time and it is a huge challenge to find a job for them that they can work around their hectic schedule. By working co-operatively with the men's organization we will be able to spread out the work load."

She stressed no matter how much time or resources one is able to give to ORT, their work is valuable. "Our goal is to offer opportunities for everyone who wants to participate."

Phiacs provides disabled with transport service

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Phiacs may not be a household word, but to many disabled people who would be housebound without it, it is the answer to a prayer.

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The non-profit charitable organization was started by Graf's late brother, Ben, who had cerebral palsy.

"He started it out of pure frustration because of his personal needs," the Phiacs president said.

Graf estimates that last year Phiacs transported people up to one million passenger kilometers in southern Ontario.

In recognition of its value to disabled people, the Forest Hill Rotary Club last August donated $8,000 towards the purchase of a $41,000 van.

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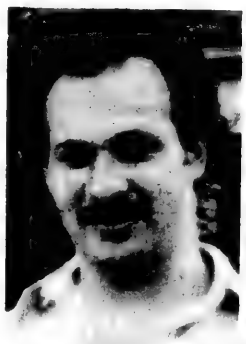

Marvin Graf

Among letters of support to Phiacs, which depends on donations to make up its yearly deficit as governments do not subsidize it, is one from Tracey Goldhar, summer outings coordinator at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Another letter from R.J. Evans, manager of Wheel-Trans, expresses thanks to Phiacs for helping Wheel-Trans to meet its obligations during emergencies.

For further information, call Phiacs, (416) 663-6363 or (416) 663-5544.

Phone line offers health care information

TORONTO — Expert information on seniors' health care is now just a phone call away.

On Oct. 1, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care launched three recorded information telephone lines on the *Toronto Star*'s Starphone system.

Starphone is a free 24-hour news and information service where callers use their touch-tone telephones to access more than 500 information categories. Each month, nearly 1.5 million people call Starphone.

The three new lines draw on the vast expertise and resources found at Baycrest. The one-minute messages, to be changed and updated every two weeks, will allow the public to benefit from the latest information available to Baycrest professionals.

The Healthier Aging phoneline features information on specific health concerns and overall healthy living strategies.

Upcoming topics include nutrition, exercise, medication, sleep, sexuality and choosing a physician. Healthier Aging can be accessed by dialing Starphone at 350-3000, and then extension 9010.

Caregiver's Info Line provides informative messages for family members caring for an aging relative in their home. The line features information on the types of community health services, support groups and other services available to caregivers and their aging relatives, and how they can be accessed.

As well, it will address day-to-day care management problems such as incontinence, medication administration and feeding problems. The needs of the caregiver will also be covered by this line, which can be reached at 350-3000, ext. 9011.

The third line, called New at Baycrest, showcases upcoming events at Baycrest like forums and symposiums of interest to the general public. It will also highlight new Baycrest programs. New at Baycrest can be accessed at 350-3000, ext. 9012.

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Memorial to Marnie Kimelman launched at Toronto hospital

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Marnie Kimelman

TORONTO — Marnie Kimelman was a lively, talented and much loved teenager when she was murdered by a terrorist bomb in Tel Aviv, in 1990.

But she has not been forgotten by her family, friends and the general community.

Among the memorials to Marnie Kimelman is Marnie's Rainbow, a renovated entertainment area at the Hospital for Sick Children (HSC).

Funds for the project were raised by the Kimelman family and by the Richmond Hill Country Club, which has so far held golf tournaments, a day at the races and a monster bingo to raise the necessary monies.

HSC Foundation president Diane Lister officially opened Marnie's Rainbow at an emotional reception held recently at the hospital.

Greetings were also brought by Dr. Jim Friesen, on behalf of the hospital staff; director of child services Kim O'Leary; Michael Silverman; and Jason Kimelman, one of Marnie's brothers, who spoke briefly on behalf of the family.

The renovated area includes the Bear Theatre, which will be used for the Bear Theatre production, a play put on by hospital staff for young patients, as well as for visiting performers and productions; there is also an enlarged teen lounge with a big screen TV, a pool table, video games, and a kitchen.

A colorful mural in the corridor is next to a bright rainbow and a dedication plaque.

Dr. Gideon Koren, director of the HSC Division of Pharmacology and Toxicology, is the originator of the Bear Theatre, and is a friend of the Kimelman family.

He said that the name Marnie's Rainbow was chosen "to bring to life a biblical symbol of trust, of love, of being able to transform human tragedy into immense positive energy," as the Kimelman family has done.

An emotional Linda Kimelman, Marnie's mother, called Marnie's Rainbow "uplifting — a bright way to remember her. She would probably have worked with kids."

Marnie's best friend, Marissa Zeidel, summed it up best: "It's a nice way to remember her. She had a smile like a rainbow, laughter like a rainbow, and a personality like a rainbow."

Israel making great strides in international hockey

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel continues to make great strides in the world of international hockey — at the organizational level if not on the ice.

Israel was recently invited to enter a national junior hockey team for the European Junior Hockey Championships in Lithuania, scheduled for March 1995.

The invitation is another first for the fledgling Israeli hockey program, which until a few years ago consisted merely of a bunch of expatriate Canadians and Russians struggling to get ice time in the country's mini-rinks.

Since then Israel has participated in several International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) tournaments in Slovenia, Turkey and Spain, compiling what, at best, could be described as a mediocre record.

Now Israel's juniors, aged 15 to 18, are taking up the challenge. The country's best young players will be selected during the course of the season, based on their play for Israel's five hockey teams in Haifa, Bat Yam, Metulla, Ramat Gan and Jerusalem. Afterwards, they will attend a training camp in the new olympic-sized rink now under construction at the Canada Centre in Metulla.

Paralleling the practice of the senior club, the junior squad is looking for qualified players in Canada who are eligible to represent Israel.

Players should be of Metro Toronto Hockey League AA calibre or better, said senior coach Gideon Lee.

Interested players should contact Lee at (416) 223-5156.

Meanwhile three Israelis who came to Canada in the hopes of catching on with a Tier II Junior A team in Bellingham, Washington were disappointed when their efforts went for naught.

None of the teenaged skaters made the team, though centre Genya Feldman was the last cut of the Bellingham Hawks. Feldman was good enough to make the squad, Lee said, but he got caught in a numbers game which limits teams to only two foreign players. Feldman was the team's second-best centre but the coaches decided to go with foreigners in other positions, he said.

More recently, Feldman had tryouts with teams in Richmond Hill and North York in the Metro Toronto junior league and was offered places on both teams, Lee said. Unfortunately, Feldman's hockey future in Canada hinges on whether accommodations can be found for him for the upcoming season. Anyone who can place Feldman is asked to contact Lee.

Defenceman Sasha Stolyar and goalie Boris Amromin have returned to Israel.

Meanwhile, sabra skater Ran Oz, a 17-year-old defenceman who tips the scales at well over 200 lbs., initially turned down an offer to play with the Toronto Marlie Midgets and decided to return to Israel.

But following a letter to him from the Marlies, Oz changed his mind and is expected to return to Canada shortly, Lee said.

Marlies coach John Cottrell said he saw Oz practise with the Oshawa Legionnaires Junior B squad and "I was satisfied he could help our midget club.

"He's a big guy and that's one of the areas that we wanted to improve on. Watching him in the Junior B camp, he took on guys bigger than him and he didn't back down."

Oz's shooting, skating and puckhandling skills were all good, although occasionally he'd be knocked off his skates a little too easily, Cottrell said.

Asked about Oz's potential, Cottrell said, "He may have the ability to go to the [major junior] Ontario Hockey League. But not having played a lot of games, he'd have to acquire the hockey sense that comes with playing for years and years."

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Crichton winner of Bronfman Award

TORONTO — Daniel Crichton, one of Canada's most gifted glass artists, has been named the 1994 recipient of the coveted Prix Saidye Bronfman Award for craftsmanship.

Chrichton was chosen from a field of 18. The award will be presented Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the opening of a special exhibition of Crichton's work at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery in Waterloo, Ont. The exhibition will be on display through Dec. 29.

The $20,000 Prix Saidye Bronfman Award, administered by the Canadian Crafts Council, was established in 1977 by The Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation.

The five-member selection committee commended Crichton's "long and loving search for new relationships with glass," and thanked him for inspiring young glassworkers. He is head of the glass program at Sheridan College and has lectured internationally.

Along with the cash prize, works by award receipients enter the permanent collection of the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Crichton's work can be found in private collections and in the public collections of the Ontario Crafts Council, Imperial Oil Ltd., the Massey Collection, Alcan, Bell Canada, the Montreal Museum of Fine Art and the Winnipeg and Vancouver Art Galleries.

Monthly Fund helps Israel's poor

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —For nearly 20 years the Monthly Fund, quietly and without fanfare, has been raising money to help Israel's poor.

Working solely through mail contact, a small group of dedicated women has managed to send funds to selected families who desperately need help, but often are too dignified to ask for it.

The fund was initiated by Goldie Feinstat after she was asked to check up on how other monies were being distributed in Israel.

Tears came easily to Feinstat, as she told *The CJN* about what she saw.

"There was a broken shack, where the mother was a great tzadekes (righteous woman). Everything was dilapidated. There were many many children. They were sitting on a bed because there were no chairs.

"The mother divided a bread into as many pieces as there were children. An older girl gave each child a slice. They ate quietly, without complaining, without asking for anything else."

Another lady, who was not only desperately poor but very sick, "didn't complain. She just related the wonders of G-d, and how He delivered them from [their] problems."

Feinstat said she decided that "if there were such people, living in such dire poverty, and no one knows about it because they don't complain," she had to do something about it.

Letter campaign

The Monthly Fund raises money through a letter campaign several times a year. "We have never had a tea or any other function."

In many of the families the Monthly Fund helps, Feinstat explained, the breadwinner is in a low-paying job such as teaching. They manage to get by until there is serious illness, or they have to start a child in married life.

The fund tries to send a double portion before Rosh Hashanah and Pesach, "and other holidays if possible."

A special effort is made to include Sephardi families, Feinstat noted, and the fund supports Matan B'seser, an organization that helps needy Sephardim in Rishon L'Tzion.

A favorite project is kallah pechlach (parcels for brides), which include blankets, pillowcases, tablecloths and towels to start a home.

The women who work for the Monthly Fund do so "purely for the mitzvah of it," said Feinstat. "This is a project where you don't see your name in lights. A big splash would go against our whole way of doing things."

Feinstat herself agreed to be named in the article only because of her concern that the cause be taken seriously.

She said she was grateful for the support the fund has received from the Toronto community. "We would like to do something in January [the 20th anniversary] to thank everybody."

Donations to the Monthly Fund are tax deductible. Receipts are issued by the Emes Charitable Foundation.

The fund can be contacted at 465 Coldstream Ave., Toronto, M5N 1Y6.

Seniors' problems focus of forum

TORONTO — Critical problems affecting the lives of 500,000 seniors in and around Metro Toronto will be discussed at a public forum Thursday, Oct. 27, at St. Lawrence Centre, from 9.30 a.m. to noon.

The Association of Jewish Seniors is spearheading this rally expected to attract hundreds from various ethnic groups.

"The issues we are addressing are of great importance to the well-being of seniors today, and to our children and grandchildren tomorrow," said Evelyn Shulman of the forum steering committee.

Among subjects to be discussed are pensions and taxation, cutbacks in social and health services, hospital, medical and drug coverage, day care and long term care.

A brochure advertising the forum said 32 per cent of seniors have incomes of less than $15,000, which is below the poverty line.

The majority of seniors are experiencing dramatic losses in fixed income, the brochure states, and have already been hurt by hospital cutbacks, decreases in rehabilitation services, delisting of many drugs and tests, new charges for health care, increases in sales and property taxes and decreases in long-term care beds.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Oct. 6, is deadline for Oct. 20 issue, and Thursday, Oct. 13, is deadline for Oct. 27 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax, 424-1886.

Sunday, Oct. 9

KOLLEL INAUGURAL LECTURE

Yeshivat Or Chaim-Ulpanat Orot announces the establishment of a kollel for its alumni and men and women of the community. Lecturers include **Rabbis Bezalel Safran, Yitzchak Feigenbaum, Shlomo Brown, Jay Kelman**.

The inaugural lecture, 8 p.m. at Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave., will be given by **Rabbi Binyamin Tabory**, formerly rosh yeshivah (principal) of the yeshivah and currently on sabbatical leave from his teaching in Israel. His topic — Talmud Torah: Individual and Communal Responsibility. This lecture is co-sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada. For information, call the Yeshiva, 630-6772.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Join in the fun! The Bortherhood and Sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue are holding a Monte Carlo Night at 3600 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m. to midnight, complete with black jack, silent auction, music, refreshments, bar, door prizes. Cost is $10. For tickets, **Sharon** at the shul office, 787-1631.

Monday, Oct. 10

RUMMAGE SALE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is having a rummage sale at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview, 9 a.m. to noon. Sale features almost new clothing, household goods, books and records.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

HALACHA SEMINAR SERIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Tuesday evening adult education Halacha Seminar Series, conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, starts off with The Halacha of a Living Will. Time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

CANADIAN JEWISH POETS

The Max & Beatrice Wolfe Library at Beth Tzedec Congregation presents An Evening of Poetry and Song: Contemporary Canadian Jewish Poets, 7:30 p.m. Participants are **Adam Fuerstenberg**, professor of English, Ryerson University; poet **Simcha Simchovitch**; poet **Donia Blumenfeld Clenman**; musicologist/singer **Faye Kellerstein;** actor/solo performer; **Vivian Reis**; poet **Kenneth Sherman**. Simchovitch, Clenman and Sherman are recipients of prestigious literary awards. The public is invited. No admission charge.

YIDDISH WRITER/SCIENTIST

Moishe Wolf, renowned Yiddish writer and scientist, formerly of Moscow, will be speaking on Stalin's Lost War Against the Jews, 8 p.m. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Lecture is co-sponsored by Yiddish Kulturgeselshaft, Friends of Yiddish, and Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

GARTH DRABINSKY

Beth Sholom Synagogue adult education committee presents an entertaining and informative lecture by **Garth Drabinsky** entitled My Life from Movies to Musicals, 8 p.m. No charge.

THE AGUNAH

At the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood opening meeting, 8 p.m., **Helen Redner**, director of Jewish Book Fair, will review *The Agunah* by **Chaim Grade**. The topic is The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same — An Ancient Problem in Modern Times. Redner, Status of Women chair for Jewish Women's Federation, will give an update on the issue of the get and agunot. Everyone welcome.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School of the Kashruth Council of Toronto begins its fall courses with Seminar on Healthful Jewish Living with dietician/nutritionist **Sharon Gottlieb**, 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. The program will include a review of Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. Fee is $15. Call 635-9550 for information and registration.

READ AND RESPOND

Read and Respond, a dialogue group for Jews and Christians, is holding a planning meeting for 1995, 7:30-9 p.m. at Jewish Students Union, University of Toronto, 604 Spadina Ave. (south of Harbord). For information, **Paul Tamblyn**, 515-0342.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

A slide program on Postal History of Jerusalem 1850 to 1968 is the topic of the Canadian Association for Israel Philately opening meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information, **Joseph Berkovits**, 635-1749 or **Stanley Davis**, 223-6373.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

SONGS OF THE YIDDISH THEATRE

Overbrook Cultural Club presents **Faye Kellerstein** in a program entitled Great Songs of the Yiddish Theatre, 2 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard). Refreshments following. Members no charge, non-members $2. For information, **Millie Herzog**, (905) 882-5442.

CHAVERIM CHAPTER BBW

Fun, food, social, creative programming! Interested? Chaverim chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, a group of women in their 30s and 40s, is for you. Meetings are held Wednesday evenings. You are invited to join in the first program meeting. For details, **Maureen**, (905) 731-9248 or **Joanne**, (905) 731-7473.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League-Vaughan presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, focusing on childbirth options, getting breastfeeding started, and the family relationship to the breastfed baby. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies welcome. Time is 8 p.m., 81 Bedford Park Ave., Richmond Hill. **Joyce**, (905) 881-8779 or **Robin**, (905) 886-8364.

SHAARE ZEDEK NEW LEADERSHIP

The Toronto New Leadership Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation annual general meeting is at 7:45 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Special guest speaker is **Dr. Arthur Eidelman**, head of Neonatology Department, Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem. Members and friends invited. No charge. For information, 781-3584.

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Heather Kassel is giving a lecture on the movie, *Schindler's List*, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 13

ISRAEL TODAY

Prof. Janice Stein, Harrowaton professor of conflict management and negotiation, University of Toronto, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, will deliver the Sigmund & Gabriella Schmidt annual lecture, co-sponsored with Beth Tzedec action committee, on Israel Today: Ready for the Future?, 8 p.m. Public is invited.

DYSAUTONOMIA FOUNDATION TEA

Toronto chapter of the Dysautonomia Foundation announces its 13th annual fundraising tea with a fashion show by Adele Wechsler, hats by Suru, 1-5 p.m. at the home of **Sarah and Jack Cogan**. For information, (905) 882-7725 or 663-6747.

DIALOGUE ON ULTIMATE ISSUES

Adath Israel adult education committee presents A Dialogue on Ultimate Issues, featuring a panel discussion on man's relationship with God, the meaning of life and the presence of good and evil in the world. Panel includes **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut**, senior scholar, Holy Blossom Temple; **Rabbi Reuven Bulka**, Congregation Machzikei, Ottawa; and **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, senior rabbi, Adath Israel Congregation; Moderator is **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**, senior rabbi, Beth Tzedec Congregation. Time is 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation. Everyone welcome. No charge. For information, 635-5340.

JEWISH FEMINIST COMMUNITY

The Jewish Feminist Community presents a talk by **Nora Gold**, assistant professor, School of Social Work, McMaster University, on Jewish Women and the Feminist Community, 7:30 p.m. Gold has a particular interest in the exclusion of Jewish women from a multicultural agenda in women's studies and in the feminist community. For information and registration, **Marsha**, 604-3175.

ABOUT DEPRESSION

In association with Mental Illness Awareness Week 1994, a public forum on Depression Across the Life Span will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre. A panel of speakers will talk about depression in youth, adulthood, and old age. Moderated by CFRB's **Andy Barrie**, speakers include the following physicians from Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, University of Toronto — **Drs. George Papatheodorou, Nathan Hermann, Richard Guscott**. Admission free. For information, **Carla Zucchero**, 480-4094.

And What Else Is New...

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Studies offers the following courses —

Monday mornings, Oct. 17-Nov. 21 — The Jewish Way of Love and Marriage: Law and Insights of Family Purity, with **Sherry Wise**, instructor at Meginei Chana, 9:30-10:30 a.m..; The World of Maimonides with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, rabbi and director of Chabad of Markham, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday evenings, Oct. 17-Nov. 21 — The Golden Era of King Solomon with **Linda Levin**, teacher/educator, 8-9 p.m.; Incredible Codes and Secret Prophesies with **Rabbi Isser Weisberg**, lecturer/computer codes expert, 9-10 p.m.

Tuesday mornings, Nov. 15 and 22 — Women in the Chanukah Story: A Halachic and Mystical Perspective with **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the Women's Institute, 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday evenings, Oct. 19-Nov. 23 — Rachel and Leah: Mothers of a Nation with **Faigie Itkin**, director of education, Chabad of Hamilton, 8-9 p.m.; The Kabbalistic and Mystical Dimensions of Judaism with **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet**, 9-10 p.m.

All classes are held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. For information and registration, call (905) 889-6066.

SENIOR NCSY

Senior NCSY (Grades 9-13) is going to Montreal for its first Senior Regional Convention Oct. 13-16 for a weekend filled with good times, great food, great music and a special tour of Montreal. Students from across Canada are invited to attend. Charge is $89 for first-timer, $100 members. For information, **Marnie**, 782-4426.

CANADIAN FRIENDS OF PEACE NOW

On Thursday, Oct. 27, Canadian Friends of Peace Now is honoring its founder and retiring president **Mel Shipman**, at a wine reception at 6 p.m. at the Primrose Club followed by dinner at 7. Minimum contribution $55 includes a $30 tax receipt. Proceeds go to support the joint

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FALL FASHIONS

Associated Hebrew Schools Parents' Association presents Fall Fashions '94. Co-chairs Randi Shuval, Simone Smith and Shelley Richler display clothing from Carmani Fashions. Also featured will be men's and children's fashions by Classica Imports, Rock-A-Bye, Suru Hat Boutique. Fashion show takes place Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7-10 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. Admission $36. Partial receipts available.

Organizations and People

What's New

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Israeli-Palestinian Peace Information Centre in Israel. RSVP by Oct. 13, (905) 764-3997.

NURSING CLINIC DAY

Baycrest Centre presents Nursing Clinic Day entitled The Practical Realities of the '90s, Friday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Keynote speaker is **Michael Decter**, Harvard-trained economist; past deputy minister of health; senior research scholar, Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto; managing director, Canada, for AMP Inc. He will speak on Health Care Reform —Healing Medicare.

Program also includes concurrent paper sessions presented by Baycrest nursing staff, as well as five afternoon workshops.

Cost is $125 for nurses and health care professionals, $85 seniors and students. For information, 785-2500, ext. 2362.

OHR SOMAYACH

Courses at Ohr Somayach of Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, given by **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** include — Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism (in Hebrew), Sundays, 8:30-9:30 p.m.; Contemporary Halachic Issues: Jewish Approaches to Current and Modern Issues, Mondays 8:30-9:30 p.m.; Why Do We Do It? The Reason for Mitzvot, Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., babysitting provided; Crash Course in Judaism (in Hebrew), four Thursday sessions, 8:30 p.m. — Belief in God (Oct. 6)), Shabbat (Oct. 13), Mitzvot (Oct. 20), Sexuality (Oct. 27).

Also at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, **Shoshana Zolty** gives a course for intermediate students entailing the learning of Chumash, Parshanut and Midrash, entitled Jacob in Laban's House, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.

Ohr Somayach of Forest Hill, 22 Gilgorm Rd., features courses given by **Rena Schochet**, director of Women's Studies Program — All About Eve: Archetypical and Non-Archetypical Biblical Personalities, lectures for women, Mondays 10-11 a.m.; and a disccussion series exploring such topics as Male and Female Relationships, Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

For information on all classes, (905) 886-5730.

FREE TORAH HIGH SCHOOL

Another fantastic beginning for Free Torah High School, open to students in Grades 9-13. Classes are held in four branches: Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Willowdale and North York. A special program has been designed for preparation for bar/bat mitvah-aged students. Registration is still going on. It's never too late! Call **Marnie**, 782-4426.

MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me, a special time and place just for mother and child, is for Jewish children 18-24 months and their mommies. Session I runs Oct. 24-Nov. 21 Monday mornings, 10-11, at Torah Tots Pre-school, 55 Guardsman Rd. Thornhill. For information and registration, call **Goldie**, (905) 886-0420. This is a project of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham.

HASHOMER HATZAIR

Hashomer Hatzair youth movement begins another fun-filled and educational year for youth ages 9-16. Come and participate in Jewish and Israeli-related activities. For details, call 736-1339.

BETH MIDRASH SERIES

Beth Tzedec Congregation's two-part fall Beth Midrash series takes place Tuesday evenings, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1 , 8. Part I, 7:15-8:15 p.m., presents **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** (Four Paths to Paradise: An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism); **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** (Our Prayer and Our Music: The Divine Connection); **Martin Lockshin** (The Ten Commandments); **Aaron Nussbaum** (Selections from the Mishnah: The First Rabbinic Text). Part II, 8:30-9:30 p.m., features **Prof. Arnold Ages** (Why Joseph Never Called Home; Bit Players and Walk-ons: Anonymity in the Torah; Grammatical Gastronomy: Dietary Laws in the Modern Perspective).

CABARET SHOW VOLUNTEERS

The Bloor JCC is planning a Cabaret Show at the end of November, the first of several fundraising events, and is looking for professional level singers, actors, comedians, stage managers, publicity people and ticket sales persons. If interested, **Lisa Sarner**, 924-6211, ext. 22, or come to the volunteer meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave.

JIS CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

You can now call Jewish Information Service (JIS) to obtain Shabbat candle lighting times for the Greater Toronto area. Off hours, you can find candle lighting times on the JIS answering machine tape. Just call 635-5600.

As usual, you can call about programs, groups and publications — including those for singles, seniors, adolescents and children; accommodation needs, holiday and festival information, counselling services, cultural programs, newcomer information, information related to synagogues. Let JIS help you connect!

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

The Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., offers these courses — The Power of Kabbalah, Sundays, 7:30 p.m.; New Beginners Course, Mondays, 8:30 p.m.; Youth Documentary and Beginners Course, introductory lecture Thursday, Oct. 6, 8:30 p.m. with course dates Thursday, Oct. 13 for 13 weeks; The Power of the Aleph Bet (new course) starts Thursday, Oct. 6, 8:30 p.m. for 24 weeks. For information and registration, 631-9395.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Hebrew is made fun and easy with the dynamic teacher **Yael Lev**. Beginners course in reading and conversation will be offered Wednesday mornings and Monday or Thursday evenings at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Both courses start the week of Oct. 10. For information and registration, call Yael, 225-6151.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 15, at noon following services, features **Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman**, professor, Union College, New York, speaking on Personal Spirituality: The Anxious Search for Meaning. Reserve no later than Tuesday, Oct. 11, by calling synagogue office, 781-3511.

JEWISH BODY, JEWISH SOUL

Eta Brand, founder of Back to Basics, brings holistic teaching skills, Jewish knowledge and commitment to community-building to Jewish Body, Jewish Soul at the Bloor JCC, with Healthy Cooking for Shabbat (Oct. 13, 7-10 p.m., cost $40 ($36 JCC/Kavannah members) includes food); and Community Kitchen Cooking for JCC Shabbaton, Oct. 20 (cost $18, includes Oct. 21 Oneg Shabbat). For details, **Shelley Duke**, 924-6211 or 485-5975.

JEWISH BACHELOR AUCTION

Anshe Minsk Congregation is holding a Jewish Bachelor Auction, Thursday, Nov. 10, and is looking for bachelors over age 50. Also, other areas open for volunteers are — securing donations of products and services, selling tickets ($25 in advance, $36 at the door), married folks to help out the night of the event. Call 462-4299.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups — Positive Parenting (teens, school age and single parenting); Widows/Widowers (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships, new beginnings); Young Adults (18-26) Losing a Parent (feelings around your loss and how to cope, starts Oct. 13); Adult Children Losing a Parent (grief process and acceptance, starts Oct. 19); Taking Care of Aging Parents (aging, changing expectations, begins Oct. 31); For Women Only (self-esteem strategies for stress management, interpersonal relationships, begins Oct. 20). For information concerning fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOOK SALE

Browse through thousands of books at bargain prices at the University College annual fall book sale on the University of Toronto campus. Sale runs Oct. 15-19 and includes books on every topic under the sun. Rare books attract collectors and make unique Chanukah gifts. All money raised supports the University College library. For detailed times and campus directions, call the UC Alumni office, 978-2968.

BRIDGING COURSE FOR WOMEN

Women's Studies Program, Atkinson College, York University, offers 13-week, non-credit bridging courses for women who want to upgrade academic skills and explore their potential for university study. Course material focuses on the portrayal of contemporary women in literature. Fee is $75 plus books.

Course at North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd., begins Thursday, Oct. 13, 1-4 p.m. Information/registration session, Thursday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m. Contact **Marlene Richman**, 736-5882 for information.

A CORRECTION

The recipients of the Ben-Gurion University Founders Certificate presented by Amos Ben-Gurion during his recent visit to Toronto are BGU Founders Evelyn Rothstein and Dr. Aser Rothstein. (picture Sept. 22 column).

FLU ALERT

The Lung Association has issued a flu alert, urging seniors and persons with long term lung or heart conditions to see their doctor or health unit and get the influenza vaccine soon. October and November are the best times to get vaccinated.

PART TIME FATHER'S GROUP

A group to help fathers who are not living with their children redefine their role as father, while exploring the area of solo parenting, begins Oct. 13. **Elinor Gertner**, (905) 882-2331.

at the JCC

Sunday at Bloor returns with Books and Bagels, Sunday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. when York University professor **Elaine Newton** introduces the series opening with **Morley Torgov**, Toronto lawyer, playwright and author, in the Wallin Lounge of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Coffee and bagels will be served. JCC members $5, non-members $7.

Dating in the '90s, for those single and those single again, features **Sharyn Gunter**, Sharyn's Singles Soirees, and **Rob Singer**, director, Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto, Sunday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Wallin Lounge, Bloor JCC. $7 at the door. For information, 924-6211. This program is sponsored by the Downtown Single Parents Group of the Bloor JCC.

for seniors

In cooperation with the Toronto Board of Education, the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., offers an interesting assortment of programs and activities, free for seniors — bridge, current events, fitness, dance, knitting and a pottery/wheel class. For days and times, phone 924-6211 or drop by to pick up a calendar of events for seniors.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that the Israel trip, Oct. 31-Nov. 21, is going very well and reservations are being taken. In the planning is a Washington trip for the spring, and a Western Canada trip is being considered for the summer. For information on all activities and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Keep up your Hebrew. It's never too late to improve your skills! Daytime Hebrew classes for seniors in two levels, Beginners III and Intermediate, will be held Friday mornings at the JCC North Y branch. **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events — general membership meeting at the Community Centre with entertainment and refreshments, 2-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13. Plan to attend and meet **Mayor Mel Lastman**; Atlantic Casino trip, Oct. 17-20, a few seats left on bus, for details, call **Espie**, 395-7881; local day trips Nov. 1 and 15 for members only $5; movies every second Wednesday with next one Oct. 19; bazaar in the clubhouse, bargains galore, Sunday, Oct. 23. For information on all programs, 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami for four, six or eight weeks. The trip to Washington, Oct. 30-Nov. 3, includes Holocaust Memorial and other interesting sights with a professional tour guide. Package deal includes four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel, $484 Canadian double occupancy. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing Tuesdays 1 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

North York Public Health Department Health Matters series continues Thursday, Oct. 13, with Minimizing Osteoporosis, 1-2 p.m., North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St. Phone 784-0920.

Young at Heart Seniors Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour with professional guide takes place Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal, $484 Canadian double occupancy, bus and four nights at Holiday Inn. Will be going to kosher restaurants for three meals daily. Also, join Young at Heart Seniors for a winter vacation at the Sherry Frontenac Hotel in Florida, package deal. For information on both trips, call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Sunrise Group is going to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills Oct. 31-Nov. 4, $495 Canadian. Also, *Show Boat*, Oct. 12, $60. Call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Ida**, 636-8696 or **Sonia** (905) 889-9436.

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The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is holding a Flu Vaccine Clinic Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9-11 a.m. To register, call the Wellness Desk or **Sandra**, 225-2112.

Another Wellness Centre program is Helpful Hints for Hearing with a presentation by the Canadian Hearing Society, Thursday, Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and on their own, celebrates its ninth anniversary Thursday, Oct. 27, 1 p.m. with a luncheon and entertainment, $6 to be paid in advance only. Deadline for payment is Oct. 20. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Rainman* will be shown Sunday, Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The Wednesday afternoon social Oct. 12 features **George Frank** in a program of songs from around the world, 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Oct. 9, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, concerts, lectures and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

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Manic depression disorder characterized by extreme states

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What do media mogul Ted Turner, abolitionist John Brown, poet William Blake and actress Patty Duke have in common with Toronto businessman Earl Mandle?

Together with at least one per cent of the world's population, they all suffer from manic depression.

Manic depression is referred to as a bipolar (basically, a double sided) disorder. It is a medical condition, which may be active (that is, the person is either in a manic state, or is going through a clinical depression) or inactive.

In the manic state, Dr. Robert Cooke of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Mood Disorders Clinic explained, the person is highly excited and full of excess energy. He or she has a grossly inflated sense of self-esteem and is full of grandiose ideas or plans, highly irritable, talkative and provocative.

There may be hallucinations or delusions. Sleep becomes a rarity.

Judgment is impaired, adds Nessa Martin, executive director of the Depressive and Manic Depressive Association of Ontario (DMDAO), a support, educational and informational organization.

This impaired judgment can lead to profligate spending, promiscuous sexual activity, alcohol or drug abuse and hyperactivity.

Symptoms can come on quite rapidly, and be fully in place before the person is really aware of what is happening.

There is no way to predict how often the episodes will occur, or how severe they will be.

The manic state is nearly always followed by a severe depression.

Martin explained that the depression here differs from other forms of depression in that the person tends to be more sluggish and fatigued and sleeps a great deal. (In regular depression, the person is restless, agitated and suffers from insomnia).

Episides of mania and depression may occur once every few months, every few years or in an almost constant cycle.

Cooke told *The CJN* that diagnosis is usually made during the 20s and 30s, when the person has a severe attack.

"At that point, they realize they were probably having milder episodes before, but didn't reach their full severity until their 20s."

Drug treatment, especially with lithium and carbamezapine, is especially effective for manic depression. Psychotherapy helps the patient — and the family — cope with the disruption and upheaval of day to day living, and can teach techniques for dealing with symptoms.

If the depression is very severe, electroconvulsive therapy may be used.

Some people can lead a close to normal life, Cooke said, but there is almost a 100 per cent certainty that once one has a manic depressive episode, it will happen again.

"In the past, we didn't pay as much attention to the disruption in a person's life. Now we are more aware that between episodes, people have to pick up the pieces. We are also more aware of the burden it places on families."

Mandle, now 46, married, and the father of a teenager, says he knew from the time he was about 15 that "something was not quite right. Things didn't go the way I thought they should, but I didn't know what was bothering me."

At the suggestion of his parents and a psychiatrist cousin, he went for help, and was diagnosed at about 17. Even though he was put on lithium (he now uses carbamazepine) during his late teens and early 20s, "I had lots of rapid cycling, and had to be hospitalized a lot."

Although his condition settled down, and he was able to build up a successful business (he is now semi-retired) and marry ("My wife Glenna has been to hell and back with me. I can't say enough about her."), just last year he had a bad episode and had to be hospitalized for six weeks, the first time in 15 years.

"It is frightening," he said, "especially to those around you."

Mandle now volunteers two days a week at the DMDAO. He feels that support groups such as the DMDAO are essential, because "it helps to compare conditions and new coping techniques, and feel that you are not alone."

Mandle is adopted. When he traced his roots a few years ago, he found that his birth mother was also manic depressive. This is not uncommon, Cooke and Martin agree, both noting that there appears to be a strong genetic component to this disease.

The Manic Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto is currently running a youth awareness campaign. Martin said that "research shows that symptoms appear earlier than used to be thought," and Cooke said that some researchers feel that early diagnosis may lessen the severity of symptoms, although there is not universal agreement on this point.

The association is handing out Youth Info Kits, which include copious information on manic depression, written in an informal, understandable and non-threatening style, a mood ring, and a notebook and pen to record changing moods.

There is also an excellent short film on the subject, entitled *Manic Depression: portraits of survival*.

For more information, contact the Manic Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, Suite 252, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto, M4R 1B9, telephone 486-8046.

Social reformer, author Betty Friedan to address Baycrest health forum

TORONTO — Aging will come of age with author/visionary/social reformer Betty Friedan at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care's public health forum on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The woman who launched the women's movement with her 1963 book *The Feminine Mystique* is once again doing battle — only this time her foe is ageism. In what promises to be an enlightening address, Friedan will turn her guns on the mystique of aging as she draws upon her latest work *The Fountain of Age*.

In *The Fountain of Age*, Friedan attacks the myths of aging that are epidemic in our youth-obsessed society. Aging is erroneously portayed in society as a time of unavoidable rapid physical and mental deterioration, whereas it should be seen as an adventure and a time of true creativity and enrichment, according to Friedan.

In the book, she suggests that older people have special gifts to offer society — gifts which society is only beginning to recognize.

Betty Friedan

The forum, a project of the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, takes place at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at the North York Performing Arts Centre, 5040 Yonge Street. Tickets are $20 and are available through Ticketmaster at (416) 872-2222 and at the box office.

Members of the media are invited to attend the forum. Please call Michelle Noble or Jennifer Schipper at Baycrest Public Relations (416) 785-2500, ext. 2432.

Baycrest, an internationally renowned organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life of the elderly, offers a full spectrum of programs for older adults. Like Friedan, Baycrest is unmasking the mystiques of aging and demonstrating that life after 65 can be productive, healthy and vital.

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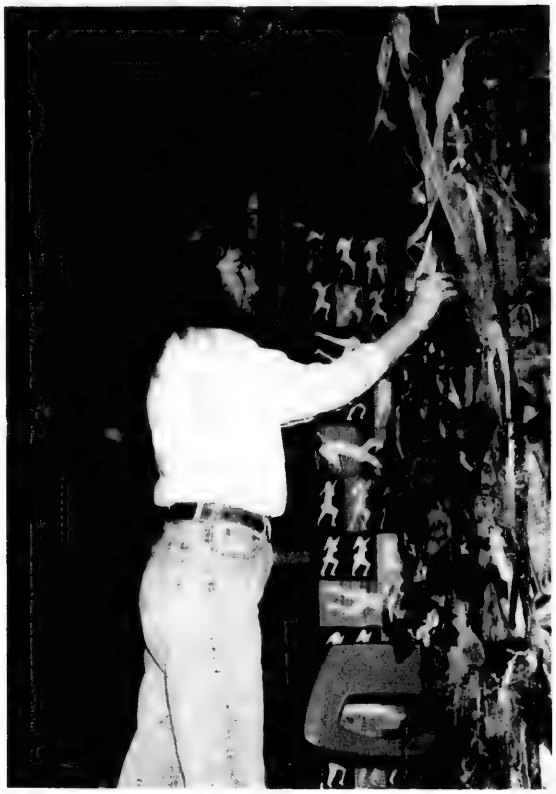

Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan, art director for Succah-By-The Water, puts the finishing touches on the sukkah by adding sheer organza leaves bearing the names of women. [Frances Kraft photo]

Jewish feminists celebrate Sukkot

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Succah-By-The-Water is well on its way to becoming a Toronto tradition.

The third annual feminist Sukkot celebration, organized by a group of volunteers under the auspices of the New Israel Fund (NIF), took place recently under Harbourfront's large blue-and-white striped tent.

A capacity crowd of 500 women included grandmothers, students and young mothers cuddling infants. Hundreds more had tried to purchase tickets, but had to be turned away, said Michele Landsberg.

The event is the only one of its kind in North America and perhaps in the world. Women travelled from Guelph, Kitchener, Montreal, Boston and New York to attend.

"It's so rare to find a large, public, Jewish, spiritual, authentically religious event for women," said Bonnie Orlin, a Bostonian who sits on the international board of the NIF. "I think it's remarkable."

"It's been a terrific experience," said Eve Landau, who is affiliated with Ma'yan, a New York Jewish feminist group.

"The need for all-women spiritual celebrations is so deep," Landsberg said. "Just for once we've made ourselves — the women — the central players. Tonight we rejoice to celebrate the too-often forgotten lives of strong Jewish women."

Landsberg herself, a driving force behind the event, received a tribute from Montreal scholar Norma Joseph, who discussed the lulav and etrog. Among traditional interpretations of the symbols is an analogy likening each of the etrog and the three components of the lulav to a part of the body.

"Michele, you are our four species," said Joseph. Landsberg's backbone, eyes (for having "the view of tonight when so many didn't think it could be"), mouth and "heart of passion" are attributes traditionally associated with the palm, myrtle, willow and etrog respectively, Joseph explained.

As in previous years, the Ushpizin ceremony was altered to welcome symbolic female guests, instead of the traditional male guests, to the sukkah. Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan welcomed female prophets Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Avigail, Huldah and Esther.

The Ushpizin ceremony continued as participants lined up at microphones to contribute names of Jewish women "who deserve a place in the pages of history," said Chari Cohen. The seventh-century queen of a Jewish tribe in the Atlas Mountains was one of some three dozen women named.

Along the theme of this year's event — Eitz Chaim Hee (She is a Tree of Life): Rejoicing in our Foremothers, everyone present wrote the name of an important nurturing woman in her life on a leaf cut from organza. The leaves will be sewn onto silk panels which will form the walls of next year's "sukkah," a symbolic structure which graces the stage each year.

(A collection of the silk panels created by local artists for each year's sukkah is on display at the Koffler Gallery until Oct. 30. This year's panels were created by Rebecca Cowan, Mimi Gellman, Sybil Goldstein, Donna Kagan, Diane Pugen and Gail Sax.)

For many of the participants, the celebration represented their first opportunity to bless the lulav and etrog. Participants regrouped into "lulav circles" of up to 10 women to enable everyone to have a turn.

Elaine Todres led the closing song, *Eitz Chaim Hee*. Other participants in the ceremony were Shayna Kravetz; Nora Gold; Deena Mandell; Sandy Wise; singers Batsheva, Pam Halpern and Jane Enkin; NIF president Helen Zukerman; cantorial soloist Phyllis Angel Greenberg; and Rabbis Sheryl Nosan, Sharon Sobel, Nancy Wechsler and Elyse Goldstein.

The ceremony was followed by Israeli dancing led by Sandy Starkman. Refreshments appropriate to the harvest festival were donated by Estherelke Kaplan.

This year's event raised over $25,000 to support women's projects in Israel, such as rape crisis centres, which receive NIF grants. Since its inception, Succah-By-The-Water has raised a total of $75,000 to fund such projects.

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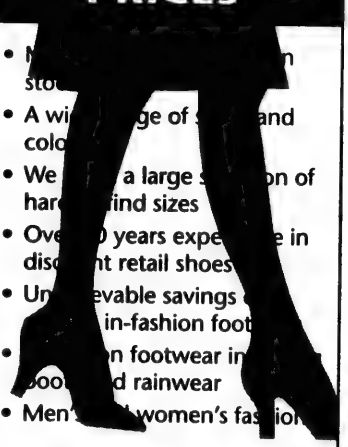

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New Image 50+ is having a Mix and Mingle Sunday October 9th at **Earl Bales Community Centre**, 7:30 p.m. **Tapes by Murray Jacobs**, refreshments. Members $2, guests $3. Everyone is welcome. Please note 1995 membership is now due.

Nightmare on Queen Street! Saturday October 29, 1994 at 9:00p.m. Mark and Ari invite you to the **Wildest Halloween Costume Party** at The Big Bop, 651 Queen Street West (at Bathurst). Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419

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Single Professionals Network Bayview Golf & Country Club. Sat Oct 8th. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. We invite you to enjoy an evening exclusively for singles that are over 30. There will be music from the 80s to the present in the ballroom while in the lounge we have a Cocktail Piano player. Admission is $10 at the door. More info call 416-760-7169

VIEWPOINTS meets **Wednesday, Oct. 12.** Beth Tzedec. Speaker: Julius Ciss, Founder Jews for Judaism. "Confessions of a former Jew for Jesus." Refreshments $5.00. 8:00p.m. 781-9245. Not to be missed.

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Holocaust book aimed at educating youth

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Teachers and Holocaust organizations who are trying to educate young people about the horrors of the Holocaust would be well advised to use as a reference a new paperback, *The Old Brown Suitcase.*

The book, by Lillian Boraks-Nemetz of Vancouver, is intended for youngsters age 12 to 17. To be introduced at the Vancouver Jewish Book Fair in November, it is described by the author as "a documentary fiction." Although some characters were invented, and minor facts altered, the story is based on historical events which are the core of the author's own experience, says the introduction.

The book opens with a geographical description of Poland, Warsaw and the Warsaw ghetto, where most of the action takes place. It describes the Jews of Poland as "a thriving community before World War II," with over 3 million Jews, or 10 per cent of the total population of the country.

The story begins in 1947 in Montreal, where 14-year-old Slava, her parents and baby sister arrive to begin a new life in Canada, after surviving the Holocaust. They are billeted with a wealthy Jewish family and Slava is overwhelmed by the variety and amount of food available and the modern dress of the girl in the family who is Slava's age.

Through a series of flashbacks, Slava recalls the desperate times in Poland — dating back to when she was 5 years old. A gift from her father, "a shiny new brown suitcase," becomes a symbol of her wanderings through Poland up to her arrival in Canada.

Slava lives through the air raids in Warsaw when the Nazis attack, the destruction of Jewish shops and homes, the German troops — "the worst ones in black uniforms and caps with the skull and bones on them ... they look sullen and angry."

The order to wear arm bands with the Star of David puzzles her because the family was secular and she knew nothing about Judaism. When her father explains what the Star of David means, she decides that "it looks better than the swastika worn by the Nazis."

The family is forced into the ghetto and sleep in a room separated from others only by sheets hanging on rods; 25 people share a kitchen and bathroom. Tuberculosis and typhoid are rampant, and Jews are dying every day.

Slava observes a neighbor lighting Friday night candles and saying the Shabbat prayers and says she likes the idea of Shabbat.

School is forbidden but classes are held secretly until the Nazis find out and the teachers disappear.

The ghetto is jammed with 400,000 people where only 160,000 used to live. Jews, including Slava's mother, are shipped off to labor camps and "no one knows who is next. We keep our suitcases packed — my own brown suitcase looks a little battered."

Somehow, the family is reunited after the liberation and the father's brother brings them to Canada.

In Canada, Slava (renamed Elizabeth by her friends because "it sounds better") begins the growing-up process. She learns to use lipstick and wear a bra. She attends her first school dance, learns what the term "wallflower" means, learns English and improves her French.

She learns from her father the difference between Christianity and Judaism. When the family moves to a small Ontario town, she finds out first-hand from her classmates what Canadian anti-Semitism is like.

Back in Montreal, Slava excels in English in her class, and her essay wins a prize — a copy of Anne of Green Gables, which she had already read in Polish.

The book ends on a happy note — Slava is adjusting to Canada and develops a close friendship with a young Jewish boy.

The story appears simple, but it deals with teen problems, racism and other factors affecting Jewish children growing up in Canada.

Above all, young Canadians, Jewish and non-Jewish, should read about the Holocaust in terms they can relate to, to get some idea of what went on in Europe not so long ago.

Author Lillian Boraks-Nemetz is a child survivor who was once a "hidden child." She will be conducting a workshop on the subject at a conference of hidden children in Montreal, on Oct. 7 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

She currently teaches creative writing at the University of British Columbia.

Publisher of the book, which retails at $11.95, is Ben-Simon Publications, P.O. Box 318, Brentwood Bay, B.C., V8M 1R3; fax 604-652-6332.

Canadian production facilities to be used for U.S. movies

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An American television executive has announced plans to spend $50 million to produce movies for his cable networks in Canada.

Tony Cox, chairman and CEO of Showtime Networks, made this announcement during his keynote address at Symposium 94: At Warp Speed, the Toronto International Film Festival's annual business conference.

Show Time Networks includes Showtime, The Movie Channel and other subscriber cable channels. Cox also oversees Viacom Network enterprises. Viacom is the parent company of Showtime Networks, Paramount Pictures, the Famous Players Theatre Chain, and Prentice Hall.

Cox said Showtime is making the move in order to offer subscribers "premieres of exclusive, fresh movies" and to reduce its dependence on studio features.

Cox admitted that choosing Canada as a production venue for the television movies was an economic decision. The $50 million is earmarked for 15 to 20 Canadian productions costing between $3 and $5 million each.

Some of the projects will be joint ventures with larger Canadian production companies like Paragon Entertainment, Atlantis Films and Alliance. Two of these projects — *Mrs. Munck*, starring Diane Ladd and Bruce Dern, and *Down Came A Blackbird* with Raul Julia and Vanessa Redgrave — are currently in production here.

Cox told his audience of 100 that within two to five years television programs will be put on software so that viewers can choose when they want to watch them.

"The product called television will finally allow the customers to consume that product when it suits them," he said. "You take a month of Showtime and you download into your house . . . store it and retrieve at your pleasure."

Tony Tobias, a music producer who attended the keynote speech, said the infusion of American money into Canadian productions is not as good as it sounds because Canadians are not being given many key positions.

"It's one thing to be spending money here, to be treating us as a source of labor, he said. "It's another thing to be putting us in leading roles in the central production anatomy."

Michael Schwartz, president of Avion Films, said Cox's decision to support Canadian production companies will boost the local film industry.

The money spent by Showtime will strengthen and develop the film infrastructure here and as it develops it will attract more investors, he said. "One keeps feeding the other."

Jon Geist, a silent partner in Avion Films, said he too found Cox's speech encouraging. "If he's the beginning of a trend — he's a big player — and if others follow, this will be a big film town, bigger than it already is."

Beth Tikvah's winning team is all smiles in this photo. Seen here (back row) from left to right: Howard Goldkind, Ian Solomon, Alvin Goldstein, Jeff Secter and Rick Librach. Front row, left to right, are: Len Sadinsky, Steve Dolman, Neil Solomon, Isaac Silverstein and Rob Waxman. Absent: Mitch Aidelman and Mark Harendorf.

Synagogue baseball teams square off for championships

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It wasn't quite as intense as the Yankees and the Dodgers, or even the Blue Jays and the Phillies, but there was some history involved when Beth Tikvah butted heads with Adath Israel recently.

To avoid any confusion, let it be clear there were no weighty theological issues involved in the matchup. The rabbis didn't go one-on-one with a dvar Torah, nor did the chazzans try to outdo each other with their unique vocal stylings. Instead, the synagogues' baseball teams went toe to toe in the championship game of the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League.

Davening gave way to clutch hitting as Beth Tikvah repeated as league champ, winning 18-10. The contest was a rematch of last year's final in which the same Beth Tikvah club hammered Adath Israel 24-11. The season before, Adath Israel emerged as champion of the 16-team league, defeating their nemesis Beth Tikvah in the title game.

This time around, a seven-run outburst in the third inning broke open the hotly-contested affair. Key hits from Rick Librach, Rob Waxman, Len Sadinsky and Mark Harendorf ignited the scoring parade, said Beth Tikvah captain and shortstop Howard Goldkind.

Others who provided clutch hitting included Jeff Secter, Steve Dolman, Mitch Aidelman, Neil Solomon and Goldkind. Coupled with a stingy defence, that proved the winning formula for Beth Tikvah, he said.

The Inter-Synagogue League was established in 1987 to provide competitive baseball to the members of the city's synagogues and temples. The league includes teams from Conservative and Reform synagogues.

They play a nine-inning, three-pitch game in which the pitcher throws to members of his own team, putting a premium on hitting and fielding.

For next year, Beth Tikvah's boys of summer have set themselves a new challenge, the always difficult "three-peat."

CJC WELCOMES MAREK HALTER

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, hosted a breakfast meeting with Marek Halter (fourth from right), internationally-known French writer who was in Toronto for the North American premiere of his film, Tzedek: The Righteous. Among those present was (from left) Joanne Sutherland of the Anglican Church; Van Hori of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, Toronto chapter; Dror Zeigerman, Israel consul-general in Toronto; Rev. John Erb of the Anglican Church; Halter; Gerda Frieberg, chair, CJC, Ontario region; A. Anthony Carella, president, National Congress of Italian Canadians, Toronto district; and Prof. Irving Abella, CJC national president. [Jay Brodbar photo]

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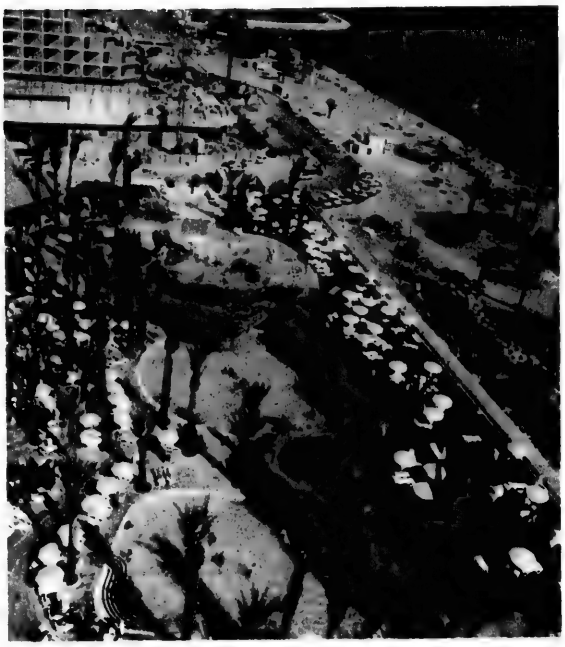

FIT FOR ROYALTY

The swimming pool complex of the new Royal Beach Hotel in Eilat. In the background can be seen the Jordanian resort of Aquaba. [Israel photo]

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Bicycling in Austria: If you enjoy cycling over relatively flat pastoral terrain, featuring vineyards and marshes inhabited by cranes and other rare birds, consider taking a bicycle tour of Austria's easternmost province, the Burgenland.

It is here that the European Alps surrender to the vast Eurasian plain. The Burgenland flatly contradicts our image of Austria as a country that is two-thirds covered by mountains. Indeed, parts of the Burgenland rival Saskatchewan for flatness. Topographically speaking, the area less resembles Austria than neighboring Hungary, to which it belonged until 1918.

The land around the smooth, reed-encircled Neusiedler See is particularly suited for a day of relaxed cycling. Not long ago, I was one of a group of cyclists who pedalled through the leafy vineyards along Neusiedler's marshy skirts. The land tilts gently down some two kilometres to the lake, which shone in the afternoon sun like the burnished armor of a knight.

Soon we entered Morbisch, the last village before the Hungarian frontier; its huts and peasants have an unmistakable Hungarian look. Slightly beyond Morbisch we reached the border. It was here, only a few years ago, that the Iron Curtain was breached and thousands of East Germans poured across, many initially cutting blindly through the forests in the dead of night. Locals emblazoned trees with Austria's national colors to inform the refugees they had reached freedom.

Thankfully, the armed guards, lookout towers and barbed-wire fences of the communist era are gone. Instead, a striped roadside barrier in the up position offers cyclists and pedestrians (but not motorists) free passage to the nearby Hungarian towns of Fertorakos and Sopron.

The Neusiedler See lies predominantly in Austria but its southern extremity protrudes into Hungary like the ungainly beak of a large waterbird. The lake is home to more than 250 species of waterfowl, many rare. The storks that nest atop chimneys in local villages like Rust and Oggau have become a symbol of the region.

Former Cold War adversaries, the Austrians and the Hungarians are working jointly to establish an international nature park around the briny, mostly spring-fed body of water that is Europe's only steppe-type lake. Recognizing the great popularity and commercial potential of cycling, the Hungarians have prepared some 40 km of bicycle paths to join the 90-km network already in use around the Austrian side. Last spring, for the first time, marathon cyclists were able to circle the Neusiedler See in a day.

We took a ferry from Morbisch eastward across the reed beds and open water to the other side, the fenny finger of Austria known as the Seewinkel. During our crossing, the lake was smooth as the proverbial lady's mirror.

We pedalled through the farming village

Neusiedler has a reputation for being capricious. Only one or two metres deep in most spots, it has been known to recede in a strong wind from the leeward shore and deepen along the far shore. In hot or dry spells, it has disappeared entirely, confounding wild birds and property owners alike. When it last vanished in 1868, neighboring landowners redrew the boundaries of their estates and farmed the lake bottom. The waters returned four years later.

Two farmers' carts, each with a pair of big horses, were waiting as the ferry touched land: a characteristic rural scene. Disembarking, we pedalled through the farming village of Illmitz, towards Podersdorf some 20 km away. We stopped briefly at a roadside tower erected to give ornithologists a photoscopic view of the moors and their exotic winged creatures.

Well shaded and well marked, the bicycle path took us through fresh meadows and vineyards. The afternoon was sunny and calm. After 90 minutes, we stopped briefly at a roadside restaurant for a drink. Two hours later, we reached our finishing point, the giant windmill at Podersdorf, where we savored our achievement — about 50 km of cycling since breakfast — over a glass of local wine.

After a carefree day or two in the Burgenland, you will appreciate this sleepy, rustic terrain. Redolent of legends of crusading knights and invading Ottomans, it has long been a historic battleground between East and West. How appropriate that it was here, in our own day, that the once-impenetrable Iron Curtain was mortally ruptured as if by a jouster's lance.

Thousands of kilometres of bicycle paths wind through Austria's nine provinces, even in the country's most mountainous reaches. Vienna, Austria's capital, boasts many biking trails, including one that circles the monumental ring. Anywhere in the country, when the going gets rough, riders may simply hop aboard a train, bike and all. Bicycles may be rented at many train stations and dropped off at any other.

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Fall's time for pumpkins

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

If a roving band of out of work weathermen forced me to choose the perfect season, this would be it.

When that crisp, cool, air washes over my fading tan and all the leaves from my neighbors' trees are falling into my yard, I know that without a doubt, its fall!

Ok, so it's really football season (some people use the terms fall and football interchangeably) the holidays are over and my children have to go back to school. I can now get down to the serious business of finding the biggest and best of this season's favorite crop, the pumpkin.

I'm not talking about some wimpy, little, sort of pale yellow/orange, flat on one side poor excuse for a squash. I am talking about those bigger than a house, two people to pick it up, kind of pumpkin. Why, you ask do I want something that big? For the seeds of course! (just kidding). I consider the seeds a bonus, sort of like the prize at the bottom of the cereal box.

Most of the people I talked to think that the only good pumpkin is a canned one. Yes, I know that occasionally, people do make pies with the fresh ones, but it's usually a case of just opening that can of pumpkin puree and baking away. No more! I've decided to include a foolproof, hassle-free method for getting the fresh stuff ready to use.

So get ready to start baking, Chanukah isn't all that far away!

HOW TO COOK PUMPKIN

Select a bright-colored, firm, unblemished pumpkin. (Note: 3 lbs. raw pumpkin equals 3 cups cooked) Cut pumpkin in half, remove seeds and stringy portion. Cut into small pieces and peel. Cook covered, in 1 to 2 inches boiling, salted water, 25 to 30 min. or until tender. Drain well and mash. You can cook other winter squash the same way except for the butternut squash which cooks in about 15 min.

CHOCO-PUMPKIN COOKIES

½ cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup plus 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. kosher pumpkin pie spice
¼ tsp. salt
1 cup chocolate chips
¼ cup milk
2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Mix sugar, ½ cup brown sugar and 1 cup butter, set aside. Mix pumpkin, vanilla and egg, set aside. Stir together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Combine the sugar, pumpkin, and flour mixtures and blend well. Stir in chocolate chips. Grease cookie sheets with non stick spray and drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto them. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. In a saucepan, combine the remaining butter and brown sugar. Heat until thickened, cool 10 minutes and add the milk. Beat well and then add the powdered sugar a little at a time. Let the glaze set 5 minutes to thicken, spread on top of cooled pumpkin cookies. Makes 4 dozen.

PUMPKIN CUSTARD WITH SWEETENED SOUR CREAM

2 cups pumpkin (or 1 16 oz. can)
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
¼ tsp. ginger
4 eggs lightly beaten
1 cup evaporated milk
1 tsp. grated orange peel
¾ cup orange juice
1 tsp. rum extract
Sweetened sour cream
2 tbsp. sugar
¼ tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350. Grease ten six-ounce custard cups. Combine pumpkin, sugar, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and eggs. Mix well. Stir in evaporated milk, orange peel, orange juice, and rum extract. Pour into custard cups filling each cup to about ½ inch from the top. Set the cups in a shallow baking pan. Fill the pan with hot water to come up about ½ way on the custard cups. Bake about 50 minutes or until set. Cool, serve with sweetened sour cream. Sweetened sour cream: Combine ingredients and place a dollop on top of the custard. Garnish with orange peel if you like. Serves 10.

SMOKY PUMPKIN SOUP

6 slices kosher beef fry, cooked crisp, crumbled, fat set aside
4 tbsp. pareve margarine
6 cups peeled cut up pumpkin, in 2 inch pieces
6 cups beef broth
½ cup kosher Marsala wine
1 tsp. dried thyme
Salt/pepper to taste
Toasted pumpkin seeds or sunflower seeds

Heat the beef fry fat and margarine in a stock pot. Add the pumpkin and saute for 15 minutes stirring occasionally. Pour in stock and simmer covered until the pumpkin is very tender, about 30 minutes. Remove from heat. Add the Marsala, thyme and salt and pepper to taste. Process the soup in batches in a blender or food processor until smooth. Return to the stock pot. Add the bacon and simmer for 10 minutes. Serve immediately, garnish with pumpkin seeds. Serves 6.

PUMPKIN BISCUITS

2 cups sifted flour
3 tbsp. sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
½ cup butter or margarine
⅓ cup light cream, ½ and ½ or non dairy creamer

Preheat oven to 425. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Cut in butter with pastry blender until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in pecans. Combine cream and pumpkin and stir into flour mixture, mixing just enough to moisten dry ingredients. This is a stiff dough. Turn dough onto lightly floured board and knead gently a few times. Roll out to ½ inch thick and cut with 2 inch round cutter. Place 1 inch apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve at once with butter or honey. Makes approximately 20.

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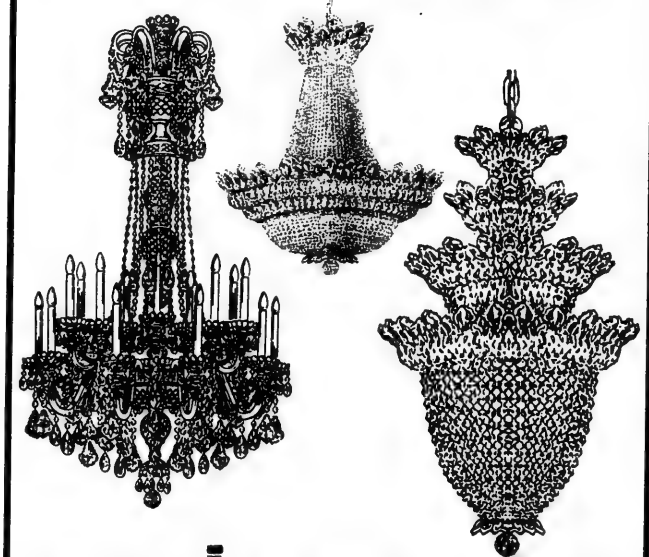

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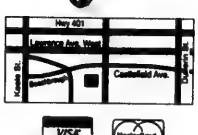

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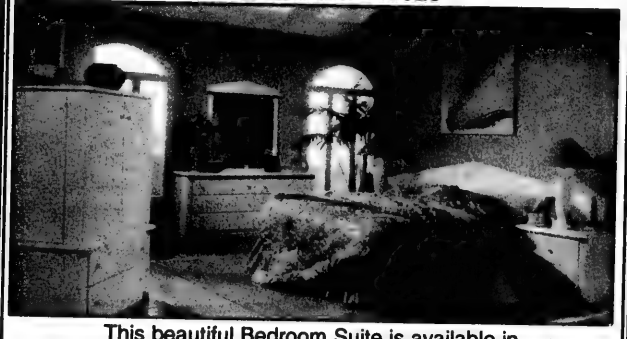

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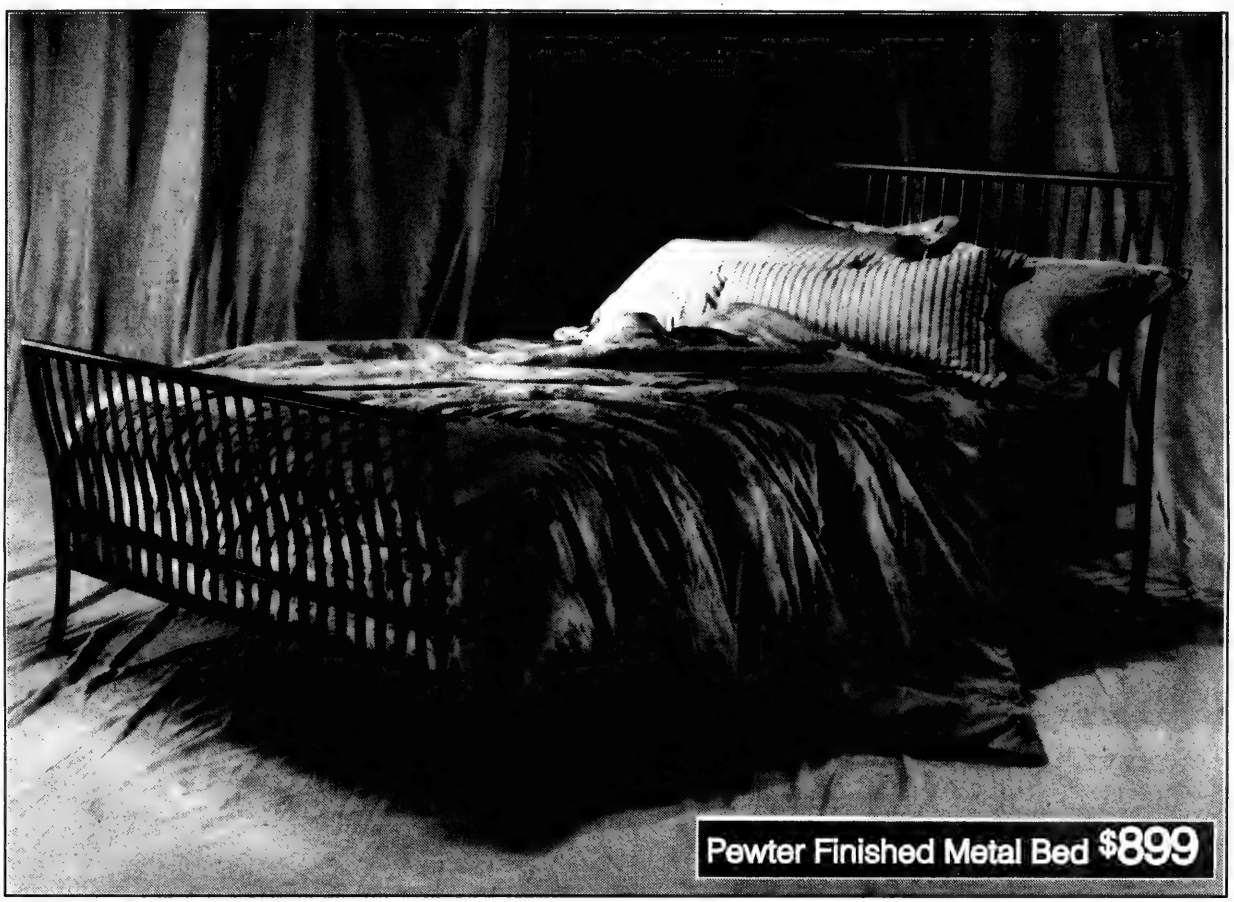

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The *Poltronova* collection (a Palazzetti exclusive in Canada and the United States) is a case in point. In the vanguard of Italian design, this line features works by Ettore Sottsass, Elena and Massimo Vignelli and Franco Raggi, and recently introduced the *She sofa* (pictured above) designed by Prospero Rasulo. With their gracefully enveloping arms, this sofa and matching armchair welcome the sitter while occupying little visual space. Both are constructed of Italian hardwood wrapped with moulded foam, and are upholstered in leather and removable fabric covers in a vast array of colours and textures. The fabric can be easily removed for cleaning.

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Indeed, Palazzetti's collection of classic modern designs (C.R. Mackintosh, Eileen Gray, Mies Van der Rohe, and Jean Michel Frank, to name a few) has played a major role in educating North American consumers about design history, an area that only a few years ago had sparked little interest outside the guarded wall of the professional design community.

Viewing great design as a continuum, Palazzetti has introduced other groundbreaking architects and designers such as Carlo Scarpa, Massimo and Elena Vignelli, Massimo Iosa-Ghini and Matthew Hilton, and in 1994 two outstanding manufacturers from Italy, Poltronova and Giovannetti.

Good design is timeless; it's interesting to note how a Bauhaus sofa is enhanced by an avant-garde area rug and a post-modern coffee table. The combination of styles can apply to all areas of the home, and Palazzetti has a selection of intriguing pieces for each area.

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From a purely practical standpoint, all of these advantages dovetail into a win-win situation for you and your home. One visit to Taps gives you instant access to everything you need. The "one-price-for-all" policy eliminates any uneasiness about a contractor's markups on product; indeed, many clients bring their contractor in with them to plan the job together. (If you don't have a contractor, Taps will be happy to recommend one).

Every bath and kitchen needs a floor and walls, two elements that are often overlooked. Taps doesn't; their tile section is not an afterthought but a full-blown department, offering every conceivable finish in marble, granite, slate, glass block, porcelain tile, hand-painted Mexican terracotta and others from famous makers like Porcelanosa, Venice and Country Floors. Tiles come in a rainbow of colours and dozens of motifs, from traditional geometrics to soft florals to pastorals to children's theme art. Textures galore are available to complement any kitchen or bath setting. The rough and rustic slate finishes are particularly popular, says Spino. Stunning mahogany bathroom cabinetry is also available.

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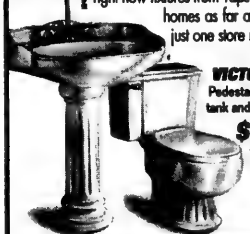

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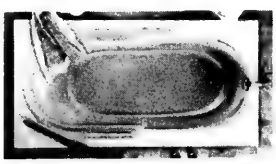

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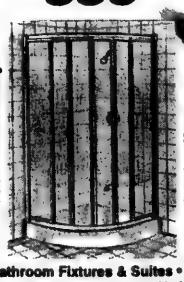

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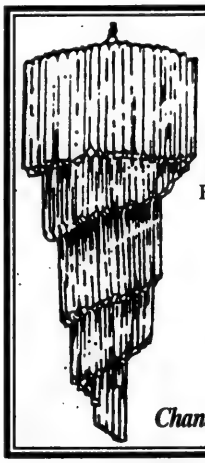

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Affairs specializes in original art and limited edition prints, and clientele is evenly split between private and corporate clients. The latter include Sony of Canada, Elizabeth Arden of Canada, The Federal Courts of Canada, Prudential Insurance of America, and Weston Bakeries. Gallery artists include Behrens, Hohimer, Fairchild, Tarkay, Fazzino, Golkar, and Masewich, and new artists are constantly being introduced as they become prominent.

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The next phase of Fieldgate's Glen Abbey project in Oakville is scheduled to open for sale in the middle of October. Situated on 40-foot lots, these houses are priced from the lower $200,000's up.

On Fieldgate's site at Bathurst and Highway 7, there are 200 houses on 40- and 50-foot lots, from $240,000 up. These homes range in size from 1,800 to 4,000 square feet; many have walkout basements, and all have two- or even three-car garages. Half of these properties have been sold, and many are already occupied. This location has a special appeal, with plenty of ravine lots and extensive wooded areas.

The Bayview Hills development at Leslie and Highway 16 has homes from 3,300 to nearly 5,000 square feet on 50- and 60-foot lots, priced from $450,000 up.

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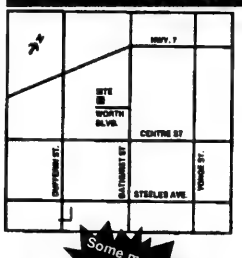

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Modern Merchant of Venice fails to hide anti-Semitism

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The stated aim of Tempest Theatre in staging *The Merchant of Venice* was to show that intolerance can lead to hatred of Jews or hatred of Christians.

Though this is indeed a noble aspiration, the theatre's production of Shakespeare's play at Tarragon Extra Space Sept. 21-Oct. 1 proved once again that *The Merchant of Venice* is a rabidly anti-Semitic play.

The producers staged it in modern dress; the Venetians met in a trendy restaurant; Antonio's colleagues gossiped on cellular phones; and Shylock's daughter Jessica wore a cross and a daring dress. But the message of the play stayed the same: the evil Jewish money-lender wanted to cut a pound of flesh from Antonio's heart as an act of revenge.

Though the production did highlight the self-serving nature of Bassanio, who wanted to wed wealthy Portia and asked Antonio to borrow 3,000 ducats from Shylock on his behalf, and though it underlined Antonio's unredeeming hatred of Shylock and all Jews, it still ignited anti-Jewish feeling in the audience. No amount of sophistry will change that.

In the program notes, director Jonathan Bryn Llyr writes: "The wonder of the *The Merchant of Venice* lies in its ability to allow the audience to choose its own underlying meaning or intent. Is this play anti-Semitic? Yes, if you find it so. Shakespeare certainly leaves you free to decide. But you may thereby reveal more of yourself than of this play."

Yes, this reviewer found it anti-Semitic. If I thereby reveal that I am opposed to plays that whip up passions against my fellow Jews, I plead guilty.

Michael Booth portrayed Shylock in a restrained manner until the court scene where he sharpened the knife he intends to use on Antonio.

Presumably producers Keri Alletson and Michael Booth hoped to arouse sympathy for Shylock by characterizing daughter Jessica as a strumpet who gladly married a Christian to displease her father and then steals Shylock blind. At the end, in a stunning reversal, Jessica refused the share of her father's estate that Antonio had wrung for her.

"There is nothing in the text that says she turned down the money, but that's our interpretation," said Alletson.

Director Llyr portrayed Antonio as an unfeeling lout who required Shylock to turn Christian as part of the penalty of losing the court case through Portia's intervention.

Portia herself, played by a kittenish Lesley Livingston, was a bit of an enigma, at once an up-to-the-minute career woman writing notes on the back of her secretary, and also a woman determined to satisfy her own desires with Bassanio (Daniel Levinson).

Jerusalem — a source of wonder, acrimony

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Jerusalem may be the most contested city in our universe.

Fought over and repeatedly conquered and reconquered, Jerusalem has been a much-vaunted prize throughout the centuries.

Today, under Israeli sovereignty, Jerusalem is still the object of much ardor.

And as the film *Holy Madness* suggests, an "excess of love" may well account for the powerful effect Israel's capital exerts on the faithful of three monotheistic religions.

Holy Madness, which will be screened on Vision TV on Oct. 14 at 9 p.m., argues that Jerusalem reinforces nationalism among Jews, Christians and Muslims. Moreover, in the bizarre Jerusalem Syndrome, it even drives some visitors to distraction, violence and madness.

There are Jews who yearn to rebuild the temple, even though the site is occupied by one of the holiest mosques in Islam. In 1982, an American Jew, Allan Goodman, tried to burn down the Dome of the Rock, which is revered by Muslims. (In the late 1960s, an Australian tourist was arrested for an identical attempt.)

There are Christians who hanker for the day when Jews will convert, thus hastening the return of Jesus in the Second Coming. (There are also Christians, such as those who subscribe to the tenets of the International Christian Embassy, who love Jews because they are indebted to them for their "spiritual roots.")

Finally, there are Muslims, like one of the leaders of Israel's Islamic movement, who are convinced that Jerusalem is the patrimony of Islam.

So, as *Holy Madness* makes it abundantly clear, Jerusalem — a symbol of unity and devisiveness — is all things to all people, a source of wonder and acrimony.

Vision TV series examines quest of British rabbi

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A British rabbi's autobiographical quest for spiritual fulfilment is the subject of a five-part, half-hour TV series on Vision TV, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 9 p.m. and running weekly.

From the vantage point of his own work as a rabbi in suburban London, Rabbi Lionel Blue looks back on the time when, as a callow youth he went to Belliol College, Oxford, leaving his home in the east end of London behind.

"The world was in ashes, the Yiddish Theatre was gone and British synagogues were decaying," he says.

His ecclesiastical studies and travels led him to phone his parents at one point and ask permission to become a monk.

"My mother said, 'Over my dead body you'll become a monk. Your father says we'll give you a free trip to Israel and will cure you of all this stuff.' "

By the time the series *In Search of Holy England* ends, Rabbi Blue goes back to his rabbinate, having discovered the difference between cleverness and wisdom, and having learned much about human love from an accidental meeting with a group of Quakers in Norfolk.

His encounters with monks in northern English retreats, he says, reminded him of the rabbis in his youth who studied Torah far into the night, also for no material rewards.

His most embarrassing moment at Oxford came when, in a hurry to dash off somewhere, he left a pickled herring from his mother as a bookmark in an Oxford history text, discovering it only weeks later.

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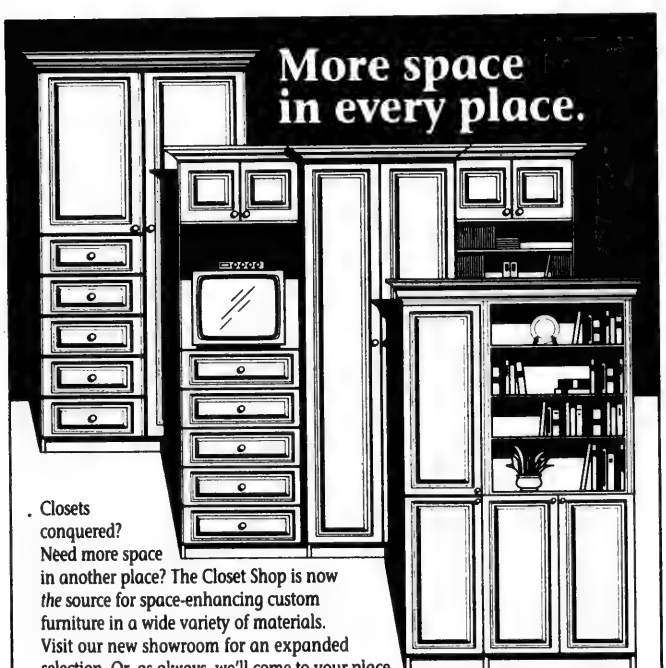

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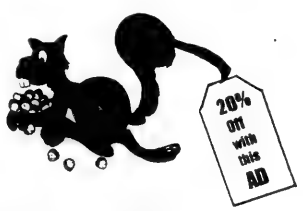

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EYE ON ARTS

If you miss major league baseball this fall, you may find literary solace in some of the short stories, poems and essays of Shel Krakofsky. A practitioner of family medicine who lives in the small southern Ontario farming community of Komoka, near London, Krakofsky grew up in Toronto, and has written numerous stories and sketches about Jewish life in Toronto that are funny, nostalgic and original.

Evidently mirroring his childhood, his 1993 book *Listening For Somersaults* (General Publishing, $10) is filled with Yiddishkeit and baseball lore in almost equal measure. He brings the two seemingly divergent topics together in a clever epilogue entitled, *Baseball As Personal Metaphor*. In part an encomium to Sandy Koufax, who refused to pitch in a World Series opening game on Yom Kippur, the essay draws many parallels between the symbolism, rituals and rules of Judaism and those of baseball — happily, without trivializing either.

Minyan needed

Krakofsky observes that a minyan is needed both in the synagogue and on the baseball diamond: "While there are nine players on the field, a 10th, the batter, is required for a minimum quorum for the game to proceed."

He also claims that the Torah starts out with a baseball allusion: "In the big-inning..." Few essayists can so elegantly cite sources as comically diverse as Yogi Berra and Reb Levi-Yitzchak of Berdichev, the 18th-century chassidic sage.

Several other pieces in the collection also deal with baseball, including an introductory poem which says that "the Jew is always a runner at first...afraid of being picked off...wondering eternally how to arrive safely at the place called Home."

But my personal favorites have nothing to do with baseball. They are *Zaida*, the author's memoir of his remarkable relationship with his grandfather; *The Monster of Miracle Mart*, which portrays a beloved bubbie at her aggravating best; *Ginsberg's Mechitza*, an engrossing albeit somewhat bewildering allegory about an old-time Jewish shopkeeper; and *Something Like A Rabbi*, which records the comical process through which the Soproner, a fictitious downtown shule, chooses a new spiritual leader.

Krakofsky is also the author of *The Reversible Coat* (Moonstone Press, 1991; $9.95), a collection of poems that American writer Cynthia Ozick called "resplendent and touching and important." With such talent and passion for literature, the Komoka doctor was a natural choice when an ad hoc committee of Jewish-Canadian literary enthusiasts went in search of an editor for *Parchment*, a journal of contemporary Canadian Jewish writing.

That was three years ago and, as noted recently in this column, the third edition of *Parchment* was recently published. Krakofsky, still at the editorial helm, was assisted by Michael Greenstein (fiction editor), Kenneth Sherman (poetry editor) and a six-person editorial board.

Canadian Babylon

"There was a need for a vehicle for Canadian Jewish literary expression in English," Krakofsky explains. "There has been great concern about the diminishing Jewish expression in the Canadian Babylon. At one time almost all Canadian Jews expressed themselves in Yiddish. When Yiddish died, Jews writing in English became more Canadian and less Jewish. What we're trying to do with *Parchment* is to have Canadian Jews express themselves as Jews in English."

A neatly woven garment of many colors, *Parchment* 1994-95 is filled with a diverse assortment of stories and poems that collectively attest to the strength of the Jewish literary scene in Canada. The anthology brings together a number of isolated writers with distinctly different voices and styles, from the poetic, reductionist prose of Miriam Margles in *Mapping A Small Planet*, to Michael Newman's astonishing and skillful use of a 12-year-old's voice in the story, *Christmas*.

The collection also features *Restitution*, a gripping story by W. Gunther Plaut, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple, who is perhaps the most widely known writer in the collection — or perhaps not. The story *Rosh Hashana*, which I regard as one of the best in the collection, was authored by "Lev Kraftchek" — a pseudonym for an unidentified writer and teacher.

A subscription to the independent, non-profit, annual journal costs $12 per year. All three issues are still available. Send cheque or money order to Parchment, 445 Hamilton Rd., London, Ontario N5Z 1S2.

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Readings from Parchment: Poet Robyn Sarah from Montreal, writer J.J. Steinfeld from Charlottetown, Judah Denburg, Michael Newman and other contributors to the Canadian Jewish literary journal *Parchment* have consented to give readings of their stories and poems in Toronto next month. The event is tied to the annual Jewish Book Fair of the Jewish Community Centre, and is set to take place at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., Sunday Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. Shel Krakofsky is moderator.

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Arts

Marc Jordan to perform Oct. 15

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Singer Marc Jordan is celebrating his return from Los Angeles with a concert Oct. 15 at Bathurst Street Theatre.

The 46-year-old son of the late Charles Jordan, a popular Jewish radio singer of the 1930s and 1940s, Jordan remembers his father singing him to sleep with Maritime folk songs. The elder Jordan died six years ago at the age of 72, while still active as a voice teacher.

The Toronto concert will include *Rhythm of My Heart*, a song Marc penned for Rod Stewart, which became a worldwide smash hit in the '90s. He has also written songs for Bette Midler, Chicago, Manhattan Transfer, Kansas and Diana Ross.

"I thought all fathers had their own radio show," Jordan said. "Music was all around me as a child and I took piano lessons before settling on guitar."

Jordan is as well known for his hard-hitting

Marc Jordan

political lyrics as he is for his evocative ballads, many featured in his new album *Reckless Valentine*.

His song *Little Lambs* was inspired by the story of the Children of Duplessis, children born out of wedlock in Quebec in the '40s and '50s who were branded retarded or insane so their orphanages could be paid three times as much for their care than for normal children. So compelling are its lyrics that CBC-TV used the song in its documentary on the subject. It is also out on a single video.

Jordan's song *Burning Down the Amazon* became the anthem for Earth Day, Taken from the album *COW*, an acronym for Conserve our World, the song is a scathing condemnation of the destruction of Brazil's rain forests.

Once again a confirmed resident of Toronto — "there's great music coming out of the city" — Jordan is back where he grew up. His mother, Eleanor, lives in Toronto, as does one of his brothers, Michael, a video producer. His oldest brother, Malcolm, is a speech writer in Ottawa and a younger brother, Widor, is a cellist in Philadelphia.

One-act jewels open theatre season

TORONTO — A story about a mother who competes with her daughter is one of two intriguing Canadian one-act plays which opened the Solar Stage season. They run until Oct. 8 in the North York theatre in the Madison Centre on Yonge St.

Mother of Pearl by Catherine Hayos, Rena Polley and Howie Wiseman plays in tandem with *Jewel* by Joan MacLeod, which features a powerful performance by Catherine McNally as the widow of a man lost in the sinking of the Ocean Ranger oil rig off the coast of Newfoundland in 1982.

Though *Mother of Pearl* is a comedy, full of innovative staging and replete with laughs, its underlying message is a serious one — the failure of others to let daughters live their own lives, and the reluctance of daughters to forge ahead on their own.

The imaginative direction by Wiseman and the faultless performances by Hayos as the mother and Polley as the daughter bring to life every mother-daughter domestic tiff in the book.

The contradiction and peer pressure of modern life are well illustrated when mother advises daughter as she leaves for university: "Be modest and discreet, but popular and sought after."

Jewel, directed by Rebecca Conn, is more than the lament of a single Ocean Ranger widow, it is the painful growing up of Marjorie Clifford, a wallflower at teen dances in Calgary, who finds happiness as the wife of a rancher in Alberta's Peace River Valley.

But the happiness is short-lived, for her husband, Harry, needing funds to keep up the farm, goes to the east coast for a job on the Ocean Ranger.

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BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Fear Of Fifty, by Erica Jong (HarperCollins, $29.95).

Two decades ago, Erica Jong's lubricious novel, *Fear of Flying*, won her fame and fortune. John Updike waxed enthusiastic. "The book," he wrote, "has class and sass, brightness and the bite . . . and her cheerful sexual frankness brings a new flavor to female prose."

Jong's narrative detailed the amorous education and adventures of a young woman determined to experience life to the fullest. It was funny, frank, brash and outrageous — unflinching in its observations of her role in the battle between the sexes.

Now, at 50, concerned with aging and fearful of the future, she sets down her thoughts on a wide range of subjects. "Modern women," she complains, "are part of a Whiplash Generation raised to be Doris Day . . . yearning to be Gloria Steinhem (and raising) our midlife daughters in the age of Nancy Reagan and Princess Di."

It is no surprise that women reaching 50 are in a state of perplexity and rage. None of the things they counted on have come to pass, she writes. "Instead, the ground under their feet keeps constantly shifting."

Surprisingly, at 50, this pampered and hedonistic woman is concerned with the spiritual emptiness of society and the relentless dicta of the marketplace. "My body is not the issue. It's whether or not I have the right to my immortal soul . . . It is not a matter of ad and fashion. It is not a matter of new-age or 12-step hype. It is the essence of whether we are allowed to be fully human or not. If you own your soul, you don't have to be afraid at 50."

In the chapter entitled How I Got to be Jewish, Jong regrets her lack of identification with Judaism and the Jewish people. "It seems astonishing to me that a woman born at the height of the Holocaust should not have been trained to a stronger sense of Judaism. And I also begin to regret not having raised [daughter] Molly more Jewishly, and not having had more Jewish children to replace those lost among the six million.

"Lately I have begun to yearn for solidarity with other Jewish feminists, to join the search for nonsexist Jewish rituals, to celebrate my Jewishness without shame, without internalized anti-Semitism, and to embrace my Jewishness as part of my search for truth in my writing."

Where the mitzvot are concerned she writes, with tongue in cheek, that women had better get busy in observing them if they want to enter " 'the obscure heaven of the Jews.' If men need 613 mitzvahs, I figure women need 1,839."

Despite myths to the contrary, Jong believes there is still plenty of anti-Semitism in America — especially of a social nature. "Otherwise, we'd be saying 'next year in Oyster Bay' or 'Grosse Pointe,' instead of 'Next Year in Jerusalem.'

Her 1987 historical novel, *Serenissima*, concerned a Jewish heroine in 16th-century Venice who meets and falls in love with a youthful William Shakespeare. "Venice in the 16th century was Manhattan in the early 20th century: teeming with Jews driven out of Europe and the Middle East, designed to enrich the Christian world and to change it forever . . . they became a force. And they prospered. And Venice prospered."

She is genuinely puzzled and angry at women who are resentful or jealous of their successful sisters. "I realized gradually that women had managed to do to me what men no longer had the power to do: make me feel utterly and absolutely in the wrong, make me hate my own creativity, distrust my own impression. Every time I put pen to paper I would see a chorus of jeering women telling me that everything I said was not worth saying."

Written with verve and dash, often touching and wise, this memoir of the introspective author at 50 — although not recommended to the traditionally religious or decorous reader — will stimulate discussion and, undoubtedly, some titillation.

Yiddish psychiatrist set to visit Toronto

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A prominent Yiddish psychiatrist and scholar from Moscow is making his first appearance in Toronto this month.

Dr. Moshe Wolf, chief psychiatrist at the Moscow City Psychiatric Hospital from 1962 to 1992, and a prolific contributor to Yiddish journals in the former Soviet Union and in North America, is now a resident of Portland, Ore.

His will speak in Yiddish on Stalin's Lost War Against the Jews, Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. at Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Avenue W. The meeting is under the auspices of Yiddishe Kultur Geselshaft, Friends of Yiddish and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Committee for Yiddish.

Wolf will also speak at a workshop of the International Conference of Yiddish Clubs on Monday, Oct. 10 at 9:30 a.m. The workshop, 1200 Years of Ashkenazi Jewry, will be held at the Bloor Street JCC.

Wolf was a guest speaker on the *Forward*'s 95th anniversary conference in New York and at the Greater Washington Yiddish conference in May 1993. He is a world-renowned scholar in the fields of Yiddish and Hebrew literature, Jewish history and Judaism. He has had several books published in Yiddish.

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L'Oreal Cosmetics: Mired in Controversy

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Mired in controversy over its alleged compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel, the international cosmetics giant L'Oreal is about to make a multimillion dollar series of investments in several Israeli ventures.

The plans, which include a manufacturing plant, an export agreement and a focus on research and development, represent a bold departure for the company, which has been criticized for bowing to Arab pressure not to do business with Israel.

The question remains, however, whether these investments will mollify opponents of the company, who include several Jewish groups and at least two members of Congress.

In a telephone interview from his Paris office, L'Oreal Vice President Jean Pierre Valeriola said the company is taking these steps because "Israel is a country with a good economy, and we are trying to develop our market."

L'Oreal has come under heated criticism since the 1980s for alleged compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel. As recently as this past July, New York Democratic Reps. Charles Schumer and Jerrold Nadler were calling for a boycott of the company to protest its policies toward Israel.

By STAN LUXENBERG
Special to The CJN

Steamrollers crushing L'Oreal cosmetics on a midtown street at high noon? Full-page *New York Times* ads blasting the world's largest cosmetics company? And pro-L'Oreal faxes pouring into news organizations across the world?

What's going on in the protracted fight between the French cosmetics giant and the Jewish community?

When L'Oreal invested $7 million in Israel recently, Jewish organizations monitored the transaction with keen interest. The firm had been accused of complying with the Arab boycott of Israel. So Jewish officials watched the deal for signs that the power of the boycott might be waning.

In its transaction, L'Oreal bought a 30 per cent interest in Interbeauty, a company that distributes L'Oreal products in Israel. While the Anti-Defamation League and other groups praised the investment, they promised to continue monitoring L'Oreal activities.

"L'Oreal appears to have recognized a problem in its past dealings and has taken an important step to change things," said Jess Hordes, Washington director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Though L'Oreal's move appeared to go against the boycott, some observers charged that the French firm had only made a half-hearted gesture carefully designed not to antagonize the Arabs.

"The boycott office will be satisfied it's accomplishing its goal, as long as L'Oreal doesn't build factories that can provide jobs in Israel and develop exports," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, who has spoken with L'Oreal officials and monitored the case.

Rabbi Cooper asked L'Oreal to take additional steps, opening new factories in Israel and publicly renouncing the boycott. Such actions could provide a crucial boost to the Mideast peace negotiations, he said. "The boycott is a major bargaining chip that is being used by [President Hafez al-]Assad of Syria in his negotiations," he said. "If L'Oreal and other big companies would denounce the boycott, they could take that chip away from Assad and make it more likely he would compromise with Israel."

In fact, L'Oreal has just made a $1 million donation supporting a nationwide Israeli campaign aimed at combating traffic accidents. Also, the company has announced that it has stationed a full-time representative in Jerusalem to explore the possibility of investing in manufacturing facilities in Israel. L'Oreal says it has been enjoying strong sales in Israel, and is looking for more investment opportunities there.

Under the boycott, companies doing business with Israel may be barred from dealing with the Arab world. It is illegal to comply with the boycott in the United States and France. But Arab and U.S. officials have admitted that the boycott is all but dead following the recent peace agreements Israel has signed with Jordan and the PLO. The battle over L'Oreal, then, may be one more over past wrongs.

But the ramifications for L'Oreal are still very real. L'Oreal denies cooperating with Syria and other hard-liners to discourage outsiders from doing business with Israel. In a statement issued this week, the company said it "did not comply with the boycott of Israel, and L'Oreal is opposed to the boycott of Israel."

Most of the boycott's actions remain shadowy. But French documents provided an unusually detailed description of how L'Oreal communicated with the boycott office in Damascus during the 1980s.

According to the documents, L'Oreal was blacklisted in 1988 after it acquired subsidiaries of Helena Rubinstein, a company with long dealings in Israel. To satisfy Damascus, L'Oreal wrote a letter to the boycott office describing a series of actions that included closing a plant in Israel.

In 1989, the boycott office took the French company off the blacklist. So far, L'Oreal doesn't seem to have been blacklisted for its recent Israeli investment.

The boycott documents emerged when a French judge seized them for a case in Paris. Now the French case has moved to federal Court in Manhattan, where the charges may be aired again.

In the suit, an Israeli businessman claims L'Oreal broke a contract with him to satisfy demands by the Arab boycott. L'Oreal denies the charges.

The suit was filed by Jean Frydman and his brother David who had invested in a joint venture with L'Oreal. Jean Frydman, a well-known figure in French and Israeli business circles, holds dual citizenship in Israel and France. Born in France, he joined the Resistance during World War II and fought the Nazi occupation for five years.

After the war, Frydman and his brother owned a variety of media investments, including a large radio network in France whose major advertisers included L'Oreal.

While they expanded in France, the Frydmans also made a series of investments in Israel. Jean became chair of the Kol Israel radio operation and head of Israel's satellite program, a government-private operation whose board boasts several retired Israeli generals, including a former head of the Mossad, Israel's chief intelligence agency.

Frydman joined forces with L'Oreal in the late 1980s, when the cosmetics company decided to purchase media businesses. To move into an area where he had little expertise, Francois Dalle, chair of L'Oreal, asked Jean Frydman to form a joint venture.

In the deal, L'Oreal would put up most of the money, while the Frydmans would negotiate acquisitions of film companies and other businesses. Called Paravision, the joint venture began operating in 1988.

Frydman made purchases, and was beginning to negotiate purchasing Columbia Pictures, the Hollywood company. Before he could make the deal, Frydman needed approval from L'Oreal executives and also executives from Nestle, since the Swiss food company holds a major stake in L'Oreal.

According to Frydman, he was at a meeting in Paris when Dalle and other executives told him that Nestle and L'Oreal were concerned about being boycotted by the Arabs.

"They said they were trying to get off the blacklist," Frydman said. "They asked questions about my involvement in Israel. Dalle asked me if I would be willing to resign my Israeli executives for six months. He said that would give them time to get off the blacklist."

When Frydman refused, Dalle suggested that Frydman resign from the joint venture. "I said, 'Are you crazy?' " Frydman recalled in a phone conversation. "That's against the law, and I would never do something to help the Arab boycott."

A few months later L'Oreal broke with Frydman. Frydman sued the company, claiming he was owed money and was discriminated against because of the boycott.

Dalle denied Frydman's version of events. He said he never suggested Frydman should resign. L'Oreal claimed the dispute was only about a business partnership that no longer worked.

"Frydman came out of the deal with $33 million, but he wants even more," said Jody Pope, an attorney with Bryan Cave, which is representing L'Oreal in the Federal Court case. "He's wrapping his private dispute in the clothing of a religious crusade. It's an extremely offensive campaign."

In the weeks before he filed suit, Frydman learned a disturbing fact: The group of L'Oreal executives who masterminded his ouster included a convicted Nazi, Jacques Correze, head of Cosmair, the New York-based company that oversees L'Oreal's operations in the United States.

Shocked at the revelation, Frydman called on Serge Klarsfeld, the well-known Nazi hunter, to investigate. Klarsfeld found that Correze was a collaborator who served five years in prison after the war for pro-Nazi activities. In response to Klarsfeld's report, the United States barred Correze fromn entering America. Meanwhile, Correze left the United States and died.

L'Oreal said Correze had been considered rehabilitated after his prison term. He was deliberately hired by the cosmetics company in 1950 as part of their efforts to heal the divisions of the war.

Meanwhile, as Frydman's court case proceeded in Paris, the judge seized records from a L'Oreal office. By accident, the court came onto a treasure trove of material about the Arab boycott.

"In one half hour, that judge found out more about the Arab boycott than the Israelis had been able to learn in 40 years of trying," said Frydman.

In detailed letters uncovered by the court, the boycott office in Damascus informed L'Oreal that the cosmetics company had violated the boycott rules when it purchased Helena Rubinstein subsidiaries in the early 1980s. The Syrians told the French company to cease operating in Israel and to stop using the Helena Rubinstein name. L'Oreal responded by saying that it had met all the provisions of the boycott.

As L'Oreal explained to Damascus, it had bought several subsidiaries of Helena Rubenstein around the world. But the French company did not own Helena Rubenstein's Israeli unit — Israeli investors owned that business. L'Oreal simply licensed the Israelis, giving them the right to make products and use the Helena Rubenstein name.

L'Oreal assured the Arabs that by the end of 1988 the Israeli "company is to stop for good the manufacturing of the Helena Rubenstein products." L'Oreal would see to it that instead of manufacturing, the Israelis would import products from Germany. In other communications, L'Oreal noted it would see to it that Helena Rubenstein units changed their names.

L'Oreal concedes it made the moves described in the correspondence. But it claims the steps were taken for valid businress reasons — not to appease the boycott. "It happened to be compatible with what the Arabs wanted," said Stanley Marcus, an attorney with Brian Cave who represents L'Oreal.

Rabbi Cooper calls L'Oreal's explanation of the moves "insulting" and says that the company did not try to explain away the documents when he met with executives recently in Paris.

Jean Frydman and L'Oreal disagree about the results of the French legal action that unearthed the documents. L'Oreal says the French court rejected Frydman's charges. Frydman says he was called in by an aide to French President Francois Mitterand who asked him to drop the case, since it could embarrass the French business establishment. Instead of continuing the court battle, the aide proposed having a commission investigate the matter.

Frydman agreed to have a jurist picked by L'Oreal and French Jewish organizations look at the evidence. When the jurist died, the Jewish organizations picked a new investigator.

In November 1993, the investigator found that L'Oreal had cooperated with the boycott. L'Oreal disputed the findings and said it had not participated in selecting the investigator and had not presented him with its side of the story.

Dissatisfied with the French proceedings, Frydman decided to bring his case to an American court, where he felt he could get a better hearing and win damages. L'Oreal contends the United States does not have jurisdiction over the French company. The court will have to decide that point.

Frydman had also notified the U.S. Commerce Department about L'Oreal activities with the Arab boycott. Commerce is investigating the matter. Under American law, simply responding to letters from the boycott office as L'Oreal did is illegal. However, it's not clear whether Commerce has jurisdiction. Frydman argues that since L'Oreal's big New York office played a major role in the case, the United States should have jurisdiction.

If Frydman wins, it would be a blow for a pillar of the French business establishment that has tried to distance itself from wartime memories of anti-Semitic activities. But even if Frydman loses, he may serve to publicize the Arab boycott and help put other companies on notice about the law.

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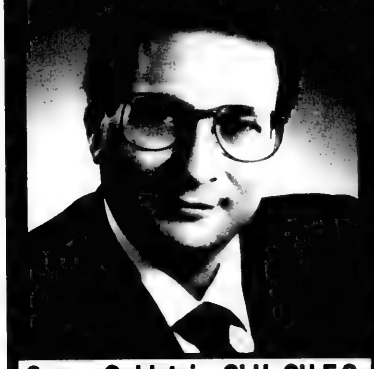

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Calgary business leaders examine Israel's potential

By RICHARD BRONSTEIN
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — While Israel may be one 25th the size of Alberta, the small state is emerging as an economic dynamo, with an average growth rate of six per cent in each of the past three years.

"But the potential has only been scratched by Canadian companies," said Benjamin Noy, Israel's economic consul and trade commissioner to Canada.

At a recent seminar for Calgary business leaders, Noy explained that what Israel lacks in natural resources, it more than makes up for in human resources.

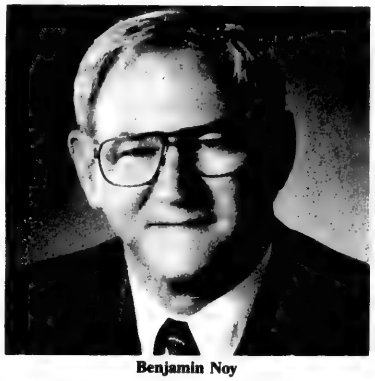
Representatives of several multinational corporations active in Israel supported the trade commissioner's views with their own stories.

The Sept. 12 seminar was sponsored by the Israel Economic Mission to Canada, the Alberta Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism, the Calgary Economic Development Authority, Tadiran Telecommunications and the Calgary Jewish Community Council.

Seminar participants learned that Israel has the highest proportion of engineers to population in the world, with 135 for each 10,000 people in the labor force compared to 38 for Canada.

"We do not have cheap labor," Noy said. "But we do offer to businesses highly skilled labor at a relatively low cost."

To harness this deep pool of R&D talent, Israel has co-funded a $100-million endowment fund with the United States for 10 years. Sales of products created through the fund have reached $1.5 billion. Israel has similar funds established with Germany, France, the Netherlands and now with Canada.



Benjamin Noy

Called the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Fund, the recently created fund is headed by Dr. Henri Rothschild in Ottawa. It funds 50 per cent of the cost of developing new products or technologies by Canadian and Israeli firms. The $6-million fund is hoped to grow.

Canada-Israel free trade negotiators have so far failed to find common ground, but Noy said an agreement would benefit both countries as their industrial output is complementary rather than competitive.

"We believe in free trade," Noy said. "Israel is a small country and the only way a small country can prosper is through international trade and cooperation."

Companies such as Intel, Motorola and Digital, as well as major Canadian firms like Northern Telecom, Newbridge Networks and Babcock and Wilcox, are already active players in Israel. Most, but not all, international investment has been concentrated in the area of hi-tech industries.

Ottawa-based telecommunications firm Newbridge has seen its sales in Israel grow from $100,000 in 1989 to a projected $15 million in 1994. Overall, Newbridge is anticipating revenues of $750 million this year.

Larry Keith, a senior vice-president with the company, said Newbridge has a global marketing and research agreement with Israel's billion dollar electronic giant, Tadiran Telecommunications.

"With the prospects of long-term peace at hand, Israel has the potential to become the hub of the Middle East," Keith said. "Its manufacturing is state-of-the-art. The people are very creative with a strong work ethic."

Tadiran Canada is based in Edmonton and works with Alberta Government Telephone. The company is now marketing telecommunications equipment in Israel with MPR, a 600-person subsidiary of BC Tel.

Retired United States Air Force general Harold R. Johnson, a senior vice-president of Fairchild Corp., was also at the seminar. Fairchild Corp. has interests in the aircraft industry, telecommunications and industrial manufacturing, and Johnson travels to Israel every four to six weeks to oversee the Teuza Venture Capital Fund.

With $6 million from Fairchild, Bank Leumi and two other major Israeli corporations, the Teuza ("to strive") fund has raised an additional $16 million through a public offering on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to fund the growth of promising hi-tech companies. The venture fund has made 11 investments since 1992 in semiconductors, software, biogenetics and medicine.

One of the firms it is backing has developed a tomato which thrives in high salinity soil. Another firm has desktop computers that print on color plates, thereby eliminating several steps in the traditional printing process. Teuza is also backing a product which electrically stimulates the muscles of stroke victims to prevent atrophy.

Another Teuza venture is Misat Satellite Communications, developer of a low-price microwave satellite transmitter-receiver. The company's ground stations are 40 per cent cheaper than similar units in a market worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

For those interested in establishing business contacts in Israel, Noy can set up appointments with prospective partners and buyers and help in dealing with Israeli bureaucracy.

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'Corporate spies' evaluate and monitor firm operations

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Call them mystery shoppers or corporate spies, but whatever you call them, Sensors Quality Management Inc. (SQM) is there to tell you how your business is being run when you are not around.

Owned by partners David Lipton and Craig Henry, SQM was formed just over a year ago to independently evaluate businesses. Although it specializes in the hospitality field, its services are available to all industries world-wide.

Lipton says he realized the service was needed when he began to get "a bit disenchanted with seeing Canadian businesses not doing as well as American businesses. The main difference is that American businesses spend more time, effort and money on training and monitoring their employees. A lot of U.S. companies are using quality control work."

SQM evaluates a business from the customer's perspective based on the company's own standards and criteria. "If a hotel's phone is to be answered in three rings, we'll check out the situation," Lipton said.

He said SQM is often called upon to check out a company's competition. "It is generally acknowledged in business that most companies like to see what their competition is doing. We can do their work for them and they can save their manpower for something else."

Lipton was recently a mystery shopper at several restaurants "and I was both disappointed and pleasantly surprised." At one restaurant, "things were not running smoothly," but another was doing fine.

Not that the well-run restaurant has no further need of SQM, Lipton said. "They can use this information to reinforce their philosophy and service standards. They can give one person a pat on the back and help others strive for better work. The best quality service program is ongoing."

Mystery shoppers. David Lipton (standing) is pictured here with partner Craig Henry.

Lipton said SQM can tell managers whether staff is knowledgeable about products and services, if employees are professional and courteous, if service meets expectations and if the staff is pro-active or reactive.

He stressed however, that SQM is not a consulting company. "Our representatives do not advise or counsel our clients on how their operation should be run. Rather, we observe and report, based on our client's criteria."

Lipton said that although clients use SQM for a variety of reasons, his company provides three major benefits. "First, clients obtain detailed feedback on how their business is performing in relationship to its own specific standards. Second, the information obtained during the study of operation can be used to isolate areas which may require attention or change. Finally, both strengths and weaknesses of people in the organization are identified. This can assist companies in determining areas of further employee development."

He said quality products and quality service begin with quality thinking "and it is about time that Canadian companies pulled up their socks and began thinking quality and service."

BETH DIN 'PROZBUL' CEREMONY

In a beth din (Jewish court) proceeding, coinciding with the onset of the Jewish calendar year 5755, Talmudic scholars from Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) issue a 'prosbul' to executives of United Mizrahi Bank and Trust Company (UMB), upholding the bank's right under Jewish law to collect on some $130 million in unpaid debts. Seated (left to right) RIETS Rabbis Mordechai Willig, Rabbi Dr. Sol Roth Zevulun Charlop, Max and Marion Grill Dean and Moshe Tendler. Standing (left to right) UMB representatives Vice-President Yossie Roth, President Moshe Rosen and Mark Grunwald, chief flanancial officer.

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Versatility is one of the keys to the success of the bands, Seigel says. Both have a diverse repertoire — cha-chas, bossa novas, polkas, show tunes, Dixieland, swing, jazz standards, klezmer, Israeli music, '50s rock 'n' roll and contemporary hits.

All-Star Jazz Band members dress in period costumes, like the red-and-white striped vests, red hats and bow ties worn for a recent strolling Dixieland jazz event.

The bands can be made up of anywhere from three to 16 professional musicians, including male and female vocalists.

The size depends on the budget, the acoustics of the hall, audience size, the theme of the event and the type of music requested. For example, a four-person band playing a variety of music, including hits of the '80s and '90s, would be too small for a location with 20-foot ceilings.

Seigel said there is a popular misconception that the size of the band denotes only volume. Symphony orchestras are large, he explained, yet they never sound too loud as some musicians play while others pause. "It's for filling in and giving a fuller, more rounded sound."

Clients who pick music in advance do not always anticipate a crowd's taste, Seigel said. From his vantage point on stage — he is a vocalist who plays trombone, congo drums and harmonica — he "tests the waters and watches what motivates a crowd." If the crowd seems unethusiastic about the music the band is playing and he is getting requests for other types of music, he will change musical direction after getting the client's okay.

He works with his wife Sandra, whom he calls his "sound barometer." She circulates throughout the room and indicates whether sound should go up or down or whether a speaker should be repositioned. At weddings, she will coordinate the evening.

Seigel elevates the sound system above head level so the sound does not interfere with conversation at the tables near the stage. "Controlled volume is a very important thing," Seigel said. "People want to talk and they should be able to talk without raising their voices." After dinner, when the tempo picks up, he turns the volume up a bit.

Seigel stressed the music makes a simchah memorable. "If the music is incredible, they will have a wonderful evening. They will remember the party if they had a wonderful time, and that will only be due to the quality of the band and the musicians."

Seigel played harmonica, flute, ukelele, baritone ukelele and banjo at an early age. He learned trombone while attending Bloor Collegiate and at 17 formed a band that played dances and private affairs.

Seigel, now 56, is well-known in the jazz community, both here and in the United States. Two years ago he played trombone with the Wallace Davenport Band at the Maison Bourbon on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

Seigel and his wife were in the New Orleans club as tourists, not knowing a soul there, when the band's drummer recognized him. Seigel ended up playing with the band for two nights. On the second night Davenport stepped down and let Seigel lead the band. "We played and played and played. It was an incredible evening," he said. "I was playing with the greats of New Orleans, playing the music we love."

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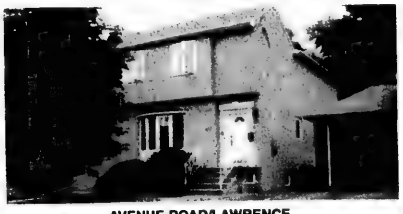

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Lewis, Minnie on September 23, 1994, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #804
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Rubinstein, Rubin on September 22, 1994, late of 1131 Steeles Ave. W. #709
Shapero (Shapiro) Ann on September 24, 1993, late of 880 Lawrence Ave. E.
Sigal, Max on September 23, 1994, late of 133 Torresdale Ave. #508
Strassberg, Israel on September 21, 1994, late of 1201 Steeles Ave. W. #406
Switzman, Annie on September 24, 1994, late of 130 Neptune Dr., #1208
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Cut chicken into 1/2 ubog [1 cm] pieces. Combine 1 tbsp [15 mL] cornstarch with 1 tbsp [15 mL] teriyaki sauce and garlic; stir in chicken. Let stand 15 minutes. Cub cucumber in half lenghtwise, then crosswise into 1/4 inch [6 mm] slices. Combine 4 tsp [20 mL] cornstarch, remaining teriyaki sauce and water.

Heat 1 tbsp [15 mL] oil in wok or large skillet over high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry for 2 minutes; remove. Heat remaining oil. Add cucumber, onion and carrot and stir-fry for 4 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add chicken and teriyaki sauce mixture. Cook and stir until sauce boils and thickens. Serve over noodles. Serves 4.

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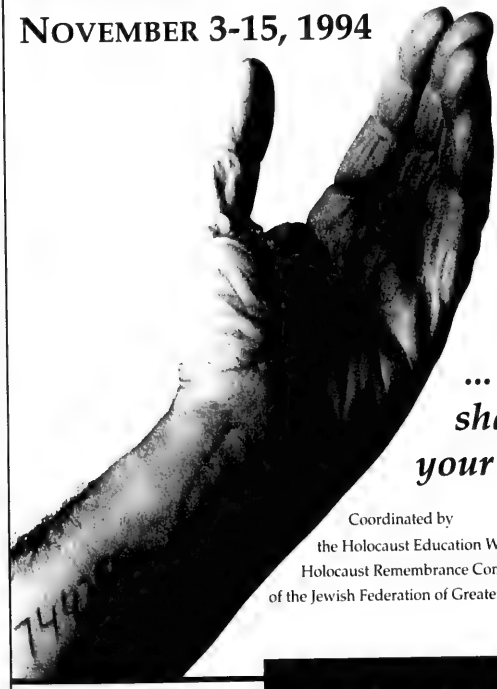

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REMEMBER

On behalf of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 14th Annual HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK. The committee has worked very hard to provide you with a wide array of informative and stimulating programs, suited to all ages and interests.

As part of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK serves to fulfill our mandate by both remembering the horrific events of 50 years ago and educating the community. Only through remembrance and education can we both honour the memory of those lost in the Holocaust and sensitize future generations to its lessons.

Our many other sub-committees also contribute with ongoing Holocaust education programming such as the annual community Yom Hashoah Commemoration; educational outreach to churches and schools; seminars for educators and students; documentation of survivors' testimonies; various special projects and exhibits and the permanent Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

It was 50 years ago that the Allies invaded Europe and the defeat of Germany was imminent. Yet, the Nazi killing machine was more vehement than ever and European Jewry was further decimated. At this time also, the whole world knew of the unspeakable atrocities of the death camps. Yet nothing was done. This great "darkness before the dawn" was a time of indifference, isolation and ignominy. As we witness continued persecution, "ethnic cleansing" and renewed anti-Semitism today, it is incumbent on us all to ensure that the warnings from the past do not go unheeded and we act to show our solidarity.

I would like to take this opportunity to both congratulate and thank Lilian Schacter and her outstanding committee, all volunteers, for their dedication and tireless efforts which have culminated in the excellent programs herein described.

The committee has done its part - now it's up to you! With a deeper understanding of our past, we can make a difference so that our actions today will realize our hopes for tomorrow.

Eleanor Getzler
Chairperson
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
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PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

For the past fourteen years, the HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK Sub-Committee has coordinated this community-wide event which occurs around the date of Kristallnacht, November 9/10.

Our purpose is to educate the general public about the Holocaust, and to commemorate, on the eve of Kristallnacht, the beginning of a campaign of unimaginable brutality and terror against the Jewish people. We attempt to reach people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions. The programs ensure a continuous examination of the events which led to such an unprecedented crime against humanity, and help us understand the incomprehensible annihilation of European Jewry from different perspectives.

During the Holocaust, we learned the brutal lessons of hatred, indifference, abandonment and victimization. Having learned these lessons, it, therefore, remains our duty to share this story and to create an awareness of the extreme dangers of religious and racial intolerance. We hope to teach not only about man's enormous capacity for evil but also about his ultimate goodness in the actions of the rescuer. We want to believe and hope to persuade young people that the humanitarian values of caring and compassion toward our fellow man must prevail over brutality and indifference.

In April 1993, the U.S. Holocaust Museum was opened in Washington, D.C. It is considered the American memorial to the 6 million Jews as well as the millions of other victims murdered by the Nazis during World War II. It has so far succeeded in its purpose to educate with an almost overwhelming response of visitors. We are fortunate to have as our opening night guest speaker Dr. Michael Berenbaum, whose expertise and commitment guided the Museum to fruition.

We are also presenting programs that deal with events that occurred fifty years ago - the deportation of Hungarian Jewry, the story of Hannah Senesh, and the landing of Allied troops in Europe. This brochure describes these programs in detail. We hope that you will attend many of them during this year's HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to my dedicated committee members. Without their hard work and commitment, this program would not have been possible. I also wish to extend a special thank you to Eleanor Getzler, chairperson, and Pnina Zilberman, director, of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Lilian Schacter
Chairperson
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

PROGRAMS-AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

Have the Lessons of the Holocaust Been Forgotten?
Luncheon discussion

Return to the Warsaw Ghetto
Film & discussion

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

Schindler's List
Panel discussion

The Question of Memorials
Discussion & slide presentation

Four Women Resisting the Nazi Terror: The Intellectual and Ethical Responses of Edith Stein, Simone Weil, Anne Frank, and Etty Hillesum
Lecture

Born in Berlin
Film & discussion

The Righteous Enemy
Documentary screening

Kingdom of the Night: Stories about the Holocaust
Storytelling

Precautions Against Death
Discussion

Shadow on the Cross
Film & discussion

MONDAY, NOV. 7

March of the Living: How Jewish Youth Confront the Holocaust
Discussion

Shadow on the Cross: The Roots of Anti-Semitism
Lecture & film

From Holocaust Denial to the Nation of Islam: The New Look of Anti-Semitism
Discussion

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

Songs and Stories from a Child Survivor
Musical program

Reflections on Hannah Senesh
Readings & music

Shadow on the Cross
Film & discussion

Canadian Response or Non-Response?
Discussion

The Italians and the Holocaust
Lecture

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

My Involvement with the Holocaust and Memorial Centre of Toronto
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Leni Riefenstahl's Triumph of the Will: Propaganda, Art and Politics
Lecture

Shadow on the Cross
Film & discussion

Anti-Semitism in Canada Today: Lessons of the Holocaust
Discussion

Nazi Collaborators in Quebec and the French Canadian Connections That Helped Them
Lecture

Kristallnacht
Memorial Service

Kindertransport
Lecture followed by video

Upon the Doorposts of Thy House
Lecture & slide presentation

Transnistria: The Forgotten Cemetery
Lecture

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

Holocaust Denial and The Rise of Neo-Nazism
Discussion

Eyewitness to the Holocaust: A Testimony by Liberators
Discussion

March of the Living '94
Discussion & slide presentation

Auschwitz Plus Fifty: A Personal Account
Discussion

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

Hidden Child's Personal Testimony
Discussion

Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust
Discussion

The Jews of Hungary Under the Horthy Regime
Lecture

A Place to Save Your Life
Film & discussion

Motherless-Daughters: Child Survivors Learning to Parent
Discussion

MONDAY, NOV. 14

Shadow on the Cross
Film & discussion

The Social and Historical Dynamics of Genocide
Lecture in Hebrew

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

Shadow on the Cross
Film & discussion

Jewish Collaborator? The Kastner Affair, After 40 Years
Lecture

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OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 pm Adath Israel Congregation
37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview

MICHAEL BERENBAUM, Ph.D.

Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Research Institute and
Hyman Goldman Adjunct Professor of Theology, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

"The North Americanization of the Holocaust"

As Project Director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum from 1988-1993, Dr. Berenbaum directed the creative staff that brought the Museum into being, and charted its intellectual course. He has authored numerous scholarly articles on the Holocaust and has had nine books published, most recently, *The World Must Know.* More than a catalogue of the Museum's exhibit, it is a work of superb scholarship documenting the human stories of the Holocaust.

> "The World Must Know *by Michael Berenbaum is a skillfully organized and clearly told account of the German Holocaust that consumed, with unparalleled malevolence, 6 million Jews and millions of innocent others.... This important book, a vital guide through the unique corridors of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. merits the widest of audiences."*
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> - Chaim Potok
> author of *The Chosen* and *The Promise*

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

12:00 Noon Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Road, Toronto
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"HAVE THE LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST BEEN FORGOTTEN?" **CHRISTOPHER AMERASINGHE,** Q.C., Senior General Counsel, Department of Justice.

8:30 pm Solel Congregation
2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga

1993 T.V. Ontario Documentary *"RETURN TO THE WARSAW GHETTO."* A mother and son return to the Warsaw Ghetto where she lived during the war. **RENATA ZAJDMAN** and **MICHAEL ZAJDMAN.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00 am Downtown Jewish Community Council
Bloor JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"SCHINDLER'S LIST." Panel to be announced.

10:00 am Temple Emanu-el
120 Old Colony Road, Willowdale

"THE QUESTION OF MEMORIALS." **YVONNE SINGER,** artist and art teacher. A discussion on how we construct our personal histories and how official histories are shaped. Accompanied by a slide presentation.

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Bloor JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

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[illegible] **RACHEL FELDHAY BRENNER,** Department of [illegible] & Semitic Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

2:00 pm Beach Hebrew Institute
109 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto

Film "BORN IN BERLIN." This documentary chronicles the lives of three women growing up in pre-war Berlin, barely cognizant of being Jewish. Through the post-war period, each struggles with the choice of remaining in Germany or moving to Israel. Discussion following.

5:00 pm and 7:30 pm Toronto Jewish Film Society
The Art Gallery of Ontario
317 Dundas St. W., Toronto

Film "THE RIGHTEOUS ENEMY." (U.K. 1987) A documentary about the little known efforts by Italian soldiers and diplomats to protect 40,000 Jewish refugees in territories occupied by the army of Fascist Italy. Tickets $7.00 - available one hour before each screening.

7:30 pm Jewish Storytelling Arts (Ontario)
Beth Habonim Congregation
5 Glen Park Avenue, Toronto

"KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT: STORIES TOLD ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST." Stories of lost lives and cultures told through the art of storytelling.

7:30 pm St. Peters Anglican Church
1745 Dundas St. W., Mississauga

"PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DEATH." **MARIA JACOBS**, poet and daughter of a rescuer.

7:30 pm St. Ansgar Lutheran Church
1495 Avenue Road, North York

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 pm Secular Jewish Association
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"MARCH OF THE LIVING: HOW JEWISH YOUTH CONFRONT THE HOLOCAUST." **ELI RUBENSTEIN**, National Director, March of the Living and 1994 **MARCH OF THE LIVING PARTICIPANTS.**

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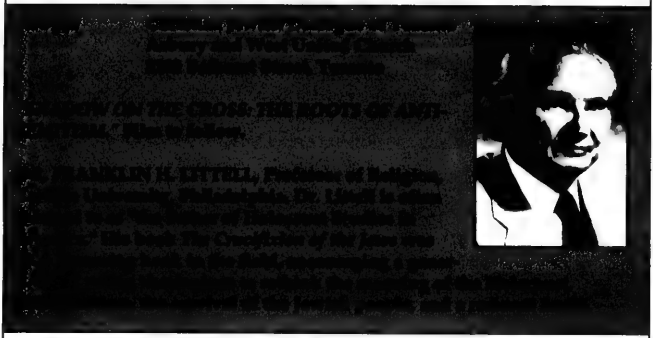


8:00 pm Shaar Shalom
2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill

"FROM HOLOCAUST DENIAL TO THE NATION OF ISLAM: THE NEW LOOK OF ANTI-SEMITISM." **BERNIE FARBER,** National Director, Joint Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 pm Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre
55 Ameer Avenue, Toronto

"SONGS AND STORIES FROM A CHILD SURVIVOR" performed by **OSI SLADEK**, a child survivor.

7:00 pm Temple Har Zion
7360 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

"REFLECTIONS ON HANNAH SENESH." Readings from the play *Hannah* by Elinor Simonovitch with **CORINNE COPNICK,** actress & playwright and **RALPH WINTROB**, Chairman, Jewish Theatre Committee. Poetry readings and music by **MARCH OF THE LIVING PARTICIPANTS**.

7:30 pm Corpus Christi Catholic Church
16 Lockwood Street, Toronto

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

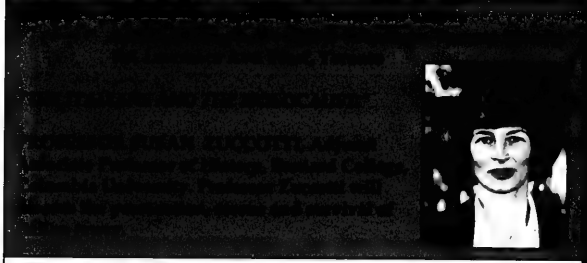
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 pm St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church
650 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

8:00 pm Beth Tzedec Congregation
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"CANADIAN RESPONSE OR NON-RESPONSE?" **PROFESSOR IRVING ABELLA,** President, Canadian Jewish Congress. By 1944, there was no concerted effort to stop or undermine the systematic destruction of European Jewry. What, if anything, did Canada do or press the Allies to do? Why was there so little pressure?



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:00 pm Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre
55 Ameer Terrace, Toronto

"MY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION AND MEMORIAL CENTRE OF TORONTO." **GEORGE SALAMON.** Lecture in Hungarian.

7:30 pm Morris Winchevsky School
585 Cranbrook Avenue, Toronto

"LENI RIEFENSTAHL'S TRIUMPH OF THE WILL: PROPAGANDA, ART AND POLITICS." **FLORENCE JACOBOWITZ,** lecturer at York University. Lecture exploring art as a medium for propaganda in Nazi Germany, using *Triumph of the Will*, a film commissioned by Hitler.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 pm The Church of St. Andrew
2333 Victoria Park, Scarborough

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 pm Forest Hill United Church
2 Wembley Road, Toronto

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 pm League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada
15 Hove Street, Downsview

"ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA TODAY: LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST." **PROFESSOR ALAN DAVIES**, Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto. "Holocaust and Hope" program in memory of Susan Soberman.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
100 Elder Street, Downsview

NAZI COLLABORATORS IN QUEBEC AND THE FRENCH CANADIAN CONNECTIONS THAT HELPED THEM."

DR. ESTHER DELISLE, post-doctoral fellow at the History Department, McGill University. Dr. Delisle is a [illegible] **journalist and author whose most recent book** ***The Traitor and the Jew*** **was on the Montreal** ***Gazette's*** **bestseller list for 21 consecutive weeks.**

8:00 pm Beth Habonim Congregation
5 Glen Park, Toronto

"KRISTALLNACHT" MEMORIAL SERVICE. **SURVIVORS' TESTIMONIES AND HABONIM YOUTH CHOIR.**

8:00 pm Pride of Israel Congregation
59 Lissom Crescent, Willowdale

"KINDERTRANSPORT." **JOHN H. BERRYS**, child in Kindertransport. In 1938, 10,000 children were rescued from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia and taken to England. Lecture followed by excerpts of a video.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 pm Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"UPON THE DOORPOSTS OF THY HOUSE."

RUTH ELLEN GRUBER, freelance writer and journalist and former chief UPI correspondent in Vienna, Warsaw and Belgrade. The largely fascinating and unknown wealth of Jewish heritage that still remains to be seen and visited in Eastern and Central Europe is seen through a slide presentation.

8:00 pm Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre
55 Ameer Avenue, Toronto

"TRANSNISTRIA: THE FORGOTTEN CEMETERY." **FELICIA CARMELLY, Ph.D.**, psychologist, author and therapist. In 1941, part of the Ukraine, known as Transnistria, was conquered by German and Romanian forces and used as a death camp for Romanian Jews.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

1:30 pm Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living
1003 Steeles Avenue West, Willowdale

"HOLOCAUST DENIAL AND THE RISE OF NEO-NAZISM."
DENNIS A. URSTEIN.

7:30 p.m. Generation to Generation Sub-Committee
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
North York Board of Education
5050 Yonge Street, Toronto

"EYEWITNESS TO THE HOLOCAUST: A TESTIMONY BY LIBERATORS." **ALLAN EARP, ISAAC GASCO** and **ALEX SMITH**. The liberation of Jews from almost total annihilation in occupied Europe through the eyes of Allied Forces. Both Jewish and non-Jewish perspectives will be presented.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 pm Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation
613 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

"MARCH OF THE LIVING 1994." **IRVING EISNER**, Holocaust survivor and educator, returns to the camps after 50 years, and two participants in the March of the Living, **SHOSHANA WEINBERG** and **BRIAN LASKI**, share their experiences of Poland and Israel. Accompanied by a slide presentation.

8:00 pm The Jewish War Veterans of Canada
and Beth Tikvah Synagogue
3080 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale

"AUSCHWITZ PLUS FIFTY: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT."
SIGMUND SOBELEWSKI, Catholic survivor. Director of Auschwitz Awareness Society, Alberta Venture of Christians and Jews.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:00 am Or Hadash Congregation
1110 Stellar Drive, Unit 110, Newmarket

"HIDDEN CHILD'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY." **LEONARD VIS.**

11:00 am Bloor JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"HIDDEN CHILDREN: FORGOTTEN SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST."
ANDRE STEIN, psychologist & author. "Books and Bagels" Reading Series.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 pm Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue
55 Yeomans Road, Downsview

Film "A PLACE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE." The story of European Jews who survived the war years by going to Shanghai. Screening followed by a discussion led by **KAREN SHOPSOWITZ**, producer and director of the film.

8:00 pm Congregation Darchei Noam
15 Hove Street, Downsview

"MOTHERLESS-DAUGHTERS: CHILD SURVIVORS LEARNING TO PARENT." **AVIVA BURKE GOLDBERG**, poet, teacher & lecturer.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 pm Advent Lutheran Church
81 Capella Staryway, Willowdale

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

8:00 pm Association of Israelis in Toronto
The Bathurst Jewish Centre
4588 Bathurst Street, Willowdale

"THE SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL DYNAMICS OF GENOCIDE." **MEIR AMOR**, sociologist. A lecture in Hebrew.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 pm St. Leonard Anglican Church
25 Wanless, Toronto

Film "SHADOW ON THE CROSS." Followed by a panel discussion.

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900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
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MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY
7600 Kennedy Road, Unionville

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
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SURVIVOR'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY

FOREST HILL LIBRARY
700 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
1:30 pm
PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF A HIDDEN CHILD

THORNHILL COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:30 pm
SURVIVOR'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY

WYCHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
1431 Bathurst Street, Toronto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00 pm
RESCUER'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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The 3rd Annual Mental Health Practitioners' Conference
Tuesday, November 8, 1994
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Dr. Eva Fogelman, Psychiatrist/Author

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The 14th Annual Teachers' Seminar on the Holocaust
"Shadow on the Cross: Implications for Holocaust Educators"
Tuesday, November 8, 1994
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dr. Franklin H. Littell, Emeritus Professor of Religion,
Temple University

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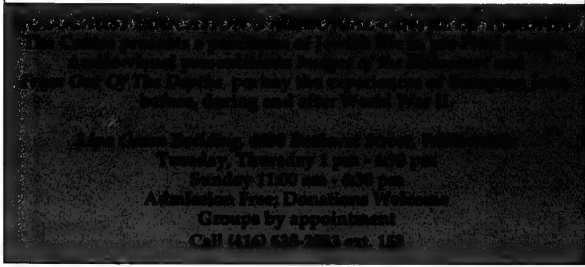

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SHMITTAH YEAR COMES TO AN END

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau (left) and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron raise Torah scrolls at this year's Hakhel ceremony at the Western Wall. The Torah states that once every seven years, agricultural land should lie fallow. In Temple times, following Sukkot, the king would read from the Torah, proclaiming the end of shmittah. The ancient ceremony was revived in 1987. [Israel Photo]

Fight for Syrian Jewry coming to happy end

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For years, Western activists for oppressed Jews longing to leave their harsh homelands liked to say they wanted nothing more than to be put out of business.

Over the past few years, that has largely happened, with long, hard-fought battles finally bringing about emigration — such as from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe — or dramatic rescues by Israel, like those in Ethiopia and Albania.

Now, perhaps the last frontline campaign for an oppressed Jewish community is coming to an end. Within the next few months, every Jew who so wishes will have left Syria.

For Judy Feld Carr, head of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, who has come to be known simply as "Mrs. Judy" among the Jews of Syria, this is an especially emotional time.

"It is the end of an era in Jewish history," Carr says. "It's the most wonderful thing."

Before this year ends, Syria's once-thriving Jewish community will have dwindled to fewer than 300 souls who will choose to remain — and those "will stay at their own risk," Carr says.

Perhaps there was no better symbol of the success and finality of the Syrian Jewish emigration than the presence here last weekend of the chief rabbi of Syria and his wife, neither of whom will return to their homeland, but will join their six children — one named Judy — in the large Syrian Jewish emigre community in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Clutching a new mezuzah presented to him by Carr and a few dozen of the most powerful local movers and shakers for Syrian Jewry, Rabbi Ibrahim Hamra still chose his words carefully, a reticence no doubt reinforced by years of the monitoring, harassment and arbitrary arrest of Syria's Jews by the dreaded secret police, the Mukhabarat.

"The Jewish community of Syria has broken through to the light, no longer living forbidden in a hostile Muslim state but rather freely, in a country of our choosing," Rabbi Hamra said in a speech in Hebrew, his wife Harriette standing at his side.

"In light of this major change, I found myself completing my work as head of a community that faced the problems of living in Syria," Rabbi Hamra said, politely understating what living as a Jew in the Arab state entailed. "And I am certain only of my past. The future is hidden from my eyes and I am full of hope for a wonderful future for the community and for the members of the family."

Most of Rabbi Hamra's "family" has already quit Syria, home to over 100,000 Jews in 1900 and 40,000 Jews by 1948. Carr feels that once the emigration is finished, there will be fewer than 200 Jews left in Damascus, roughly 85 in Qamishli and just five in Aleppo. These will be the elderly, the frightened of change and the ones who feel their ties with the country cannot be broken.

Those who stay behind will continue to be monitored, as before, by the secret police. It's unlikely, Carr says, that Syria's anti-Jewish

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Israeli minister seeks restrictions on immigration

Rabin rejects remarks

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Labor and Welfare Minister Ora Namir has unleashed a fury here by suggesting Israel be more "selective" in the immigrants it absorbs from the former Soviet Union.

In an interview published earlier this month in the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, Namir criticized the wave of immigration in the past 18 months for including a disproportionate number of old and disabled immigrants.

She said many of those are sent by family members who do not want to take care of them and who take advantage of Israel's generous social welfare policies.

Government and immigration officials condemned Namir's remarks, saying her ideas ran counter to fundamental Zionist principles which call for Israel to be a home and haven for every Jew who wants to make aliyah.

But Namir said these dependents are a heavy burden on Israel's social security system.

"I wouldn't say a word if the family came together, but they send their (elderly relatives) to relieve themselves of their care, and they go to the United States," she said.

They know "there's no other country like Israel," said Namir, who added, "I don't think we can handle it."

In the interview, Namir appeared to suggest that Israel limit the number of dependents by a selection process. But when pressed, she stopped short of calling for a policy to bar the entry of those considered undesirable.

"I didn't say to deny them entry," she said. "I just said we have to check (the situation) more carefully."

Her comments provoked a sharp rebuke from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who said he completely rejected Namir's remarks.

Other leaders also lashed out at Namir.

Immigration advocate and former refusenik Natan Sharansky said he was "shocked" at Namir's "call for the selection of immigrants. Only the government of the British Mandate would do this.

"This is the end of Zionism," lamented Sharansky, and he called for Namir's resignation.

The Knesset's Absorption Committee passed a unanimous resolution expressing "profound shock" at Namir's comments, calling them "an attack on the very roots of Zionism and an affront to our brethren who wish to return to their homeland."

Committee chairman Emanuel Zissman went even further, describing his fellow Labor Party colleague's remarks as "crazy."

Interviewed on radio from outside the country, the acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, Yehiel Leket, called Namir's remarks very serious.

He said it is not feasible to scrutinize the "contribution each immigrant can make to the state," and proposing to do so "alters the basic principles of the State of Israel."

The principle of Israel as a Jewish homeland "will rise or fall over the question" of whether to adopt Namir's ideas or "to keep the gates of this country open to Jews wherever they are," said Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban.

While official condemnation poured in, a random telephone-in poll on Army Radio indicated that most Israelis agreed with Namir.

Of more than 1,500 people who responded to a question, "Do you support Namir's remarks?" some 1,280 said yes, while only some 330 said they opposed the minister.

The results, however, did not faze Tsaban and other immigrant leaders, who agreed that the unscientific poll drew a certain type of respondent.

"I don't know how you phrased and analyzed your poll," Tsaban told Army Radio, "but I bet you would have gotten an even higher percentage of support for doing away with income tax."

He said he was well aware that certain sectors opposed giving the olim benefits to ease their absorption but that these opponents were a "minority among a very substantial majority."

Namir, for her part, held firm.

"What I said is part of the public agenda," she said in a radio interview. "It's difficult and very severe, but I don't regret anything."

She said Israel wants elderly and infirm immigrants to come, "but with their whole families."

Ora Namir

Namir maintained there has been a big drop recently in the number of young, working people who have immigrated to Israel.

Among the immigrants in the last 18 months, about one-third are old, one-third are handicapped and one-third are single parents, she said.

Tsaban disputed her figures. He said the most surprising thing about immigration in the past few years is how consistent the demographic breakdown has been.

Fifteen per cent are elderly, 10 per cent are single parents and "a lot less" are handicapped, he said.

"This inaccurate demography stigmatizes and distorts the picture of aliyah," he said.

In fact, he said, the new immigrants have contributed to Israeli science, the economy and society.

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Protesters to neo-Nazis: Get out!

Members of anti-racist groups march down the Danforth. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "Nazis get out of Riverdale," was the cry as 200 people from various anti-racist groups recently gathered to protest a neo-Nazi assault in Toronto's east end neighborhood.

The demonstrators headed down the Danforth chanting and waving placards with anti-racism and anti-Nazi slogans. They proceeded to the north-west corner of Pape and Danforth, where a neo-Nazi gang had assaulted some members of the International Socialists (I.S.), an anti-racist and socialist organization, on Sept. 24.

Participants included the Toronto Coalition Against Racism and the Coalition Against the Reform Party, as well as three local politicians: Metro councillor Roger Hollander, Toronto city councillor Peter Tabuns and Ontario Consumer Affairs Minister Marilyn Churley, MPP for Riverdale.

"We're reclaiming this corner so that nobody will be forced out because of their anti-Nazi sentiments," Phil Johnson, a demonstration marshal, told the crowd.

Hollander told those gathered that no form of Nazism — no matter how small the group — should be ignored because during the early '30s the Nazis in Germany were considered to be a "small insignificant group," and were not taken seriously until it was too late.

"Nazism is a plague. We should treat it as such," he said. "We should knock it off before it hits the ground."

After the rally, Hollander told *The CJN*, "I believe in the phrase, 'Never Again.' I believe it only has meaning if we take seriously these threats and fear-mongering at the beginning."

Peter Votsch, one of the I.S. members beaten by the neo-Nazis, also took part in the demonstration.

"Last week at this time we were punched and kicked when we were distributing anti-Nazi and anti-racism literature," he said, still showing marks of the assault. "I come from a family of Holocaust survivors. I've grown up with the tears of my family. It was telling to be beaten for my beliefs."

'I felt a lot of anger'

"I felt a lot of anger when the attack took place," he later told *The CJN*. "I felt like they [the Nazis] were coming after my family again."

While Votsch needed five stitches in his lip — he was the most seriously hurt — he said another member with knife wounds to the face had narrowly missed serious injury.

On the day of the assault, Votsch said he was very worried when he arrived at Pape and Danforth — where he and fellow I.S. members sell their newspaper and distribute anti-racism literature — and saw a line of skinheads wearing black T-shirts with a white power symbol — a red circle with a white cross.

"There were 25 Nazis and 10 of us," he said. "They simply surrounded us and called us 'filth' and 'white trash' and an African member 'nigger'. They kicked us into the intersection. We were taken advantage of by a group that is used to street fighting. A number of our members were kicked continuously."

Votsch said the skinheads also unfurled a confederate flag — another symbol of white supremacy — and said, "The East End belongs to us."

Peter Votsch [Barbara Silverstein photo]

"We've had neo-Nazis in the East End for decades," said Tabuns. He said the Klu Klux Klan had an office in the area in the '70s and the headquarters for a "hate [telephone] line" was also in Riverdale.

"There has been a steady, but unpredictable flow of incidents," he said, which included the defacing of the Jewish cemetery on Jones Avenue last fall, the distribution of racist literature and neo-Nazi recruitment in schools.

Bernie Farber, community relations officer for the Canadian Jewish Congress, later told *The CJN* the neo-Nazis targeted the East End for recruitment because traditionally it has been a working class area. But they have not been successful in infiltrating the Riverdale community, he said.

"As usual [the neo-Nazis] were wrong," Farber said, adding that their recruitment record in Riverdale was one of the weakest. "Riverdale has always been a neighborhood of anti-racist activity. The neo-Nazis have failed miserably."

Racism hinders peace, human rights: UN leader

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

MARKHAM — Understanding the factors causing racism, racial discrimination and crimes of hatred is one of today's major challenges among proponents of peace and respect for human rights, says the chief of the New York Office, UN Centre for Human Rights.

"Racism is one of the most abhorent scourges which has accompanied humanity for far too long. In communities where it grows unchecked it marginalizes groups of the population, creates tensions and sometimes explosions which deeply mark intercommunal relations. No society can tolerate racism against even a few without endangering the human rights of all," says Elsa Stamatopoulou-Robbins.

Students targeted
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Stamatopoulou-Robbins was guest speaker at a recent community forum entitled Confronting Hate, Affirming Diversity, sponsored by the Committee on Race and Ethnocultural Equity of Markham, and the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat, Ministry of Citizenship.

Reading from a prepared speech by Hose Ayala Lasso, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, she said that the concept of human dignity is not the invention of any one society, culture, philosophy or religion.

"The imperative of human dignity is not a recent concept either. We see its traces in civilization going back to the dawn of recorded history. In today's international community, the imperative for human dignity is not the monopoly of any one state or group of states, but in fact the common heritage of mankind in which all can lay claim."

Ayala Lasso said, however, that despite UN efforts to examine incidents of racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance, as well as governmental measures to overcome them, "it has been distressing to realize that discrimination is still very much part of the lives of many millions of people throughout the world. Reports reach us with increasing frequency of discrimination against immigrants, migrant workers, minorities, indigenous people, refugees and reports of anti-Semitism and xenophobia."

He said that in an attempt to eradicate this racism and racial discrimination from a worldwide perspective, the UN has made as its goals for this decade to strive for the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, to arrest any expansion of racist policies, to resist any policies and practices which lead to the strengthening of the racist regimes, to isolate mythical beliefs that contribute to racism and to put an end to racist regimes.

'It has been distressing to realize that discrimination is still very much part of the lives of many millions throughout the world'

A number of policy mechanisms are therefore recommended to member states, including non-discrimination in all educational programs and policies; the education of teachers on how to deal with the problem of relations between children belonging to different communities; and ensuring that curricula and textbooks reflect anti-racist principles and promote intercultural education.

Ayala Lasso said that at the national and regional levels the UN General Assembly recommends that member states review their national programs to combat racial discrimination, seize opportunities to close gaps between different groups and undertake to provide housing, educational and employment programs that have proved to be successful in combating racial discrimination and xenophobia.

"The General Assembly also recommends that member states encourage the participation of journalists and human rights advocates from minority groups and communities in the mass media. Radio and television programs should increase the number of broadcasts produced in cooperation with racial and cultural minority groups and multicultural activities of the media should also be encouraged."

He noted that the effort to ensure equal opportunities for all in society is not a question of affirmative action, but rather "that every member of the community, based on individual qualifications and merit, be judged without discrimination. In this area, general social programs of early education and further training would raise the qualifications of the more disadvantaged groups in society and contribute to the elimination of disparities."

He said that the key elements to which we will have to pay greater attention in the future are human rights education and the creation of climates of mutual tolerance and understanding between different communities.

"In this context we must remember the value of the different cultures of our globe and that each is an important part of the common heritage of all. Sensitivity training in the early school years and the broader based community action programs are important tools to achieve this objective.

"Consideration may be given to setting up community relations commissions, not only in areas where tensions have actually manifested themselves but also as a general mechanism in all communities. Such commissions could reinforce existing intergroup understandings and identify at an early stage the seeds of future tensions so as to act preventively.

"The participation of vulnerable groups in the elaboration of national and local plans of action is crucial, since it constitutes a tangible recognition of their dignity and of the principle of equality."

He stressed that society's commitment to equality must be demonstrated clearly through the provision of legal remedies, and assistance and relief to the victims of racism and racial discrimination.

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Spy agency denies prior knowledge of shul vandalism

By DAVID LAZARUS
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CJN Staff Reporters

TORONTO — The director of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS) last week lifted a corner of the veil masking the spy organization, saying CSIS did not have advance warning of three Toronto synagogue desecrations in June 1992.

In a letter to Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella, CSIS director Ward Elcock stated that "to have had foreknowledge of any plans to desecrate a synagogue or any other place of worship and to have failed to immediately alert the police would have represented a fundamental breach of Service policy. I have absolutely no reason to believe that any employee of the Service has failed in his or her duty in this matter."

The letter was issued shortly after CBC's *The Fifth Estate* had conducted a documentary investigation into Grant Bristow, an alleged CSIS informant who helped found the white supremacist Heritage Front. *The Fifth Estate* report alleged that CSIS staged the June 1992 visit to Canada of U.S. neo-Nazi Tom Metzger and his subsequent arrest and deportation. It also alleged that CSIS had advance knowledge of the three synagogue desecrations that followed his deportation.

The report prompted Congress to voice its "deep concern" over the allegations. The CSIS response followed.

"I think this is a unique event," Abella said. "It is remarkable that the director [of CSIS] felt it necessary to reassure the Jewish community that this event did not take place. . . [He] rarely if ever communicates with the public."

Solicitor General Herb Gray, whose ministry oversees CSIS, told

Herb Gray

The CJN "I was certainly aware that the letter was sent. I'm pleased it was sent. I've certainly asked for assurances from the director of CSIS that CSIS was acting within the law."

Gray also said the civilian Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) will examine the new allegations that have been raised about CSIS.

Toronto *Sun* reporter Bill Dunphy, who broke the story about Bristow and his alleged CSIS connection, wrote that *The Fifth Estate* report on the Bristow affair "ain't true." According to his information, Front leader Wolfgang Droege recruited Metzger to speak to the group. Law enforcement agencies seized on the Metzger visit, allowing him into Canada and later deporting him to test a section of the Immigration Act.

"An unrelated York Regional Police investigation of a runaway teenager turned up the likeliest suspect [in the synagogue desecrations] — a 17-year-old American skinhead who'd come up for the [Metzger] event," the *Sun* reported.

David Studer, an executive producer with *The Fifth Estate* said, "We are considering a response to [Elcock's] letter. We stand by our story. We worked very hard to confirm the things we said in the story.

"It's important to note that we requested an interview with Elcock while we were preparing our story and were turned down."

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Despite the assurances from CSIS about the synagogue desecrations, Congress still has "two core concerns" about Bristow:

"Did Bristow actually help create the Heritage Front and facilitate its progress [using funds he was paid as a CSIS mole]?"

And second, "Did the Heritage Front actually spy on Congress and [the Jewish Students] Network?"

These two questions, posed by national community relations committee (NCRC) chair Hal Joffe during a recent report to the CJC national executive in Montreal, point to a debate taking place within Jewish community circles, and Canadian society as a whole.

The debate revolves around this question: When does the infiltration of a potentially subversive organization cross a certain ambiguous boundary and actually aid and abet the subversion?

As Joffe said at the meeting, "We support infiltration. But our concern is not over infiltration. It is that someone who was paid by CSIS should not be at the forefront of the organization."

In other words, "Has CSIS done us more harm than good?" Joffe asked.

Irving Abella

These questions are expected to be addressed when a parliamentary subcommittee — headed by Toronto MP Derek Lee — holds hearings on the activities of CSIS.

Joffe said Congress indicated to the subcommittee that it would like to make an oral submission on the Bristow affair.

In his general report to the executive, Joffe said the NCRC scored a success recently by helping to persuade Alberta Attorney General Ken Rostad to ask the Supreme Court of Canada to reinstate the conviction of James Keegstra, which was overturned on Rosh Hashanah by the province's Court of Appeal on technical grounds.

Joffe said Congress is also assessing whether it should intervene at the Supreme Court level.

The NCRC, Joffe said, also helped to expose the agenda of Don Andrews, whom Joffe described as a neo-Nazi. Andrews is a leader of the Nationalist Party which tried to organize a Canada-wide "European Heritage Week."

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Toronto JCC's northern branch gets a new name and program

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's got a new name, a new program guide, a new set of initials and, its proponents say, a new attitude as well.

The northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) on Bathurst Street is no more. In its place is the new Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), a recently-constituted entity established under the aegis of Richter & Associates, the JCC's receiver.

As of last Monday, the BJC came under the control of a new seven-person management board, said Sheila Engel, one of the board members. "Our mandate is to manage and operate the facility for the receiver."

That status will continue, pending a final disposition of the JCC's three branches, said Howard English, a spokesman for the BJC. The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the JCC and the Bank of Montreal, the JCC's main creditor, have agreed in principle to a plan that will see the Bathurst, Bloor and Valley branches of the JCC become independent entities. Two weeks ago, the Bloor JCC announced it had taken steps towards institutional independence, pending the final disposition.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual at the Bathurst facility, Engel said.

With the onset of the autumn season, the BJC has published its 1994 fall program guide, with a lineup of activities very similar to past offerings of the Bathurst JCC.

Among the programs being offered are those in dance and music that were cut when the Leah Posluns Theatre (LPT) was closed, Engel said.

The school of dance is again operating under director Jacque Foesier. The music program is being supervised by Sandra McArthur. Both were among the 31 JCC staff members who were let go when the LPT was closed, English said.

The difference between the programs being offered now and those offered in the past is that current programs will not be subsidized. Instead, they must stand on their own feet and pay for themselves, Engel said.

Discussions are also under way to consider reinstating in the new year a program similar to the defunct Institute for Jewish Learning, English said.

BJC takes over role

The BJC program guide outlining 150 programs and courses was mailed out recently to 10,000 JCC members. Page 3 of the guide sets out a scale of membership fees, which pegs adult membership at $418 (which includes an $18 yearly affiliation fee). Young adults (18-25) are asked to pay $258 in total and seniors (over 65) $268, including the affiliation fee.

Health club fees will jump about $100 a year. Under the new schedule, adults will be asked to pay $475 in addition to their general fees. Young adults will have to pay an additional $325. That would make the fee for an adult health club membership $893 plus GST. Engel said no policy has yet been established to determine whether memberships will be recognized at the Bloor JCC and vice versa.

The new BJC fees will still keep the facility competitive with other clubs of comparable size, said Harold Cipin, BJC's acting executive-director.

"The increase will go back into the facility" and not be used to pay down any JCC debt, Cipin said.

"The prices were too low before," Engel added. "We need to run [the BJC] in such a way that it remains solvent."

One of the goals of the new management team is to "get back old members," Engel said. (Many members left during the lengthy period when the JCC stumbled from one financial crisis to another and when the future of the facility was in doubt.)

The new managment team "has a very strong commitment to maintaining what is and making it better," she said. "We're alive and focusing on the future.

"The morale of the staff has picked up," Cipin said. "They finally saw closure on something that's dragged on for months."

However staff who were let go when the LPT was closed are mounting a campaign "to raise the consciousness of the community for our deep concern for the future of the JCC of Toronto," according to a flyer distributed by the group. "As well, we express our outrage at the lack of dignity with which a group of 31 employees of the JCC and the LPT were summarily fired with no cause, no notice, no severance and no vacation pay."

The group seeks "appropriate compensation for the group of 31 and to reinstate the LPT."

English said there were no plans to mount theatrical productions at the LPT, though it will be used for other purposes, such as hosting the upcoming Jewish Book Fair.

He also said there were no plans to let go any other BJC staff.

In addition to Engel, the BJC's new board members include Michael Kerbel (chair), Geoffrey Bledin, Phillip Daniels, Marty Goldberg, Tom Lobel and Paul Nightingale.

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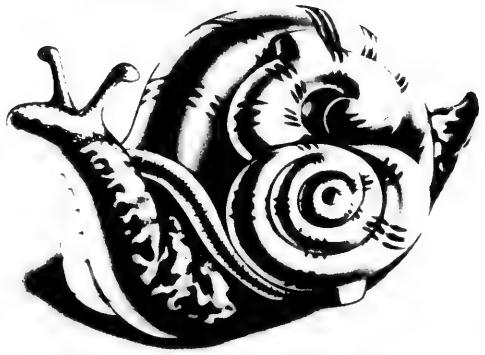

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NCJW tackles breast cancer, ways to help people on welfare

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJW) National Meeting highlights were a presentation about screening programs for breast cancer and a discussion of ways to help single mothers and their children escape the trap of welfare dependency.

It was held at Fort Garry Hotel on Oct. 2 and 3.

Bonnie Mitchelson, Manitoba's minister of family services, opened the Monday morning discussion on combatting child poverty by calling for bold changes to Canada's social safety net. "Government coffers are not a bottomless pit," she said. "There is no new money for new programs."

Mitchelson reported that Manitoba has the highest number of teen pregnancies per capita in Canada — most of whom end up as single mothers on welfare without completing high school — as well as the highest number of Aboriginal people per capita, many of whom also have come to rely on the province's social safety net.

She went on to describe a joint federal-provincial pilot program in Manitoba called Taking Charge whose aim is to wean single mothers off welfare and put them into the workforce.

An example of how the program operates is an internship program the government created in partnership with the Canadian Liver Foundation. The foundation recently moved its cross-Canada telephone operation to Winnipeg and hired 170 operators. Forty of the job openings were reserved for single parents on welfare. The two levels of government continued to provide social assistance for the 40 for the first month while they received on-the-job-training. All are still working for the foundation.

"The government can't do it alone," Mitchelson said. "We need partnerships with business and community organizations such as National Council."

As an example of what can be done through partnership, NCJW member Sharon Clavir of Toronto noted a program the NCJW Toronto section started which links seniors with local schools as foster grandparents.

Miriam Charron of Montreal described a Montreal NCJW-supported after school program for high risk children from single parent families. The children receive hot meals, help with homework and lessons in social skills. There are also parenting classes offered. Lack of funding restricts it to two days a week.

Carla Goldstein from Winnipeg suggested that government provide seed money to hire a staff person and/or volunteer coordinator to help organizations made up of volunteers combatting child poverty.

Jodi Zabludowski of Edmonton described a head start program for disadvantaged children Edmonton NCJW is operating which includes parenting classes and nutrition classes for the parents.

Charron, Clavir and Tammy Rubin of Edmonton all were critical of government welfare programs which either make it too easy for young single mothers to collect or difficult to break free.

Just as NCJW has played a role in alleviating child poverty, the organization has also been active in breast cancer screening programs. Dr. Virginia Fraser, a Winnipeg breast cancer specialist, singled out the organization for its work in informing women about provincial screening programs.

She discussed the costs of screening and mammograms and the difficulty in reaching target groups, particularly in cities. She spoke of the need for education programs and public pressure on governments for funding.

Jewish woman named judge in Quebec

MONTREAL — Sylviane Borenstein, a legal aid lawyer for over 20 years, has become what is believed to be the first Jewish woman named a judge in Quebec at any level.

Borenstein, 51, was sworn in last week as a judge of Quebec Superior Court's Montreal District, following the announcement of her appointment by federal Justice Minister Allan Rock.

Borenstein also made history in 1990 when she was elected batonnier of the Quebec Bar. It was a first on three counts because neither a woman nor a Jew nor an immigrant had held that position.

Born in France, Borenstein has lived in Montreal for 36 years. She obtained a law degree from McGill University in 1966 and was called to the Quebec Bar in 1967.

After six years in private practice, Borenstein became director of the Outremont and Park Extension legal aid office in 1973, where she remained until her appointment to the bench.

"I'm very happy and awed at the same time," she said. "All my life I have been combatting injustice and now I have been called upon to render justice."

A divorced mother of four children, Borenstein's specialty is family law. Borenstein jumped at the chance to work in legal aid when the program was launched in Quebec in 1973, she said. "I really like that kind of work."

There have been many male Jewish judges in Quebec (including former Superior Court chief justice Alan Gold). Borenstein thinks the lack of Jewish women simply reflects the relatively low number of Jewish female lawyers of an age likely to be named a judge.

Sylviane Borenstein

Borenstein has been active in a number of Jewish organizations, including serving as vice-president of Career Women's Network of Federation CJA, on the executive of the Baron de Hirsch Institute, and co-president of the Law and Social Action Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

She also campaigned for the freedom of Soviet Jewry and was a member of the Association of Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry.

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Wiesenthal Centre seeks action on war criminal prosecutions

OTTAWA — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has called on the Liberal government to speed up war crimes prosecutions and criminalize Holocaust denial.

In a meeting with Justice Minister Allan Rock last Friday, Canadian representatives of the international Nazi-hunting organization said the previous Mulroney government failed to prosecute alleged war criminals, and called on the Liberals to do better.

"Hundreds of Nazi war criminals who committed horrendous crimes during World War II, involving the death of thousands of innocent people in countless towns and villages, managed to deceive our immigration authorities and settle in Canada," said Sol Littman, the centre's Canadian director. "Here, they found safety and immunity from prosecution. They were safer here than in Argentina or Paraguay."

Centre representatives pointed out that in the past five years, Canada's Special Unit on War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity had travelled widely, hired a large staff and reviewed hundreds of cases, yet brought only five alleged war criminals before the courts.

Of these, one was acquitted, two charges were withdrawn and one charge was stayed. Only one, Jacob Luitjens, was successfully prosecuted.

In contrast, the Office of Special Investigations of the United States Justice Department (OSI) has 16 cases currently before the courts and is actively investigating a further 395. Since its creation in 1979, the OSI has secured the denationalization and deportation of 45 Nazi war criminals.

"The Americans face exactly the same problems that the Canadian Special Unit faces," said Littman. "They too are confronted with aging witnesses, failing memories, uncooperative Eastern European governments and unpredictable judges, yet their record is infinitely superior to ours."

The reason, Wiesenthal Centre representatives said, was that the Mulroney government was "not sincere" in its effort to bring war criminals to justice.

"It was all show, intended to make it look as if something was happening, but in reality the Mulroney government didn't have its heart in it," said Littman.

The centre charged that the Conservative government deliberately chose to proceed by the slowest, most expensive and most difficult of legal means available, namely criminal prosecution rather than the less difficult route of denaturalization and deportation used by the Americans.

"The Liberal government now has a narrow window of opportunity to undo the misjudgments, neglect and posturing of the previous government," Littman said. "We urge them to proceed as quickly and firmly as possible."

The centre also urged the justice minister to follow the lead of Switzerland, Germany and France and make denial of the Holocaust a form of incitement and hate utterance punishable under the criminal code as a hate crime.

It also called for legislation to "undo" the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Imre Finta case. Jewish groups are upset at the decision, which they say allows an alleged war criminal to use the defence of following orders.

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Conservative Jews divided by camp magazine story

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — In another example of the ever-deepening rift between Canadian Conservative Jews and their American counterparts, the Canadian arm of the Conservative movement's camp system refused to distribute the Summer 1994 issue of *Ramah — the Magazine* because it included an article about female camp alumnae who are now Conservative rabbis and cantors.

The magazine's former editor, Lori Forman, has charged that the Conservative movement's leadership in New York did not sufficiently push the Canadians to send out the issue because it was afraid of losing the funding the Canadians provide to the Jewish Theological Seminary.

That charge was disputed by a seminary spokesman.

According to Rabbi Mitch Cohen, the director of Camp Ramah in Canada, camp officials refused to distribute the issue because they felt the article on clergywomen represented American — rather than Canadian — Conservative values.

"Anything having to do with women's rights in the movement is very, very sensitive here," said Rabbi Cohen. "But this has less to do with women's rights than with American control over Canadian values.

"Camp Ramah in Canada still has a form of religious practice which is not completely egalitarian," he explained. "That form of religious practice still needs to be respected, and is not by many people in our movement."

Rabbi Cohen told *The CJN* the camp's lay committee found "nothing offensive" about the article per se, "but the celebration of woman as rabbis was seen as a sensitive matter."

The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, the Conservative movement's powerful interpreter of Halachah, decided in 1983 to ordain women as rabbis.

But the Conservative movement in Canada remains far more conservative than its American counterpart. Women as rabbis has long discomfitted Canadian Conservatives, while synagogues in Canada are not generally egalitarian. Only one, Congregation Shaar Shalom in Halifax, has a female rabbi, compared to dozens in the United States.

According to Forman, the Canadians feared the article about clergywomen would be "bad publicity" and could drive away the 75 campers from Orthodox homes who attended the camp.

But, said Forman, herself a Conservative rabbi who spent eight summers attending Ramah camps, more than half the campers at the Camp Ramah in Canada are Americans from Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, whose egalitarian practices should be respected.

Forman has since left the magazine, as scheduled, to become interreligious program consultant at the American Jewish Committee.

The Ramah system includes seven camps — six in the United States and one in Utterson, about two hours north of Toronto — which serve about 4,000 campers a year.

Camp Ramah Canada employs a modified form of egalitarianism in its worship services. According to Rabbi Cohen, girls are called to the Torah but are not counted toward a minyan.

The controversy over the magazine has been simmering since the spring, when Forman distributed proofs of the magazine to Camp Ramah officials.

Citing opposition to the article about female clergy, leaders of Canada's camp refused to send Forman the mailing labels for the magazine.

Forman and 46 other female rabbis and cantors sent a letter to Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and head of the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism, and asked him to intervene.

By June, according to Forman, Canadian rabbis were threatening to withhold money from JTS if the magazine was distributed in Canada. Rabbi Schorsch and Sheldon Dorph, national Ramah director, went to Canada to make sure funding was not cut off, she said.

"Canada has threatened over and over to leave the movement" over the issue of ordaining women, she said, "and the seminary is trying very hard not to lose them for fundraising reasons."

According to JTS spokesman Shammai Engelmayer, "The Canadian office has a right to distribute magazines as they see fit. Not everyone in Canada agrees with egalitarianism, and there was a feeling that the article could be seen as a slap in the face to those who don't feel that way.

Forman believes that while Canada's Conservative congregations are entitled to disagree with the ordination of women, censoring the fact that women are ordained within the movement contradicts the pluralism Conservative Judaism ostensibly values.

Forman said she was distressed but not surprised by the refusal of the movement's leadership to intervene.

The movement's leaders "don't want to celebrate" the role of women as rabbis and cantors, she charged.

Engelmayer described that charge as "absurd on its face."

"We had a whole conference here last year celebrating the 10th anniversary of women in the rabbinate," he said.

Forman said that while the magazine ultimately was not distributed, she and her colleagues succeeded in raising "a lot of consciousness" over the issue of women rabbis and cantors.

In 1991, Conservative cantors in Ontario split from their umbrella group and formed a separate body over the issue of admitting qualified women into the Conservative cantorate.

The following year, almost all Conservative rabbis in and around Toronto came perilously close to quitting the Rabbinical Assembly, the movement's umbrella for rabbis, over a number of controversial issues emanating from the United States.

As it is, many Conservative synagogues in Canada are affiliated with the U.S.-based Union for Traditional Judaism, founded by rabbis and scholars to bring more conservatism to the movement. The UTJ was established in 1983 — the same year the Conservative movement began ordaining women.

NAME GAME

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Festival director explains film entry from 'Palestine'

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The head of the Montreal World Film Festival has finally sent a long-awaited response to the Israeli Consulate explaining why it listed "Palestine" as a participating country during the August 25-Sept. 5 event.

But the letter, written by festival director Serge Losique, fails to regret the inclusion of "Palestine" or to promise that it won't happen again, as the consulate wanted.

"The letter answers why, but it does not say it was a mistake," Israeli consul Aviva Raz said. "Even though we finally got an answer, we can't say we're completely satisfied."

The letter, dated Sept. 15, came six days after the consulate, frustrated by two weeks of fruitless attempts to reach Losique by telephone, mailed him a formal written complaint demanding an explanation.

The consulate had also threatened to raise the level of diplomatic intervention if Losique did not reply by the end of September.

Raz said Losique's reply, while welcome and friendly in tone, did not specifically express regret or address the consulate's concerns over the possibility of a future "Palestine" presence at the festival.

She said the letter explains that the film in question screened under the banner of "Palestine," *Curfew* — a Dutch-Palestinian production depicting the life of a family in Gaza and the winner of three international awards, including the UNESCO Prize at Cannes — was shown at other festivals without incident.

The letter also states that the use of "Palestine" was based solely on information submitted to festival organizers by director Rashid Masharawi on the festival application form.

The letter, as well, expresses a desire to maintain positive contacts between Israel and the festival, Raz said.

Raz reiterated that Israel has never objected to Palestinian films being shown at film festivals — only that "Palestine" not be listed as a participating nation since it is not recognized as such either by the international community or by the Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and by the PLO.

Raz said the consulate will send a letter to Losique "demanding that it not happen again.

"Other international festivals made a mistake but that does not mean it should happen here too," Raz said.

She said the consulate letter will make it clear that even the forms filled out for international film festivals might give filmmakers the ability to describe themselves any way they want, so Montreal organizers have a duty to abide by international standards in recognizing nationhood.

Raz said she was "quite optimistic" because Losique's letter was "very friendly."

But next year, she indicated, the consulate will know before the festival begins whether "Palestine" is planned to be included. This year the consulate saw the "Palestine" listing only when it opened the catalogue.

Raz declined, however, to speculate on whether the consulate would threaten to withdraw from next year's festival if "Palestine" is again allowed to be listed as a participating nation.

"That is hypothetical," Raz said. "They will be aware of the issue next year and it will be quite clear what we expect."

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Chief Rabbi of Syria departs homeland

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measures will be rescinded. All telephone calls and mail to and from the community are watched; Jews cannot vote, hold high office, sell businesses or homes or emigrate.

Oddly perhaps, the Nazi-like measures never applied to the practice of Judaism. Jews were permitted to worship freely, have prayer books and other supplies, observe holidays and study at Jewish schools.

Sadly though, the emigration has meant that today — for an observant community — there are no rabbis left and there is no shochet. (Kosher meat is sent from Turkey). A layman performs the occasional brit milah. Synagogues and schools are shuttered and quiet.

Nevertheless, Carr stresses, the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, set up at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue in 1973 and at Beth Tfiloh Congregation in Baltimore nine years ago, must keep raising money so books, supplies and articles of comfort can continue to be sent.

It was in April 1992 when Syrian President Hafez al-Assad announced he would relax travel restrictions for Jews. Over 2,500 left, mostly to "visit" the United States, before the door was abruptly shut six months later, for no stated reason.

Since then, a steady trickle has come out, including all former prisoners. For Carr and other activists, Assad's move was a cynical ploy; it won him much-needed PR points with the West but it still did not allow free emigration.

The continuing problem is that Syrian Jews arrive on travel visas, meaning they are visitors. Thus, they cannot claim refugee status and the benefits that brings.

Judy Feld Carr and Syrian Chief Rabbi Ibrahim Hamra.

As well, Jews leaving Syria cannot sell possessions or businesses. They can leave with the equivalent of $2,000 and two suitcases each.

Carr's own involvement with Syrian Jewry began 23 years ago, when attention was focused mainly on Soviet Jewry. Although the campaign was carried out quietly and with little fanfare, she recalls "living on raw nerves ... the suffering, the crying, the tears."

It was also Carr who helped institute Shabbat Zachor, the annual spring remembrance day for oppressed Jewry, particularly in Syria, held in synagogues throughout the world. The Sabbath is also a yahrzeit for four young Syrian Jewish girls and two boys who were murdered in 1974, caught trying to escape from Syria after being betrayed by their Arab smugglers.

Now that Syria's Jewish population has all but vanished, there are just two substantial Jewish communities in the Orient: Iran (which is not Arab) has a community of between 10,000 and 15,000, while Morocco tallies some 8,000 Jews. Tunisia's community is said to number between 1,000 and 2,000. Figures on Yemeni Jews are difficult to obtain and are often inaccurate.

As the long, frustrating campaign for Syrian Jewry winds down, Carr and other activists are drawing a deep breath, taking stock and will likely move on to another cause, perhaps helping the emigres adjust to their new surroundings.

Or as Rabbi Hamra noted here last week, on Simchat Torah we recited the prayer that concludes the five books of the Torah "and immediately, in one breath without pausing, we went on to read the Creation in Genesis. And what, more than this, symbolizes the saying that for every end, there is a new beginning?"

St. Catharines rejects call for Heritage Week

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — You can add St. Catharines, Ont. to the list of cities that have turned down a request by representatives of the neo-Nazi Nationalist Party to proclaim Oct. 9-15 as European Heritage Week.

Early last week St. Catharines Mayor Joseph McCaffery acceded to the request and issued the proclamation. But less than two days later the proclamation was rescinded.

City solicitor Annette Poulin told *The CJN* that the mayor "rescinded the decision because he received additional information he didn't have." She said Toronto Mayor June Rowlands provided McCaffery's office with background material about European Heritage Week and the organization that sponsored it. That led to its rejection.

Rowlands played a key role last August in informing fellow mayors in Victoria, Halifax and Vaughan, Ont. that the white supremacist Nationalist Party was promoting European heritage week. Each of these cities either refused to proclaim the week or rescinded an earlier proclamation.

Poulin said Mayor McCaffery receives many requests for official proclamations and it is "very unusual" for one to be rescinded. In accepting the proclamation, the mayor believed that "it was recognizing the contributions of local groups."

Anti-racists saw the request as a ploy by the Nationalist Party, whose leader Don Andrews was convicted in 1985 for promoting hatred against non-whites, to denigrate other groups and assert the superiority of Europeans.

Letting the proclamation stand would have had "the effect of legitimizing a violent and racist hate group," said B'nai Brith Canada executive vice-president Frank Dimant.

"It would be morally repugnant and unconscionable for any mayor in this country to knowingly and wilfully proclaim a European Heritage Week," said Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

In a letter to McCaffery, Lenkinski stated that failure to rescind the proclamation "might place into some jeopardy those minority groups in your city who have historically been the targets of neo-Nazis, skinheads and other extremist racists."

יידיש ווינקל
YIDDISH CORNER

ביים 7־טן אינטערנאַציאָנאַלן צוזאַמענפאָר פון וועלט־ראַט פאַר יידיש אין קיעוו

פון ש. סימכאָוויטש

צום זיבעטן צוזאַמענפאָר פון וועלט-ראַט פאַר יידיש און יידישער קולטור, וואָס איז אָפּגעהאַלטן געוואָרן אין קיעוו, פון אויגוסט 25 ביז דעם 30-טן, זיינען געקומען אַרום 200 דעלעגאַטן פון מדינת ישראל, צפון און דרום-אַמעריקע, קאַנאַדע, מערב-אייראָפּע און די לענדער פון געוועזענעם ראַטן-פאַרבאַנד.

כאַראַקטעריסטיש פאַר אַט-דעם צוזאַמענפאָר איז געווען די פולע מאָראַלישע שטיצע פאַר דער אַלוועלטלעכער יידיש-באַוועגונג מצד די העכסטע אינסטאַנצן פון מדינת ישראל. אַזוי, למשל, האָט דוב שילאַנסקי, וויצע-פאָרזיצער פון דער כנסת, צוגעזאָגט אויף דער פייערלעכער דערעפענונג צו שטיצן דאָס אויפהאַלטן די גייסטיקע ירושה פון אַשכנזישן יידנטום — אין יידישן לשון. דאָס זעלבע האָבן איבערגעחזרט יחיאל לקט, פאָרזיצער פון דער ציוניסטישער וועלט-אָרגאַניזאַציע און פון סוכנות, און צבי מגן, ישראל-אַמבאַסאַדאָר אין אוקראַינע, וואָס האָט איינגעאָרדנט אַ ספּעציעלן קבלת פנים פאַר די דעלעגאַטן.

לויט ווי עס האָט איבערגעגעבן יצחק וואַרשאַווסקי, פאָרזיצער פון וועלט-ראַט, איז אַ געזעץ וועגן געבן יידיש אַ ספּעציעלן סטאַטוס שוין אַריין אין כנסת און וועט, האָפנטלעך, בקרוב אָנגענומען ווערן. דאָס וועט זיכער העלפן דעם אָנזען פון יידיש אין ישראל און ספּעציעל פונעם יידיש-לימוד אין די דאָרטיקע עלעמענטאַר-און מיטל-שולן. לויטן באַריכט פון מרדכי דוניץ, אינספּעקטאָר פאַר יידיש ביים ישראלדיקן דערציאונג-מיניסטעריום, לערנען היינט צו טאָג איבער 3,000 תלמידים אין די יידיש-קלאַסן. עס ווערן אויסגעאַרבעט פּלענער אויסצוברייטערן דעם לימוד ווי אויך אויסצושולן די נייטיקע לערער.

פון די באַריכטן פון אַנדערע דעלעגאַטן איז געווען צו זען, אַז אומעטום גייט אָן אַ לעבהאַפטע יידיש-טעטיקייט אין דער פאָרם פון שפּראַך-קורסן, קלובן, כאָרן און דראַמע-גרופּעס. אפילו דער קליינער ישוב אין פוילן גיט נישט אויף דעם קאַמף פאַר המשך. חוץ דעם יידישן מלוכה'שן טעאַטער, דערשיינט סטאַביל אַ פיינע יידיש-פוילישע צווײ-וואָכן צייטונג און עס זיינען טעטיק יידיש קלובן אין אַ ריי שטעט פון לאַנד. יונגע און מיטליעריקע מענטשן פון געמישטע פאַרפעלקער, אָדער אויפגעהאָדעוועטע ווי פּאַליאַקן, קערן זיך אום צו זייער שורש, צו יידן און יידישקייט, און פאַרגרעסערן אַזוי אַרום דעם ישוב. פון ספּעציעלער וויכטיקייט איז געווען די סעסיע געווידמעט דער יוגנט, מיט דער באַטייליקונג פון אַ צאָל יונגע פּראָפעסאָרן און לערער פון מדינת ישראל און פון די פאַראייניקטע שטאַטן. אַלע רעדנער האָבן גערופן די יונגע טוער זיך גרייטן איבערצונעמען די אַרבעט פון וועלט-ראַט.

צווישן די סעסיעס און אין די אָוונטן האָבן די דעלעגאַטן געהאַט די געלעגנהייט צו זען אַרויסטריטן פון אַרטיסטן פון יידישע טעאַטערן פון פוילן און ישראל, ווי אויך פון יידישע געזאַנג-און טאַנץ-גרופּעס פון אוקראַינע. עס זיינען אויך אַראַנזשירט געוואָרן באַזוכן ביים באַבי יאַר; אין פּערעיאַסלעוו, דאָס געבורט-שטעטל פון שלום עליכם; און אין טשערנאָביל. אַ ריזנדיקער מאָמענט איז געווען ביים אויפדעקן אַן אָנדענק-טאָוול, אויף דער דרויסנדיקער וואַנט פון אוקראַאינישן שרייבער-הויז, לזכר דעם דיכטער און מאַרטירער דוד האָפשטיין.

דער זיבעטער צוזאַמענפאָר פון וועלט-ראַט אין קיעוו איז אָרגאַניזירט געוואָרן אויף אַ ברייטן פאָרנעם, מיטן אָנטייל און שטיצע פון די מלוכה-אינסטאַנצן פון מדינת ישראל, אוקראַינע און פון דער קיעווער יידישער קהילה.

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Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert signs the visitors' book at Montreal City Hall as Mayor Jean Dore looks on. [Gerald Brosseau photo]

Israel, Czech Republic on the agenda for UIA mission

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — An 11-day United Israel Appeal mission to Israel and the former Czechoslovakia should create campaign enthusiasm for a score of Atlantic Canadians, a UIA official said.

Victor Goldberg, chair of the Halifax portion of the annual fund drive, said the trip will include visits to Atlantic Canadian projects in Israel and meetings with high Israeli government officials.

"We will be in Prague and other parts of the Czech Republic for four days at the start of the trip (which began Oct. 5 and ends Oct. 16) and this should show us all a sense of the Jewish past and present identity in that country."

Goldberg said mission members will work hard raising funds on their returns. The Halifax fundraising goal is $300,000, with another $600,000 for other areas of the Atlantic region.

The mission will visit Or Yehuda, a renewal project funded by Atlantic Canada, have dinner with the tourism minister, meet Maritimers living in Israel, visit Youth Aliyah village in Jerusalem, breakfast at the Israeli Embassy in Prague and meet with the executive director of the Jewish Community of the Czech Republic.

Among those participating are James Spatz of Halifax, Ivan Levine of Fredericton, Mark Rosen of Halifax, and Richard and Ruth Goldbloom of the UIA campaign committee.

Jerusalem's mayor announces plans for city's 3000th birthday

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In 1996, Jerusalem will stage a lavish year-long celebration of the 3,000th anniversary of King David's capture of the city for the Hebrews.

Mayor Ehud Olmert hopes the extravaganza will reinforce in the world's mind that Jerusalem is "the capital of the Jewish people."

During a recent visit to Montreal, Olmert unveiled the preliminary schedule of Jerusalem 3000 before a national committee headed by Neri Bloomfield, which is charged with rallying the Canadian Jewish community to support the project and related activities in Canada.

Olmert said the trimillenium events should attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to Jerusalem and be broadcast internationally. Jerusalem 3000 will emphasize the fact that the city has been central to Jews continuously for 3,000 consecutive years, since King David captured it from the Canaanites around 1,000 BCE and made it the capital of a united Jewish kingdom.

The celebration will also acknowledge the importance of Jerusalem to Islam and Christianity.

The program will include music, theatre, dance and visual arts events on a grand scale, mostly dedicated to David, considered one of the greatest Jewish heroes — a warrior and a poet.

Among the highlights will be a "sight and sound spectacular" in the Old City by Italian director Franco Zeffirelli, chronicling the story of Jerusalem from King David's time to the present; an open-air production of Verdi's opera *Nabucco*, which is based on the biblical account of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of the First Temple; a gala concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, under the baton of Zubin Mehta, of classical works inspired by the Psalms performed next to the Old City walls; a production of Beethoven's *Fidelio* by the German State Opera, directed by Daniel Barenboim; a multi-media show in which stage and screen actors (names to be confirmed) will read biblical passages about the life of King David; and a massive street costume pageant featuring 30 tall floats created in Viareggio, Italy, noted for its papier mache art.

Not all will be strictly cultural. A King David's feast will consist of a 12-course banquet prepared by 30 of the world's leading chefs; and a dramatized chess game will have actors on foot and on horesback battle on the squares of the municipal courtyard.

An event with a distinctly Christian flavor is a festival of gospel choirs from around the world; and Islamic art and science will be the subject of a nine-month exhibition at the Tower of David Museum.

Olmert, who was elected mayor last year, is a former Likud cabinet minister. He denied that the timing of Jerusalem 3000 has anything to do with the peace talks with the Palestinians, which promise to eventually deal with the status of Jerusalem.

This is not an issue because, according to Olmert, Jerusalem will maintain "the status quo as the united, indivisible capital only of the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

"That is the position of the government and it is the national consensus," he said.

Olmert will only concede to the management of holy sites by their respective religious bodies. "Otherwise, there will be no change."

One visitor who is not welcome by Olmert is PLO chairman Yasser Arafat because "I'm afraid he will stir emotions and incite extremists to violence. He has said he will wage a jihad over Jerusalem."

Olmert is also not happy about the increasingly semi-official status of Orient House, a PLO centre in East Jerusalem which has received foreign visitors.

"I expect the government to take action against [Orient House] because it is a threat to the basic concept of an undivided capital of the State of Israel," he said.

Olmert was vague about funding for Jerusalem 3000. The Israeli government has not promised any particular sum for the project, he indicated.

It is hoped most events will find commercial sponsorship and that the sale of broadcast rights will bring in other revenue, he said.

The Bloomfield committee, which is under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation, is intended to include representatives of all the major Jewish organizations and perhaps some prominent non-Jewish ones.

Its function is not to raise money for Jerusalem 3000 as such, but to organize related events in Canada, such as a concert by the Jerusalem Symphony or art exchanges, and to find the necessary corporate sponsors, Bloomfield said.

"No other city today embodies the broad sweep of human history like Jerusalem," she told the committee's inaugural meeting. "No other city today stands as a testimony to the spirituality of human kind like Jerusalem."

The main reason for Olmert's trip to Montreal, which also included a meeting with Mayor Jean Dore at city hall and a lecture at McGill University, was to make Jerusalem's bid for the international convention of gynecologists and obstetricians which was taking place here — and he didn't leave disappointed.

Jerusalem was selected over Cairo and Marrakesh, Morocco as the site of the triennial congress of the International Federation of Gynecologists and Obstetricians in the year 2000.

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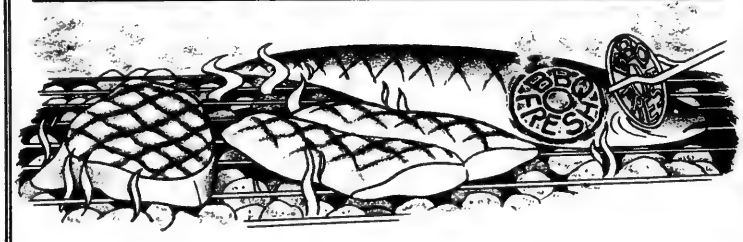

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Hungary sorry for Jewish war deaths

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NEW YORK — The Hungarian government, through its foreign minister, has apologized to the Jewish people for its role in the Holocaust.

During World War II, Hungarian pro-Nazi fascists, the Arrow Cross — both in league with the Nazis and independently — rounded up Jews and deported them to their deaths.

In meetings here last week with the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency for Israel, Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs also took steps toward a formal memorandum of understanding on restitution of Jewish property seized by the Nazis and the Communists.

Speaking on behalf of Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn, Kovacs told the WJC last Tuesday: "It is self-deception if anyone shifts responsibility for the genocide in Hungary solely and exclusively to Nazi Germany."

The Jewish group described Kovacs' statement as "one of the most far-reaching by any of the former East European Nazi collaborationist governments."

Kovacs, who was in the United States for a scheduled address to the United Nations, also stressed Hungarian responsibility for anti-Jewish acts years before the Holocaust.

"The shutting out of society and even persecution of Jews of Hungarian citizenship did not begin on May 19, 1944, when the Germans occupied the country," said Kovacs.

"We should not forget about the murders committed by the White Terror Squads in 1919, (the quotas) in the 1920s and the shameful anti-Jewish laws, which meant a trampling of the law.

"Consequently it has to be stated unambiguously that history obliges us to apologize," he said.

Kovacs is a member of the Socialist Party, which was created by the reform wing of the former Communist Party and took control of Hungary in elections last May. The Socialists ousted the previous centre-right government, with which the Jewish community had many strong disagreements.

The new regime appears to be making a bold break with the past.

In an earlier meeting with the American Jewish Committee, Kovacs said that it is "of the utmost importance how Hungarian Jewry feels in Hungary, because it shows how democracy has developed in the country."

Last Friday, after meeting with the AJ-Committee, Kovacs told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "It is crucial for the Hungarian government to stop and protest against any appearance of anti-Semitism."

Leslie Keller, chairman of the WJC East European Commission and a leader of the Hungarian Jewish community, described Kovacs' statements as "extraordinary and marking a new, positive chapter in Hungarian-Jewish relations."

In a private meeting with WJC President Edgar Bronfman and later with the heads of the WJC and the Jewish Agency, the Hungarian foreign minister also discussed the restoration of confiscated Jewish property.

"We talked about substance, and a great deal of progress was made," said Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director.

Last April Hungary and the World Jewish Restitution Organization signed an accord on the return of confiscated property.

Hungary and Slovakia are the only former Communist countries in Eastern Europe to have entered such agreements with the Jewish community.

Sydney Jews bury scrolls

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SYDNEY — More than 1,500 members of Sydney's Jewish community attended a special burial service last week for Torah scrolls and other holy books burned in a Sept. 25 fire that destroyed the sanctuary of the city's Orthodox Central Synagogue.

All 17 of the synagogue's Torah scrolls, including 15 stored inside a recently installed fireproof safe, were destroyed in the blaze after the intense heat caused the safe to buckle.

Arson was originally suspected but police and fire officials have indicated that the blaze was caused by a malfunction in the air-conditioning unit.

Sydney's Orthodox rabbis declared that Australia's Labor Day, which fell Oct. 3, was be a day of public fasting.

Many in the crowd at the cemetery and among the hundreds of worshipers at a specially convened afternoon service at the surviving synagogue hall, were observing the fast and devoting the day to religious study.

At the burial, rabbis and communal figures, joined by Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Avner, recited Psalms. They also buried sacks containing the charred remains of the scrolls, which the synagogue's Rabbi Selwyn Franklin announced would be reinterred in the foundation of the shul's Holy Ark when it is rebuilt.

Rabbi Franklin said he had been told that the fire resulted in the largest single number of Torahs being destroyed at any one time since the Holocaust.

At the synagogue service following the burial, messages of support received from leading civil and political figures were read to the capacity crowd, which included Catholic and Anglican Church representatives, as well as federal and state parliamentarians.

Franklin told the gathering that the devastation of the fire would be met by a renewed vigor and commitment within his congregation.

Quoting the Prophet Haggai's words — spoken over 2,000 years ago — that the Second Temple would exceed the glory of the first, he said that the rebuilt synagogue will bear testimony to his congregation's unity of purpose in maintaining Judaism.

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The News in Brief

Haiti Force Approved

TEL AVIV — After temporarily blocking the move, Israel's High Court of Justice last week unanimously approved sending a 30-member police contingent to assume peacekeeping duties in Haiti.

The court's decision, combined with the cabinet's earlier approval of the mission, cleared the way for the departure of the 28 men and women who volunteered to help restore stability in Haiti.

In reaching its decision, the court rejected an appeal by former Kach activist Noam Federman, who had questioned the legality of sending Israeli police on an overseas mission.

The expanded five-judge panel apparently accepted arguments put forward by the government, which argued that sending the police volunteers to serve as part of an international force is not illegal.

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Russia to Set Up Jericho Office

TEL AVIV — Russia will soon establish a low-level liaison office in the Jericho region.

The decision to open an interest section in Jericho, which officially fell under Palestinian self-rule in May, was announced in Moscow during an official visit there by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen.

An interest section falls short of full diplomatic representation, a move prevented by the Palestinian self-rule accord, which denies the Palestinians the right to have direct diplomatic ties with foreign governments.

In late August, Germany became the first country to establish a mission in the Palestinian autonomous areas when it opened an office in Jericho to monitor the spending of German aid to the Palestinians.

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Yad Vashem to Open Classes

JERUSALEM — Israeli Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein has expressed the government's support for the opening of a school for Holocaust studies at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial here.

Rubinstein said the Education Ministry will assist in the inauguration of the Central School for Holocaust Studies and will aid in its expansion.

Rubinstein added the school will further government efforts to educate all Israeli students about the Holocaust, its consequences and lessons.

The chairman of Yad Vashem, Avner Shalev, said classes at the new school will begin soon and that 70,000 students and 550 teachers will participate in programs there in the coming year.

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Most U.S. Jews Have Never Visited

TEL AVIV — More than 70 per cent of American Jews have never visited Israel, according to a Haifa University researcher.

In his study, based on statistics provided by various Jewish federations across the United States, researcher David Mittelburg also found that intermarriage was higher among young American Jews who have not visited Israel.

Mittelburg's study, which covered some 10,000 people, disclosed that in the 35-44 age group, only 19 per cent had ever visited Israel.

Among those between the ages of 18-34, 30 per cent had visited Israel; in the 45-and-above age group, the total rose to 44 per cent.

The study indicated that in the 18-34 age group, intermarriage was as high as 62 per cent among those who had never visited Israel, compared to 19 per cent among those in the same age group who had traveled at least once to Israel.

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Moses U.S. Envoy to Romania

NEW YORK — Alfred Moses, president of the American Jewish Committee and a longtime advocate for Romanian Jewry, has been appointed U.S. ambassador to Romania.

The appointment, which was unanimously confirmed this month by the U.S. Senate, has riled some emotions in Romania, where seven Romanian parliamentarians have charged that Moses was a supporter of the late Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Moses, a Washington attorney who in the 1970s was special counsel to President Jimmy Carter, has vigorously denied that, saying the charges are "absolutely baseless."

"My dealings with Ceausescu were formal, proper and frigid," Moses, 65, said.

The controversy over Moses' appointment revives old issues about links between Romanian Jewry — which often became a bargaining chip in Romanian-American negotiations during the Communist era — and the Ceausescu dictatorship, which was overthrown in 1989.

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No More Aid for Russians

AMSTERDAM — The Jewish Social Welfare Foundation here has announced it will no longer give legal assistance to refugees from the former Soviet Union seeking political asylum in Holland.

The foundation explained it believes many of those arriving from the former Soviet Union have attained forged documents to back up claims of their Jewish origin.

About 1,000 people with false documents arrived in Holland during the past year-and-a-half, the foundation said.

The organization also noted that others claiming to have arrived directly from the former Soviet Union in fact arrived from Israel.

Holland offers political asylum only to those who were persecuted in their own country but not to those who arrive via Israel.

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French Leader to EU Post

PARIS — Jean Kahn, the president of the European Jewish Congress, has been appointed chairman of a European Union panel that will monitor racism.

Kahn's appointment as chairman of the European Consultative Commission on Racism and Xenophobia was announced recently by German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, who currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Union.

The 12 member states of the EU ratified the creation of the new anti-racism commission during the last EU summit, held in June on the Greek island of Corfu.

Kahn was appointed French representative to the commission in July in his capacity as leader of the European Jewish Congress. He also serves as head of CRIF, the umbrella organization representing French Jewish communal organizations.

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Check, Mate

JERUSALEM — "When I was in the darkness of solitary confinement, I used to play chess in my head to keep sane — and, of course, I always won all the games," Natan Sharansky said last week after playing to a surprise draw in a simultaneous game with world chess champion Gary Kasparov.

"You have to remember, it was a simultaneous match," Sharansky added. "I was really disappointed. I had hoped to win."

He said he had "consoled" Kasparov by pointing out they are both graduates of the Soviet Chess School.

Sharansky said that his dream as a boy was to be world chess champion. He had been champion of his school and later of his home city, although his interest waned when he became a dissident. "But chess has served me always as a model for logic," he said.

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Miss Israel is Tops

Lilach Ben Simon

JERUSALEM — Lilach Ben Simon of Ashdod, won the Miss Europe beauty competition in Turkey this month. Lilach burst into tears as she received the crown. Thirty-three contestants participated in the pageant, with Miss Turkey being first runner-up this year, followed by Miss Ukraine. The contest was broadcast on television stations around the continent.

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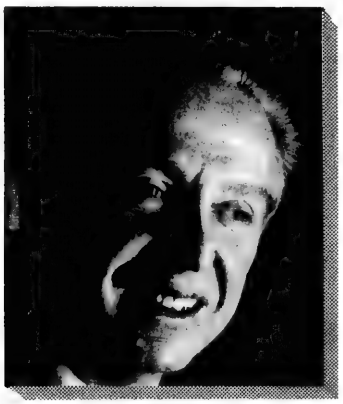

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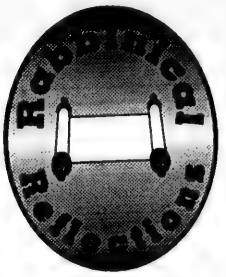


By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sedrah we read that our Patriarch Avrom (Abram) on his journey to the land of Canaan, took with him his wife, his nephew Lot, "and the souls that they had made in Charan." (Genesis 12:5) Asks the Midrash, "If the entire world got together to try to create a mosquito and endow it with a soul, they would be unable to do so, and here you say that they made souls?" "But what it means," answers the Midrash, "is that Avrom and Sarai converted souls (people) and taught them to believe in the Almighty."

It is true that Judaism warmly welcomes one who has proven a sincere desire to convert, and there are famous converts in our history (Ruth, the great grandmother of King David, is perhaps the most famous example). Nevertheless, we are firmly against actively seeking converts, as evidenced in many places in the Talmud. Keeping the Torah and mitzvot in the proper manner is a serious and difficult task. The convert assumes a tremendous responsibility by embracing our faith. Non-adherence to the basic tenets of that faith in a "faithful" manner is detrimental both for the convert and for the Jewish people. "Missionarizing" means that both parties treat that responsibility very lightly and very irresponsibly.

But there is another way that we "can make souls." The Torah tells us that it is a mitzvah to return a lost article to its owner (Deuteronomy 22:1-4). The Talmud teaches us that saving a person's life (returning to him his body) is certainly fulfillment of this mitzvah (see Bava Kamma 81b; Sanhedrin 73a). The Talmud further states that one who "saves a soul" by teaching him Torah and mitzvah observance, and thus brings him into the World to Come, is considered greater than one who saves the physical life of an individual (see Bava Metzia, Mishnah, 33a).

If so, the opportunity is ripe, and available in every far-flung corner of the world — in every city, town, and village — to help return the Jewish soul to our Jewish brethren and sisters whose souls are lost to Torah and Yiddishkeit.

The world has a phrase, "Mind your own business." The Torah, on the other hand, teaches us that "Kol Yisrael areivim zeh bozeh — All Israel is responsible one for the other" (see Talmud Shovuos 39a). If we care about our fellow Jews then it *is* our business to do whatever we can to teach him and her the beauty of Torah and mitzvah observance and to bring them the merit of being able to enter The World to Come by becoming observant Jews.

Naturally, this must be done with love, with tact, with genuine concern, with sensitivity and by appropriate means. To our great dismay, we are well aware that there are non-Jewish missionaries of all sorts and under all guises who are vying for the "Jewish soul" (and, by the way, are not a force to be ignored).

Nevertheless, Baruch HaShem (thank G-d), we have our many kiruv organizations, who are working tirelessly to bring our lost Jewish brothers and sisters back to the fold. Never must we forget that "Kol hamekayem nefesh achas miYisraeli ke'ilu kayeim olom malei — whoever saves or preserves even *one* Jewish soul is considered to have preserved the whole world" (Bava Basra 11a).

I was at the Torah Umesorah (Jewish Day School) Principal's convention this past May when the news reached us of Suri Feldman, the 14-year-old Jewish girl from Brooklyn who, during a school outing, got lost in a Connecticut forest. The story made national headlines. The Kiddush HaShem (sanctification of G-d's Name) that was made as thousands of Jews were united in their prayers, in their outpouring of concern, in the busloads of volunteers that came forward to help the 90 state policemen in their search, in the shipments of food that poured in from Jews to feed the searchers — was incredible.

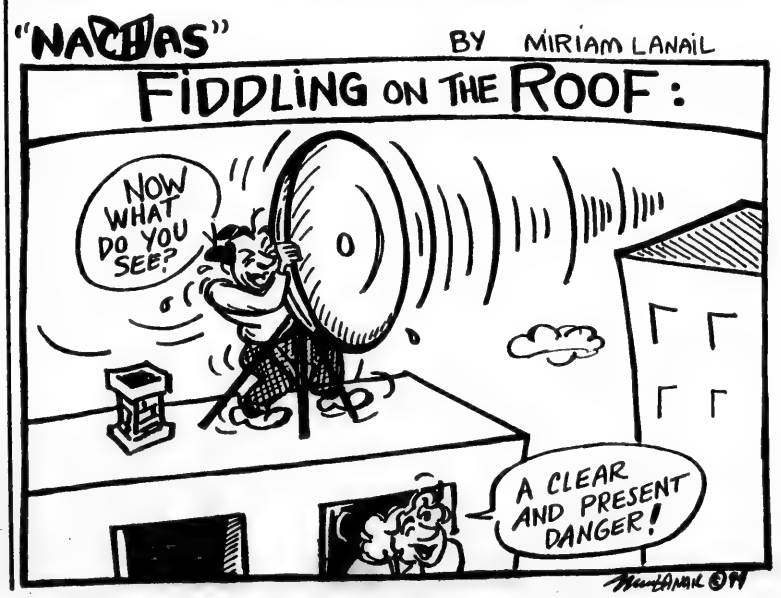
The news media, the police, and the non-Jewish world were overwhelmed by what they were witnessing. Lt. Louis E. Lacaprucia, of the Connecticut State Police said, "I have never seen such a response as this; I have never seen such an outpouring. Before this week I knew very little about Jewish culture; I received quite an education in those three agonizing days."

Perhaps the most dramatic demonstration of unity occurred in the closing minutes of those trying 48 hours. A vast number of the Jewish schools in Brooklyn had organized a collective recitation of Tehillim (Psalms) for Suri's safety, which began at 10:30 a.m. on Friday morning. Suri was found safe at 10:32 a.m. And as one Jewish teacher explained, "The Jewish people are supposed to be like one person, with one heart. One part of the Jewish people was out there, lost. We had to find her."

And after Shacharit services on Shabbat morning, Rabbi Sholom Strachjer, a principal in Cleveland, Ohio, got up and told the assemblage of great roshei yeshivah and over 1,000 principals and laymen the following: "Look at the mobilization of forces and the efforts that were expended, the prayers that were offered, the tears that were shed for the finding and saving of this one Jewish neshamah (soul). We have the opportunity collectively of finding and saving hundreds of spiritually lost neshamos each and every day. Let this story teach us how precious each and every Jewish soul is."

You don't have to be a principal or teacher in order to be able to save a neshamah. Any Jew who cares enough about their heritage, who cares enough to want to give eternal life to another Jew, can extend their hearts and hands to warmly and lovingly embrace and influence other people, drawing them closer to Torah and mitzvot. May we be privileged to have the merit of finding and saving even just one Jewish neshamah!

THE WORLD LOVES ISRAEL
The annual Sukkot Hapoel Jerusalem March attracted 20,000 people this year. The march allows the non-Jewish world to show solidarity with Israel. Shown is the delegation from Austria. [IPPA photo]



Front Line

Difficulties in government — cracks in opposition

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

My last column conveyed the mixed feelings of the Israeli public which now confronts the bitter-sweet realities of advancing peace-making. In the contest between hopes and fears the government seems to be scoring some points.

However, this makes the progress of the peace process with the Arabs even harder, because it heats up the internal debate.

The last fortnight started with well-staged demonstrations against the return of the Golan to Syria. These were impressive and revealed divisions in the Labor Party which were about to be repaired when the demonstrations (which included a hunger-strike) ended together with the holiday period that had helped them to take place.

More serious was the fallout in the ranks of the Likud, as reliable polls revealed that 45 per cent of Likud voters now believe that their party's policy of "not an inch" will eventually lead to war, while 28 per cent opted for territorial concessions in exchange for full peace. The Likud leadership does not dismiss these embarrassing findings and their choice is now between an attempt to restore the intransigent position, and a move towards a more plausible political platform, which, incidentally, could come close to that of Labor supporters who oppose total evacuation but favor territorial compromises.

Whatever the effects of the alarm signal, the traditional Likud formula, "peace for peace," has been utterly discredited as a credible policy for the party which hopes to win the next elections.

The Likud leadership cannot further postpone a long overdue internal debate. If it were to adopt formally a more flexible position, the entire political scene could change. In any case, it will be in the best interest of that party to further distance itself from the violent rejectionists of any peace process and to isolate those fringe groups at the periphery of Israel's political world.

Yeshayahu Anug

Good news for Yizhak Rabin? Only up to a point, because his own house is also in some disorder. He considers the support he now commands in the Knesset to be insufficient for bolder peace initiatives; and he tried to enlarge the coalition by paying a very high and deeply resented political price to the insatiable and chronically unreliable Shas party.

On the peace front itself, the problems with both Syrians and Palestinians are still unresolved and the time clock cannot be stopped without risk of closing the "window of opportunity" that, for better or for worse, definitely exists.

Officially, the bilateral talks with Syria are stagnating and contacts are kept alive by American perseverance. U.S Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected here again and he will try to close more gaps. But President Hafez al-Assad is still reluctant to engage in direct high-level meetings with Israelis and scorns the idea of photo-opportunities with them, although he should know how magic their impact could be on public opinion here.

Rabin, on the other hand, keeps reassuring Israelis that he has made no commitment to full withdrawal from the Golan in exchange for full peace, but at the same time mentions the phased peace accord with Egypt as a precedent to be applied to Syria, which comes pretty close to the same thing.

He also promises to submit the once-finalized conditions for full peace with Syria to a national referendum. The general impression here is that the negotiations on all the complex ingredients of peace, such as frontiers, security arrangements, foreign monitoring, repercussions from Israeli-Lebanese relations, are still to be agreed upon, but that once these are determined, things will start moving rapidly towards a climax and then — as a package deal — get public approval.

In the ongoing Israeli-PLO talks, some understandings were reached, but the process could be bogged down during implementation. According to the Oslo agreement, elections must be held in the West Bank before Palestinian autonomy can be established. Not only are the differences over the status of the elected body, (legislative as the PLO wants, or administrative as Israel insists), still unsettled, but there is an even more critical issue to be solved.

The Israeli Army is expected to be redeployed outside the populated areas where elections are to be held; but another provision of the same Oslo agreement stipulates that no Jewish settlements are to be dismantled in the interim three-year autonomy period.

One can hardly figure out how, in the absence of a close Israeli military presence, Arab terrorist attacks or clashes between violent opponents of the peace process on both sides can be avoided — or handled if they occur. And there is also the issue of East Jerusalem and its future status, which cannot be resolved by postponement alone.

I said in the first paragraph that the apparent internal success of the government's policy could make progress in the peace process even harder. I want to explain that, although the public is apparently now more ready than before — and clearly more than is reflected by the present Knesset picture — to support the government's peace policies, the government itself feels that it can only proceed very cautiously and slowly. Any acceleration could only sharpen the internal debate.

Meanwhile, the external signals are tempting. The peace process is clearly paying political and promising economic dividends that cannot be overlooked. The Arab boycott is clinically dead, as Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States have practically abolished it. Morocco and Tunisia are now establishing formal ties with Israel and other Muslim countries will probably follow. The ties with Jordan are strengthening although differences over frontiers and water are still to be settled. And finally, Israel's international position has spectacularly improved as a result of her being engaged in the peace process.

However, these signals, for which the government takes full credit, are dismissed by its opponents on the political scene as mere down payments for the final product, which in their view will be an uncertain peace between an untrustworthy Arab world and a territorially crippled, "indefensible" Israel.

Much too rosy scenarios and some too sinister ones, all excessively inflated, fill the air and the media, and are stretching public hopes and fears to a dangerous limit. No wonder then, that the blueprint for peace, still vaguely outlined by the government, and which, under the circumstances, appears acceptable to most Israelis, should be so suspicious to so many others.

Kibbutz is 'finished with ideology'

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

As I discovered on a recent visit to Kibbutz Hahotrim, on the outskirts of Haifa, its dining hall operates just like any capitalistic cafeteria. Kibbutzniks push their trays along the food counter, placing on them whatever they want to eat. Then, coming to the cashier, they pay for their selections with a kibbutz credit card, and the sum is deducted from their personal account.

When I expressed my amazement at this departure from kibbutz tradition to dining hall manager Berta Roitemberg, she disdainfully dismissed my comment, saying: "We're finished with ideology. We've joined the 20th century."

Berta not only runs the kibbutz dining hall, but also directs a kibbutz-based firm which prepares calorie-counted meals for distribution to some 1,000 dieters in various parts of northern Israel. She got the idea for such an enterprise from the fact that she and her staff were already preparing special meals for dozens of kibbutz members who needed them for dietary or medical reasons. This expertise, Berta reasoned, could provide the basis for a company that would sell ready-to-heat-and-eat meals to busy city people who want to lose weight but don't have the time or patience to count calories themselves.

There were doubters aplenty among her fellow kibbutzniks, but since Hahotrim, like other settlements, is badly in need of supplementary income, the kibbutz decided to give Berta's idea a try, setting up a special kosher kitchen in a separate building (because the settlement's main kitchen does not observe the laws of kashrut).

The meals from Hahotrim generally contain 900 or 1,000 calories and are delivered by refrigerated vehicles to the homes of customers once a week. They receive a seven-day, prepackaged supply of food, 21 multi-course meals in all.

Berta maintains a card file containing the culinary preferences of every man and woman on her list, in this way ensuring that they will not only get the specified number of calories, but also the kind of tasty foods they prefer. They can, for example, ask for a variety of ethnic dishes from the Middle East, China and elsewhere. Moreover, the company's customers, who include Police Minister Moshe Shahal and a variety of other public personalities, are free, at any time, to call Berta and consult with her about possible changes in their menu. Many of them, she notes, take meals from the kibbutz for a month or two and then decide to continue on their own. As often as not, however, these people soon come back for another round of prepared diet meals.

Next on the agenda is the opening of a branch of the firm in the Tel Aviv area. Then, politics permitting, perhaps Berta and her colleagues will start supplying diet meals to Arab politicians and sheikhs in neighboring countries.

And, who knows, maybe they'll eventually start selling their products to the credit-card holders of Kibbutz Hahotrim as well.

Israel achieves new status at United Nations

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When the 49th annual United Nations General Assembly opened last month, Israel's ambassador to the UN, Gad Ya'acobi, voiced the hope of building on the diplomatic gains of a "breakthrough" year.

"We are very satisfied with what happened this past year concerning the Israeli-United Nations relationship," Ya'acobi said in an interview. "We are gradually becoming a participant and a legitimate member state, rather than a client and an object."

Ya'acobi attributes his country's new stature to recent progress in the Middle East peace process and the collapse of the Soviet Union, which had long targeted Israel in the international body.

As evidence of its growing acceptance, Israel, in the past year alone, established diplomatic ties with 21 additional nations. Israel now has relations with 146 out of the 185 member states in the UN, the highest number since the state was established in 1948.

Israel's new status at the UN is reflected in part by the elimination, deferral or amendment of 23 of the 30 long-standing anti-Israel resolutions that, until this year, were renewed annually — and with little fuss — by the world body's non-binding General Assembly.

The change was also reflected in Israel's participation in such UN-sponsored projects as the monitoring of South Africa's first all-race elections earlier this year and the aiding of Rwandan refugees in Zaire.

In addition, three Israelis were elected, for the first time in decades, to UN posts.

Now Ya'acobi is hoping to move forward.

First on the agenda, he said, will be securing passage of a resolution endorsing the peace agreements of this past year — the Cairo Accord on implementing Palestinian autonomy and the Washington Declaration ending the state of war between Jordan and Israel.

The resolution, a draft of which already exists, also would call for regional cooperation in the Middle East and a comprehensive peace based on mutual recognition of all the countries in the region.

This resolution would follow up on a resolution passed last year, which praised the Declaration of Principles signed in September 1993 by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Ya'acobi said he expects the resolution to be pushed by the United States, Russia, Norway, Egypt and the PLO, and to receive the support of all but three or four member states.

These states — likely to include Libya, Iraq and Iran — now find themselves in a minority vis-a-vis their stances toward Israel.

Ya'acobi said he also plans to devote attention to the remaining seven anti-Israel resolutions that passed the UN body last year and are expected to return to the floor this year.

Israel, according to Ya'acobi, will argue that some of these resolutions prejudge the outcome of the ongoing Israel-Arab peace process.

These include resolutions that address the status of Jerusalem and demand Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and Lebanon.

"Those issues have to be solved in direct negotiations," said Ya'acobi.

On these resolutions, Israel will be fighting the PLO and Arab states who say the UN should make its voice heard on these topics, even if they are eventually to be resolved in negotiations.

One UN battle Israeli diplomats do not expect to win involves a group of resolutions authorizing and endorsing the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, which has traditionally been a source of virulently anti-Israel propaganda.

Explaining their pessimism, the Israelis note that the United Nations did not eliminate its committee on apartheid until after the election of Nelson Mandela as South Africa's first black president. The Israelis say they expect the Palestinians to insist on maintaining the pro-Palestinian bodies until a final settlement is reached.

But, according to Ya'acobi, Israel will counter that the money spent funding this committee, and a similar body affiliated with the UN Secretariat, would be better used in directly aiding the Palestinians.

Ya'acobi praised the work being done by the UN agencies in the territories as "vital."

The key agencies involved in the region are the United Nations Development Program and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees. UNDP has this year doubled its budget in the territories to $30 million. And UNWRA has begun building permanent housing in the Gaza Strip for the first time.

Beyond their direct expenditures, Ya'acobi said that the two agencies are playing a crucial role as a conduit for international aid. With the PLO still unable or unwilling to provide the degree of accountability that foreign donor nations insist on, the problem is being "solved partially, as an interim arrangement, through the UNDP and UNRWA," said Ya'acobi.

"The donors' money will be passed through those two agencies, in full coordination with the Palestinian Authority," he said.

Another key diplomatic issue on this year's General Assembly agenda is the fate of a resolution condemning Israeli nuclear weaponry, according to Ya'acobi. Last year, Israel came close to defeating the resolution; this year, Ya'acobi believes, it will succeed.

In its place, however, is likely to be a resolution calling for a Middle Eastern nuclear-free zone. Israel, the only Middle Eastern country generally believed to have current nuclear capability, insists that such a nuclear-free zone must follow, not precede, a state of comprehensive regional peace.

"It is not logical — and it contradicts our basic interests — to think that Israel will be inspected on this matter while Iran, Iraq and perhaps Libya are (developing) nuclear potential," Ya'acobi said, adding, "They are the declared enemies of Israel."

Referring to any potential proposal on the matter, Ya'acobi said, "We don't know yet if the proposal of some of the moderate Arab countries is acceptable to us."

Another matter which may have to await the arrival of a comprehensive regional peace is Israel's inclusion in a UN regional group. The ability to serve on the Security Council and other key committees is dependent on being a member of a regional group. But admission to a regional group requires a total consensus of the group's members.

Israel belongs in the Asian group, but even after peace accords with its immediate neighbors, Israel cannot assume that Iran or Libya would allow it to join. Until recently, in view of its isolation at the United Nations, Israel made little effort to join a regional group. But as Israel emerged from its pariah status at the world body two years ago, it turned its attention to seeking observer status in the Western European and Others regional group, which includes such Western but non-European nations as the United States and Australia.

This effort has floundered, however, because bringing Israel on board the European group would dilute the strength of the current members. While the United States has supported Israel's move, other states have blocked the bid.

While Ya'acobi said he does not expect to join the grouping this year, he said the effort has produced other positive results, such as the election of Israeli individuals to UN committees.

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Peace dividends

Israel's long political isolation is ending faster than perhaps anyone dared to think just a few years ago. Since 1991, the year the Madrid peace process was launched, Israel has established or re-established ties with an array of countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. And the process has accelerated since last September, when Israel forged the historic rapprochement with the PLO.

Last July, in a long-anticipated development, Jordan officially ended its state of war with Israel. Several months later, Morocco became the second Arab country to establish relations with Israel.

In recent weeks, the peace dividend has yielded still more results for Israel. On Sept. 30, the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — partially jettisoned the Arab economic boycott against Israel. This was followed, on Oct. 2, by an announcement in which Tunisia and Israel agreed to open low-level diplomatic relations. Capping it all off is the impending arrival of an Israeli delegation in Bahrain later this month for discussions on evironmental issues affecting the region. The talks are part of a group of multilateral Middle East discussions on the environment and other matters.

The decision by the Gulf Cooperation Council to drop the secondary and tertiary boycotts of Israel means that foreign companies doing business with the Jewish state will henceforth not be blacklisted by its constituent members. Regrettably, the Arab League has not endorsed this position, linking it with progress on the Syrian and Lebanese peace tracks. Nevertheless, the Gulf Cooperation Council's decision to ease the boycott — which has cost Israel about $40 billion in lost investments since 1948 — is a bold step forward, and is expected to lead to further advances in related areas.

The exchange of economic liaison offices between Israel and Tunisia is also a welcome sign of the times. It comes nearly a decade after the Israeli air force raided PLO headquarters near Tunis, the capital of this stable North African nation. With Israel and the PLO now at peace, Tunisia no longer had a compelling reason to shun Jerusalem. Ties between Tunisia and Israel will doubtless grow as the peace process blossoms.

The impending visit of an Israeli team to Bahrain, scheduled to be led by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, is yet another indicator that the ice in Israel's relations with the Arab world has been broken. Israelis have been waiting for years for such good news. Thankfully, it is now coming to pass.

Elementary justice

Recently it was announced that New York City will soon build its own Holocaust museum. At the same time, American federal prosecutors have asked a Washington court to take away the American citizenship of one of those people responsible for the Holocaust.

While Canada appears to have developed judicial sclerosis in its attempt to put Nazi war criminals on trial, American officials seem determined not to permit the executioners to have the last word or deed.

Prosecutors are seeking the ouster of an alleged Nazi collaborator now living in Norwood, Mass. He is said to have headed a Lithuanian arm of the Nazi Gestapo from 1941 to 1944 and has been identified as such by Eli M. Rosenbaum, acting director of the Office of Special Investigations of the American justice department. Rosenbaum stresses the importance of this prosecution because the individual in question was "a senior perpetrator of the Holocaust, the first senior Lithuanian police official ever prosecuted for war crimes."

One of the reasons American prosecutors will probably have more success in dealing with alleged Nazi criminals than Canadian ones is because the United States cannot and does not lay criminal charges for war crimes. However, it is possible to revoke someone's citizenship if it can be proven the individual lied about his wartime activities in applying for immigrant status.

It is also significant that Lithuanian authorities, despite the break-up of the Soviet Union, have cooperated with American prosecutors in handing over important documents bearing the signature of the Massachusetts resident, documents showing that he handed over hundreds of Lithuanian Jews to the Nazis. The Jewish victims were herded into a site at Panerial, near Vilna, and murdered.

Depriving an individual of his citizenship and deporting him are lesser punishments than incarceration, but they are the best instruments available under American law. This act, moreover, expresses an elementary justice — that the perpetrator of war crimes should not enjoy peaceful retirement.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

FACKENHEIM'S POSITION

My views of the Oslo Accord and its sequels are much more nuanced than your account (Sept. 29) made it appear: I do not "slam" it in toto.

I have become persuaded that the previous Israeli policies cannot be carried on any longer, and that the present government's accord, once made, cannot be reversed. But much more stamina is needed in acting on it.

What I, and I believe most Israelis, look for are red lines: about how much to yield to the PLO, and on what terms; about how to show the necessary toughness on Jewish Jerusalem; and about how to handle Syria and the Golan.

On the last subject, to surrender the Golan, or any part of it, now seems folly when it would surely be more prudent to make peace with Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and yes, the PLO, and leave Syria, for a while, in the cold.

As for the PLO, to give just one example, watch how they lose no opportunity, not even when talking to children, to proclaim their goal as Jerusalem as capital of a Palestinian state.

Why this unbending attitude, and not just on Jerusalem as their capital, which it never was? The only answer that makes sense is not some sort of self-rule for the Arab population in the Arab part of the city, which they can have, but political control over the holy places, Muslim and Christian, with us having to come to them, cap in hand, for permission to pray — or rather, once more, to wail — at the Western Wall. But for us, having reached Zion after two millennia of waiting, to lose it again would be the end of Zionism.

The government ought to respond to this threat with a strong reaffirmation of Zionism. This would, like something else, reunite Israelis after the Oslo accord has divided them as they have never been divided before.

Emil L. Fackenheim
Jerusalem

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NOT FIRST CJC MEET

Maurice Lucow has correctly stressed the important role of the Jews of Winnipeg and Western Canada in the movement towards the founding conference of Canadian Jewish Congress in 1919, and in the efforts to reestablish the Congress as a permanent body in 1934 in his report on the coming CJC conference in Vancouver *The CJN*, Sept. 29).

He is incorrect however in stating this will be the "first ever CJC Western conference."

The first conference of the Western and Pacific Regions of Canadian Jewish Congress took place in Vancouver on June 7 and 8, 1958, in honor of the centenary of the Jews in B.C. National president Sam Bronfman, executive chair Monroe Abbey and executive director Saul Hayes were in attendance. Over 100 delegates came from Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton as well as Vancouver.

Topics discussed at that 1958 conference included Jewish education, the problem of religious education in the public schools, fundraising, and "How to make Congress more effective on the local scene." This information comes from the *Jewish Western Bulletin*, (June 6 and 13, 1958) during my tenure as editor.

Among the Winnipeg delegates were Saul and Sybil Cherniack; Saul was then Western regional chair. Hy Altman was the Pacific region chair and Esmond (Bud) Lando played an active role in the conference as national vice-president from the Pacific region.

During 1966-72 I also recall Western regional Congress meetings in Calgary and Regina as well as Winnipeg, while I served as CJC Western regional director. Of course the coming Vancouver conference may be much larger than past western meetings in view of the much enlarged Jewish population in British Columbia.

(Incidentally, Saul Cherniack is another recent appointee to the Order of Canada. Saul was one of the first appointees to the watchdog committee of CSIS, after he retired from active politics. He served in the late '60s and early '70s as a cabinet member in the Manitoba government of Premier Ed Schreyer.)

By and large I must say I am very impressed with the scope of coverage and the calibre of articles appearing in *The CJN*. Yeshayahu Anug's articles on Israel are particularly incisive.

Abraham Arnold
Winnipeg

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HEAD COVERS OK

It gives the undersigned great pleasure to inform you that The General Vanier Royal Canadian Legion Branch (Que. No. 234) at Roxboro has, at the September general meeting, overwhelmingly voted in favor of allowing religious head dress, namely yarmulkas and turbans, etc., to be worn by eligible members and guests at the Legion Hall, at all times.

I would like to point out that each branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has a set of house rules and branch by-laws separate from the general by-laws of the Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command.

All the adverse publicity given the Royal Canadian Legion was purely caused by ignorance of the public and the media of the structure of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are a very democratic organization and have proved this once again.

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EDITORIAL OFF BASE

Your assertion (*CJN*, Sept. 14) that Morocco's decision to establish diplomatic ties with Israel is "rooted in Israel's rapprochement with the PLO" is correct, but this is not "leading to a just and lasting peace."

It is common knowledge that Iraq is desperate to join the peace process and there are rumors concerning Libya too. The reason for this is clear. Israel has capitulated to the PLO by not enforcing the Oslo accords.

The government has not shown concern that, one year later, the PLO covenant has not been overhauled. Secondly, Arafat solemnly signed that terrorism would end and if it occurs, its perpetrators would be brought to justice. The mass-circulation daily *Yediot* reported Sept. 14 that 5754 was the worst year in the history of the State of Israel for terrorist murders; at least 16 of them were committed by Fatah, which is under direct command of Arafat. Together with this, not one trial has taken place of any of the murderers.

Thus, it is clear to Israel's enemies that they have nothing to lose by entering into peace agreements.

Michael Wilschanski
Toronto

Dry Bones

THE PLO NOW HAS TERRITORY, SOLDIERS AND A FLAG!
SO?
SO DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT THEY ARE NOW PRACTICALLY A FOREIGN STATE?
NO!
NOT UNTIL THE STATE DEPT. GIVES THEM FOREIGN MISSION STATUS IN AMERICA!
AND THAT'S NOT 'TIL NEXT WEEK.

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Biblical data find new confirmation

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The headline of this article may puzzle many readers. After all, if any part of the Bible tells us what took place, do we need further confirmation?

But there are considerable numbers of scholars — in Israel and outside it — who point to the fact that there is no outside evidence to support significant biblical accounts.

One of these involves the ancient city of Hebron. It was a principal target of Joshua's troops during the conquest of the land, and according to the Torah (Numbers 13:22) it was an old city, formerly known as Kiryat-Arba. But, say the archeologists, no dig has found any evidence that Hebron existed before the 10th century, which is several hundred years later than the time of Joshua.

Now, an unbiased reader would conclude that we do have the biblical record on hand, and that it must be taken seriously even though it cannot be backed by archeological evidence, and that one should not make the absence of such evidence the reason for denying the accurate biblical account. For what has not been discovered to date may be discovered tomorrow, and even if no such discovery is ever made it is easy to imagine that ancient Kiryat-Arba/Hebron was so thoroughly destroyed that we cannot find any remains.

Rabbi Plaut

In the September/October 1994 issue of *Biblical Archeology Review*, Charles R. Krahmalkov refers to these "rejectionist scholars." So certain are they of their point of view, Krahmalkov says, that one of them writes: "It is quite clear that the biblical writers knew nothing about events in Palestine before the 10th century BCE." (i.e., the time of David and Solomon).

However, in this fascinating article, Krahmalkov provides evidence that in fact there is archeological support for the existence of Hebron as an important city in Canaan at the time of Joshua.

In the late Bronze Age, when the conquest took place, Egypt had ruled the area for about 300 years (about 1500-1200), and some Egyptian wall mats have been found which list the extent of the empire and note principal cities in various parts of the Near East. Not only is Hebron clearly marked as being an important place, the mats also show that the towns surrounding it are precisely those mentioned in Joshua, Chapter 15. Krahmalkov makes the same case for other locales. Thus, the town of Kedesh figures in the war of Deborah and Barak (Judges, Chapters 4 and 5). Scholars have doubted this mention, because no local archeological evidence had been found so far for it. But it too is mentioned on an Egyptian wall mat, thus unmistakably refuting its "non-existence."

What bothers me especially about the rejectionist scholars is their absolute certainty that they are right and everyone else, including the Bible, is wrong. This scholarly arrogance puts me off every time. Whenever I read accounts bereft of all modesty I come to the conclusion that they are probably wrong. For those who occupy themselves with biblical studies this back-and-forth presents a fascinating spectacle, which in itself is worthy of independent study.

After blast, Argentine Jews still reeling

By LAURA FLEISCHMAN
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Last summer's terrorist attack that destroyed the headquarters of the Jewish community in Buenos Aires has been a striking, despicable shock for Argentines. The strike, which killed nearly a hundred people and wounded hundreds more, triggered mourning, despair, haunting fear, and a deep sense of insecurity.

Ironically, this sense of insecurity has been exacerbated rather than alleviated by the government's decision to establish a Security Secretariat to concentrate policing in the hands of the government.

This super secretariat, first proposed following a popular uprising in the interior of Argentina last year, gained momentum after the Chiapas outbreak in Mexico. But the extent to which this structure will actually make the intelligence community more capable of dealing with international terrorism is dubious.

Rather, past traditions of a security apparatus, and the perceived threat of latent social conflict, raise fears that the government is refurbishing its repressive structure to deal with internal threats, as has been customary in Argentina.

Indeed, fear is not an unknown sentiment among Argentines who lived in distress from 1976 to 1983, when a military regime perpetrated clandestine terror against society. Thousands of political prisoners were seized and disappeared in the hands of a "security" apparatus that became expert in racketeering, torturing and killing civilians.

During those years, Argentinean Jews, in particular, suffered the weight of repression due to the entrenched anti-Semitic feelings of the security apparatus. Jews trapped in the hand of the terrorist state were treated with special cruelty because they were considered to be intrinsically subversive.

Anti-Semites within the security apparatus, and among extreme right-wing nationalists, have often attempted to persuade the rest of society that Jews were aliens in Argentina. In their view, Jews were citizens of Israel, a foreign country with a different flag and national anthem and, therefore, unable to integrate into Argentine society.

But anti-Semitism predates the military regime in Argentina. Its violent antecedents can be traced to the early decades of this century. The awareness that being a Jew could have terrible consequences was evident in the 1960s, when ugly eruptions of anti-Semitism led to bombings, beatings, assaults, painted swastikas on the streets, and even instances of torture of Argentinean Jews.

Many childhood memories include bomb threats, attacks against schools and synagogues, and strict security measures that Jewish establishments carried out as a means of shielding children from a nightmare of violence that enveloped Argentina.

The inability and even unwillingness of civilian regimes to contain, investigate, and punish the perpetrators of those right-wing nationalist attacks (often supported and tolerated by the police) was disturbing, but not surprising.

Jews understood that right-wing ultra-nationalist groups held disproportionate power within key institutions of the state apparatus, including the armed forces and educational institutions. Jews began to accommodate themselves to this reality, finding consolation in the fact that anti-Semitism was not unique to Argentina.

When democracy was restored in Argentina in 1983, elected president Raul Alfonsin managed to pursue some degree of truth and justice by publicizing the horrors perpetrated by the previous regime and by holding public trials of leading members of the military junta and other senior officers.

Everybody hoped that violence in Argentina would be a thing of the past. However, democracy did not imply the pacification of anti-democratic groups. When President Carlos Menem gave amnesty to the generals that had been tried in the previous administration for assassination and human rights violations and when he ended the trials of former torturers, the process of healing through due process was curtailed. Some perpetrators were even allowed to resume their jobs within the security apparatus.

After 1983, fear of anti-Semitism diminished, although there was an awareness in the back of people's minds that private political violence was not fully de-activated, and that perpetrators were still walking freely in the streets of Buenos Aires.

People encountered notorious torturers, and in one case, a well-known police torturer enrolled his child in a school located in a Jewish neighborhood of the capital district.

Nonetheless, even with the reappearance of Nazi books and the desecration of Jewish cemeteries in recent years, Argentine Jews were unprepared for the most recent attack, despite the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in 1992.

There is mounting suspicion that the latest bombing in Argentina has international dimensions, and that pro-Iranian terrorist groups could be behind the attack. Some also believe that some Argentineans might have given logistical support.

Until now, the government has not given many clues to the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy. Israelis even have reported that elements within the Argentine police undermined the investigation of that incident.

This time, the sinister word "disappeared," which once referred to the thousands victimized by a repressive military regime, referred to people who were not accounted for after the July 18 blast. The term resounded in Argentina, where many former perpetrators of human rights abuses are currently unemployed.

Many of these individuals relate "subversion" to the Jewish condition. They have not been punished for previous violations of human rights, and are available to join any anti-Jewish crusade. For they believe they are above the rule of law.

I am a YAM, a YAM I am

By JACK CHISVIN

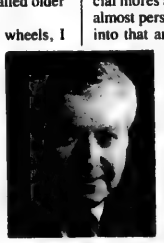
A few weeks ago I celebrated a birthday. Celebrated might be an exaggeration. Let's say I experienced a birthday, or to be precise, I was reminded of my birthday when during the course of the day I found a card in my morning mail basket and another under my dinner plate that night.

Now, having a birthday is not unusual. Everyone has one, and everyone keeps looking forward to the next, for the alternative is something we don't dare contemplate. But the undeniable truth is that with each passing birthday we get further removed from youth.

Not that I no longer empathize with youth. I was a pretty cool guy myself once. My hair was cut bristly short in a crew cut, my shoes were tied with colored laces, my tie was worn with the narrow end overlaying the wide end, and my trousers were very narrow at the cuff, ballooned at the knee and deeply pleated.

I banded with screaming crowds of my contemporaries at concerts to hear a skinny little singer called Frankie croon about my clothes — "I wanna zoot suit with a reat pleat." I also displayed other peculiar mannerisms: I called older people Ma'am or Sir.

Since neither I nor my friends had wheels, I used public transportation. If the conveyance was full when an older person boarded, I got up and offered my seat — outrageous behavior by today's standards.



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Youth is not only a time of life but a state of mind which some lucky people never outgrow. It is a tenor of the will, a range of the emotions, a freedom of the senses and an unbounded imagination. Nobody grows old by merely counting the years. People grow old by deserting their ideals and running out of tomorrows.

Every age has groups which define its trends and fads. Within recent memory, beatniks, hippies and yuppies have appeared on and disappeared from the scene. But I am ambivalent about issues of identity. When I was first addressed as "Sir," I was shocked into worrying about who I am. Sir is for older people. Surely, that couldn't be me.

Thirty years later, after my generation failed to do anything outrageous to rock the boat of social mores and become heroes of our time, I was almost persuaded to believe I had been subsumed into that amorphous mass of senior citizens.

Like the time I bought seniors' movie tickets. As the designated buyer for my wife and two friends, I was instructed to ask for the tickets even though at that time none of us qualified. We supposed that to a teenage cashier, our grey hair was sufficient qualification.

I placed a $20 bill in the wicket and asked for four . . . the word "seniors" wouldn't come out of my mouth. My puritanical upbringing swept over me. I was guilt personified, certain the cashier could see through me and I would be publicly embarrassed. I stood there dry-mouthed, my voice fading into an imperceptible croak. Without hesitation I was handed four senior tickets and four dollars change. Deja-vu — it was like being called "sir" again for the first time.

I am not retired, nor do I even think about it, but together with my adventurous mate, we manage to take time to do things that defy age. We joined in spelunking by descending a lava tube in the Galapogos Islands; we snorkelled in the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia; we skied the Plunge at Telluride; we went white water rafting in Costa Rica; we took a jungle treck in Sumatra — all of this after I reached the venerable age of 60.

There is one downside with each trip we take. At the end of it we are always older than we were at the start. Our latest escapade was a 75-mile hike up and down the vineyards of Burgundy. Sitting in the airplane on the flight home, for the moment isolated from the great public issues that would greet me, I was nevertheless not at ease. I was in a void, just on the edge of knowing something, when gradually I started feeling good about myself. Our travel experience left no doubt that I am still youthful, and active. I recalled having read that the fastest growing age group is not the over-60s but the over-100s, so I have yet to approach the onset of old age. I am merely mature.

There and then I discovered my identity. In our fetish for acronyms, and with apologies to Dr. Seuss, I am a YAM, a YAM I am — Youthful, Active and Mature. What more could a sentient being ask for?

Features

Hitler's birthplace reflects infamous past

Sheldon Kirshner visits Braunau, a small town in Austria burdened by the past.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"We are not proud of it, nor can we hide it," said Josef Dax, the person who met me at the empty railway station one warm sunny mid-morning in late June.

Dax, the 33-year-old executive assistant to Braunau's mayor, was referring to the most notorious burgher ever produced by this secluded border town in Upper Austria, some 300 kilometres west of Vienna.

At 6:30 p.m., on April 20, 1889, in the Gasthof zum Pommer, Klara Polzl, the third wife of a customs officer 23 years her senior, gave birth to a boy who was to become the greatest enemy of the Jewish people.

He was christened Adolf Hitler, and his name is inscribed in crabbed letters in a mouldering registry kept behind lock and key in Braunau's pre-eminent Roman Catholic church. Ironically, the Gothic pile, St. Stefan, which pierces Braunau's low skyline, was completed in 1492, the year the Jewish community was expelled from Spain during the Spanish Inquisition.

Although Hitler's association with Braunau was extremely short-lived — he and his family moved away when he was very young, and he never returned — this lovely town lying amid green rolling hills on the Inn River has been cursed by his terrible legacy.

"The only thing famous — or infamous — about Braunau is that it is Hitler's birthplace," observed Johann Wolf ruefully. He is a 46-year-old teacher of English and geography who grew up here.

Its notoriety notwithstanding, Braunau is terra incognita to many Austrians and Europeans, a clean, picturesque, tranquil, remote burg of 17,000 inhabitants which, according to the locals, has never had a Jewish community.

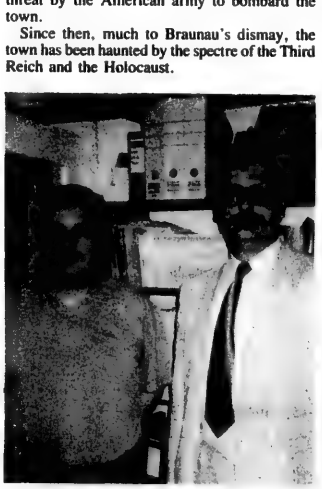
"A Jewish family, the Wertheimers, lived in the district before the war," noted Dax, whose father was all of 15 when the Allies liberated Austria from Germany's hegemonial grip in 1945. "They emigrated in the 1930s."

Connected to Germany by a narrow bridge, Braunau was a commercial hub and a military garrison during its Habsburg Empire phase. Its population was about 4,000 when Hitler was born and 5,000 when Austria was annexed by Germany in 1938.

Braunau's predominantly Roman Catholic residents welcomed the Anschluss and, it appears, were proud that a native son, Hitler, sprang from Braunau. "Only a few people in Braunau and the rest of Austria were anti-Nazi," claimed Peter Untareiner, Braunau's sole Protestant pastor.

By Dax's account, the German occupation of Braunau came to an inglorious end on May 1, 1945, when the Wehrmacht fled, following a threat by the American army to bombard the town.

Since then, much to Braunau's dismay, the town has been haunted by the spectre of the Third Reich and the Holocaust.



Josef Dax (right) and Peter Untareiner. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Hitler's house, with its anti-fascist memorial. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

In 1979, on the 90th anniversary of Hitler's birth, neo-Nazis and anti-Nazis staged noisy, disruptive demonstrations here. A decade later, when neo-Nazis and their opponents converged on Braunau yet again, the town was better prepared, with metal barriers and riot squads ringing the house where Hitler was born.

The three-storey yellow building on 15 Salzburger Vorstadt, just off Braunau's expansive main square, was originally an inn, then an army barracks and then a library. In recent years, it has served as a day care centre for handicapped children. To its left is a furniture shop. To its right, a clothing store.

In front of the house is a plain stone marker quarried from Mauthausen, the former concentration camp. The inscription reads: "For peace, freedom and democracy. Never again fascism. In memory of the millions of dead."

The memorial was placed on the site in March 1989 at the initiative of its newly-elected mayor, Gerhard Skiba. His father was "a simple soldier" in the Wehrmacht and, he believes, knew absolutely nothing about the Holocaust until hostilities had ceased.

Skiba, 47, put up the memorial as a reminder of the past and as a warning against "budding neo-Nazism." He did not consult the city council, knowing that representatives of the right-wing Freedom party and elements within the conservative People's party might oppose his plan.

At the ceremony marking the placement of the monument, Skiba delivered an impassioned speech. The German text, translated into English, runs as follows:

"Since we here in Braunau are also aware of historical facts, we do not repress the tragic ones. Just the opposite. We bow in reverence and mourning to all the victims of that horrible time... We are aware of the values which are important to us — the support of openness and tolerance, the respect for differing opinions, and the sense for justice and democracy...

"With this, we will remove the breeding ground for ideas which once drove our country and its people into darkness. There may be no pause in the struggle for peace, human rights and against intolerance and anti-Semitism."

Skiba, a soft-spoken man, derives satisfaction from the fact that Hitler's former residence is used by the disabled who, he points out, were callously disposed of in euthanasia programs under Nazi rule.

He hopes the house can be converted into a museum-cum-documentation centre on the Nazi era, with emphasis on Austria's role in the Third Reich and the Holocaust.

The project remains on hold, pending a decision by the Pommer family to sell the property. In 1983, Skiba's predecessor sought permission from the Pommers to erect a plaque on the building, but the heir — an elderly lady — refused. She feared that vandals would break its windows.

In point of fact, the house has never been vandalized, and Nazi sympathizers have left bouquets of flowers there. However, the anti-fascist memorial has been spray-painted with swastikas.

Apart from the memorial, Braunau remembers the past in various ways.

In 1988, on the 50th anniversary of the Anschluss, schools required pupils to submit essays and projects on the event.

Four years later, Braunau sponsored a day-long seminar on the war, inviting participants from Poland, France, the Czech Republic and Germany.

Last year, Braunau invited former forced laborers from Russia and reunited them with their ex-employers.

In the future, Braunau wants to build a fountain in memory of Franz Jagerstatter, a member of the Austrian resistance movement executed by the Nazis in 1943.

And recently, *Schindler's List*, the Academy Award-winning film, played in Braunau to considerable interest.

Johannes Buchstaller — a 37-year-old biology and math teacher — claims that students in his secondary school are, in general, familiar with the Holocaust and the war (which claimed 520 soldiers from Braunau). Excursions to Mauthausen, he says, are mandatory from the age of 14.

Buchstaller doubts whether Braunau's image has been sullied by its inextricable link with Hitler. But no unanimity exists insofar as this question is concerned.

Dax has heard comments characterizing Braunau as a "Nazi town." When Rudolf Schmidt, a retired music teacher, travelled in Italy and in the former Yugoslavia, he felt a palpable coolness. "There are a lot of people in Braunau who are ashamed," he said. "Others say, 'We had nothing to do with it.' "

Stefan Hoffer, the parish priest at St. Stefan, the church where Hitler was baptized, contends that Braunau has not been stigmatized. But in the next breath, he allows that Braunauers who visit Israel disingenuously claim they're from the "Salzburg area." Salzburg, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is approximately 60 kilometres north of Braunau.

Nearly 50 years have elapsed since the war ended. Yet some of the residents of Braunau — whose economy is dependent on an aluminum plant and glass and automobile parts factories — continue to live with painful memories of that time.

Mayor Gerhard Skiba

When the topic of conversation got around to his father, Untareiner, 46, paused, saying, "That's a hard question."

A technician in the German air force, Reinhard Untareiner was an ardent Nazi and an unreconstructed anti-Semite until his death in 1975. "He blamed all problems on Jews. I couldn't speak to him about this. He tried to turn me into an anti-Semite."

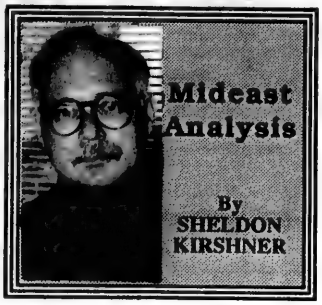
Schmidt's father joined the Nazi party after the Anschluss, but was apparently not "a fanatic." A conscript in the Wehrmacht, he vanished without a trace in the Balkans.

Wolf's father, also in the Wehrmacht, served in the Soviet Union and Poland. "He heard rumors of atrocities against civilians, but it was forbidden to ask questions." His father, he said, never knowingly knew a Jew.

Like other towns in Europe which do not have a Jewish community, Braunau is plagued by that bizarre but recurring phenomenon — anti-Semitism without Jews.

Elderly residents solemnly informed Dax that Jews were "to blame" for Austria's imminent entry into the European Union. "Anti-Semitic propaganda is still in their heads," he said disgustedly. Schmidt, for his part, has heard anti-Jewish jokes, told with a Yiddish inflection. Buchstaller argues that anti-Semitic attitudes in Braunau, consisting of "old legends," are no different than elsewhere in Austria. Skiba bemoans the existence of anti-Semitism and xenophobia.

Despite the persistence of anti-Semitic feelings, Braunau is politically liberal, a bastion of the Social Democratic party. In the 1986 presidential election, Kurt Waldheim — the candidate who concealed his past, much to Austria's subsequent embarrassment — trailed his Socialist rival by a margin of 5,291 to 4,103.



Following the 1948-49 War of Independence, Israel and its Arab adversaries entered into indirect peace talks in the Swiss city of Lausanne. The purpose of the negotiations, sponsored by the United Nations, was ambitious — a "final settlement" of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Running from April to September 1949, the Lausanne conference was a failure. Nevertheless, it was an historic occasion, a chance for Israel and its Arab neighbors to settle their differences peacefully.

Strange as it may sound, not a single monograph devoted entirely to this diplomatic episode had ever been written until the recent appearance of Neal Caplan's slender volume, *The Lausanne Conference, 1949: A Case Study in Middle East Peacemaking* (Syracuse University Press, $9.95, US).

Published under the auspices of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, *The Lausanne Conference* is a thoroughly-researched work, based on Hebrew, Arabic, English and French documents.

The author — a Middle East specialist whose books include *Palestine Jewry and the Arab Question, 1917-1925* and *Futile Diplomacy, Arab-Zionist Negotiation Attempts, 1913-1948* — teaches at Montreal's Vanier College.

The ill-fated conference was conducted under the umbrella of the Palestine Conciliation Commission. But the Western powers played a crucial behind-the-scenes role.

Opportunity wasted

The United States concluded that the talks could only succeed if Israel allowed a substantial number of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in what was now Israel. However, Israel was not keen. In a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett argued that the refugee problem — which remains a major question today — could only be resolved in the context of a comprehensive peace accord.

David Ben-Gurion — Israel's prime minister — added his voice to the debate. While reiterating Sharett's position, he maintained that the introduction of large numbers of Arabs into Israel would create a potential fifth column.

Facing an intractable deadlock in Lausanne, Israel floated a trial balloon which, in retrospect, seems incredible. The Gaza Strip and its Palestinian population would be annexed by Israel, thereby solving the refugee problem. Oddly enough, the proposal was roundly rejected by the Arabs.

Next, in yet another futile effort to get the talks going, the United States suggested that Israel cede the port of Eilat to Egypt. Then Britain presented a plan which, among other things, called for Israeli territorial concessions in the southern Negev, the repatriation of refugees, and Haifa port facilities for the Arab states.

Watching these developments with trepidation, Israel changed its strategy, Caplan writes. It would no longer chase after real peace, since the Arabs would demand an intolerably high price in exchange. Instead, Israel would be satisfied with a mere armistice. Thus, as Caplan observes, Israel's linkage between a refugee settlement and an overall peace agreement was broken.

This new strategy, combined with an Israeli offer to resettle 100,000 refugees, did not impress the Arabs. Evidently, the United States was of the same mind. In a bid to induce Israeli "flexibility," the Truman administration suspended payments to a $100 million loan previously granted by the Export-Import Bank of Washington.

This punitive action had no effect whatsoever on the peace process. At the end of the day, Israel and the Arabs were still far apart on substantive issues.

In Caplan's view, Lausanne was a fiasco for at least three reasons: the growing conviction of each side that time worked in its favor, and that serious concessions were not necessary; the Arab tactic of using the conference to subvert Israel rather than making peace with the Jewish state; and, finally, the desire by Israel to consolidate its military gains without offering significant concessions on territory or refugees.

As a result, a golden opportunity to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict through peaceful means was frittered away.

All-Jewish slate running in Vaughan ward

Municipal Decision '94

With this issue, *The CJN* begins its coverage of the Nov. 14 municipal elections.

David Chapley

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Henry Cowen (Sittayoun)

Susan Kadis

Bernie Green

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — It's rare in municipal politics, but in Vaughan's newly-created Ward 5, it's an all-Jewish slate of candidates for the Nov. 14 city-wide vote.

Seeking re-election is Bernie Green, first elected to council in 1988 in what used to be Ward 3. The ward, co-held by Coun. Mario Racco, was split earlier this year after the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approved the concept of one councillor per ward.

But in so doing, Green charged at the time, the OMB gerrymandered the ward and created a "Jewish ghetto" because the rejigging meant Ward 5 was 80-85 per cent Jewish.

According to Green, that also limited the possibility of Jewish candidates winning election in any other ward, and would always mean the district would be "the Jewish ward" on council.

Vaughan's council last year approved the new boundaries, and Green reluctantly went along, believing the dividing line would be along Bathurst Street. But the OMB split Ward 3 along New Westminster Drive, meaning thousands more Jewish residents are in the new southeastern ward than if the line had been drawn at Bathurst.

Ward 5 is bounded by Clark Avenue, south along New Westminster to Steeles, north along Yonge Street to Highway 7, west to Bathurst and south to Clark. It has a population of just over 25,000.

The area takes in almost all of Thornhill's Jewish residents, including the Spring Farm community, those affiliated with Chabad-Lubavitch of Thornhill and several day schools and synagogues.

Making another stab at local politics is David Chapley, who held Ward 3 on council from 1982 to 1991 and doubled as local and regional councillor from 1988 to 1991.

As well, he was Hydro commissioner from 1985 to 1992.

Chapley, 44, tallies a long list of community involvement, including at Vaughan's non-profit housing corporation, the public library board and the race and ethnocultural relations committee.

He's also on the executive of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and a member of both the community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

Also running hard for the council seat is Henry Cowen (Sittayoun), a business manager and long-time Jewish communal activist.

Cowen, in his late 50s, says he likes to "think big" now that Vaughan is no longer a town but a city.

He'd like to see a centre for performing arts, similar to North York's; world-class tennis courts and a soccer stadium; and a tax freeze for two years.

Cowen, making his first bid for public office, would seek twice-weekly garbage collection in summer months, clearing driveway entrances and side streets after snow ploughing, and open-air swimming pools in some parks.

A fifth-generation Sabra who immigrated to Canada in 1957, Cowen tallies a long list of Jewish activities, including fundraising for several organizations. He's involved with B'nai Brith, the Labor Zionist Movement, Canadian Jewish Congress and was president of Magen David Sephardic Congregation.

Green, 47, says he's running largely on his record, the "key element" of which has been a zero per cent tax increase last year and .5 per cent reduction this year.

Green also points to the new pool at the Dufferin-Clark community centre, the new municipal library on Clark and new traffic lights at key intersections. During his terms, he "took a leadership role" in the establishment of three new Jewish day schools in the ward, proposed branches of both the Reena Foundation and Aish HaTorah, and twinning Vaughan with the Israeli town of Ramla.

If re-elected, Green says he'll push for improved maintenance for parks and streets "but not at extra cost," and a three-year tax freeze.

Green is promised a stiff challenge from Susan Kadis, the two-term York Region Board of Education trustee from Thornhill.

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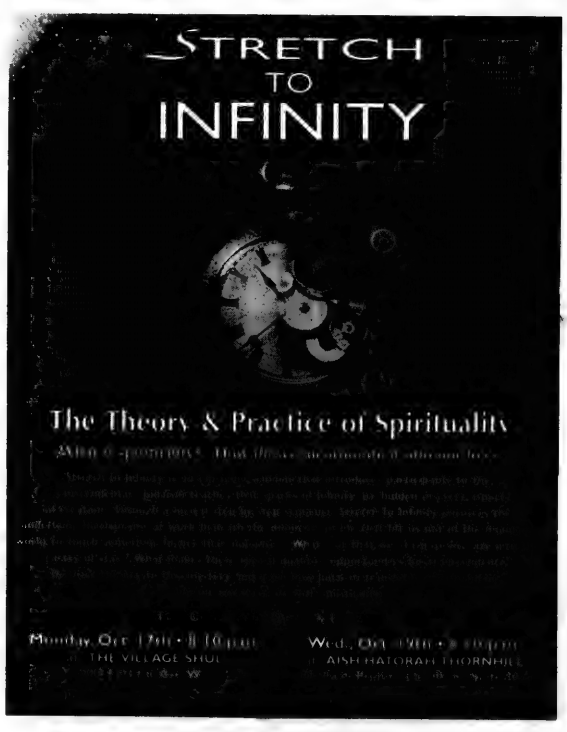
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Jewish candidates throw hat into ring for Hamilton council

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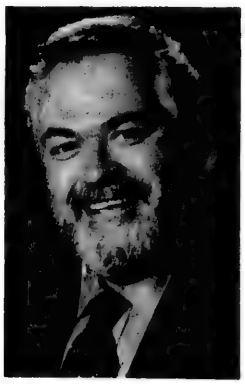
Marvin Caplan

HAMILTON — There's a good chance Hamilton may have a Jewish representative on city council after the Nov. 14 municipal elections.

Marvin Caplan and Emmy Weisz are among nine candidates competing for two seats as aldermen in Ward One, which has a large Jewish population.

Only one of the two present representatives, long-time alderman Mary Kiss, is running again; Terry Cooke is vacating his seat to run for the job of regional chair.

The last Jew to serve on city council was Ward One alderman Paul Drage, who died in the early '80s while in office.

Marvin Caplan is a high profile businessman with an extensive record of community involvement.

A former Torontonian who has been a resident of Ward One since he opened Marvin Caplan Gentlemen's Apparel here in 1978, Caplan has long taken a keen interest in municipal affairs and in the development of the downtown core.

He decided to run for office, he told *The CJN*, out of sense of frustration at "the lack of vision, the lack of planning" he has observed here over the years.

His background as a retailer and an active member of numerous business organizations, including the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Council of Canada and the Rotary Club, and as a founding member and current president of the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area and immediate past president of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and District, will be immensely beneficial, he says.

It has also helped him develop "the listening skills" as well as "the ability to ask questions no one else ever seems to think of asking" — essential attributes for effective representation in municipal government, he says.

Besides his involvement in local, national and Jewish causes too numerous to list, Caplan is also a frequent lecturer on business-related subjects at local high schools, Mohawk College and McMaster University. He has taught a course on Canadian Jewish history at Beth Jacob Sunday high school.

Caplan, his wife Judy and their four sons are all actively involved in Beth Jacob Congregation.

Emmy Weisz is a social worker whose prime concerns are persons with special needs and the elderly, efficient public services and "intelligent, productive, long term planning."

A native of Holland, she survived World War II as a hidden child and on her own. She and her husband, Erich, also a survivor, have been residents of Ward One for over 30 years, and are the parents of two grown sons.

A graduate of the McMaster University School of Social Work, Weisz also holds a masters degress in social work from the University of Toronto.

She is the founding president of the Alzheimer Society for Halton-Wentworth, served on the board of Jewish seniors' residence Shalom Village, and was executive director of Beth Tikvah, a home for developmentally handicapped adults.

Weisz is also a past president of The Consumer Association for the Hamilton area, The Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers (Hamilton Branch), and the National Committee on Consumer Issues for the Elderly.

Her concern for the needs of the elderly and infirm has frequently led her to investigate such hazards as slippery supermarket floors and cracked sidewalks.

She is presently a member of the National Advisory Committee on Elder Abuse in the Ethno-cultural Community and on the Pathway Committee at city hall.

Jay Feinberg reaches out to community

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Time is running out for Jay Feinberg, the 26-year-old New Jersey man whose valiant three year search for a bone marrow transplant has captured the hearts and imaginations of his fellow Jews.

In an interview taped last week for airing on the Oct. 17 *Shirley Show*, Feinberg and his mother, Arlene, clutching each others' hands, announced that his physician told them a few days ago that he has only a few months left to live.

Toronto's Jewish community once more has the oppurtunity to help, as they have so enthusiastically in the past. A mass blood screening is being held Oct. 18, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Anyone from 17 to 50, and in good health, can be a donor. Those who have already been tested, for Jay Feinberg or for previous appeals for Alison Atlas, need not be tested again.

"It was like a bad dream," Jay said, when asked by host Shirley Solomon how he felt when he got the latest bad news. "I felt like I was looking right through him [the doctor]. I kept thinking that I'll wake up and everything will be different."

There is no question that there is hope for Jay, who suffers from chronic myelogenous leukemia. A highlight of the show is the meeting between 19-year-old Thornhill teenager Audey Stanleigh and Steve Cheifetz, the Windsor man whose bone marrow donation, located, ironically, through a clinic for Feinberg, saved his life.

Cheifetz' wife urged the audience to be tested. "It could be your brother, or your sister or your child. If you would want them to be helped, you have to be prepared to help others."

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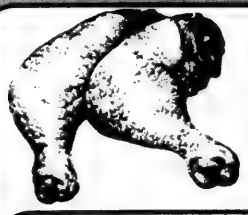

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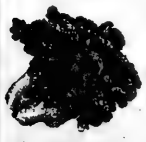

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Women's publication launched

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Maybe I'm a bit idealistic," says Dorothy Lichtblau, 42, reflecting on her goals for *Jewish Women's Forum*.

The publication she envisioned months ago became a reality with the printing of 5,000 copies of the first September/October issue.

"There are many perspectives [within the Jewish community], and I think diversity makes things rich," Lichtblau said in a recent interview. She wants *JWF* to be an "interactive" publication in which "people feel they have a voice."

Lichtblau, who is both publisher and editor of *JWF*, sees it as a vehicle for education and unification within the Jewish community. "I feel there's a strength in working together," she said.

It's only in the past few years that Lichtblau, a Toronto-born child of Holocaust survivors, has become more involved in the Jewish community. A member of the egalitarian First Narayever Congregation, she is also part of Toronto's Jewish Feminist Community, an outgrowth of the first feminist Sukkot service held here in 1992.

"It's been a long process. Maybe the core of it is trying to come to terms with who I am: female, Jewish, and someone for whom the arts are very important," she said.

A teacher by training, Lichtblau is also an actor, playwright, storyteller and journalist. *JWF* represents her first foray into publishing.

The 12-page premiere issue, printed newsletter-style on recycled bond paper, is dedicated to women throughout Jewish history. It includes profiles of Rabbi Gilah Dror, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, and of Toronto writer Rhea Tregebov, as well as an article on 2nd-century scholar Beruriah and a biblical analysis (In Search of the Hidden Twin Sisters of the Tribes of Israel) by Orthodox lawyer Shayna Kravetz.

Each issue of *JWF* will have a theme. Upcoming issues will deal with A Jewish Education: What Do We Teach Our Children? (November/December), How Jewish Women Can Help Create Peace Consciousness (January/Febuary, and Jewish Feminism: A Process of Cultural Transformation (March/April).

Dorothy Lichtblau

Lichtblau believes her publication is unique in Canada, but is aware of similar publications in the United States. The response to the first issue, of which over 3,000 copies have been distributed, has been "really wonderful," she said.

She hopes the response will be reflected in subscriptions, advertising and editorial contributions. The magazine is not community-funded, and Lichtblau is able to pay only one assistant, who also does some work on a volunteer basis.

JWF is available at a number of Jewish locations in Toronto, including bakeries. Copies will also be available at next month's Jewish Book Fair, to be held at Leah Posluns Theatre. A one-year subscription to *JWF* costs $18 plus GST.

For further information call Jewish Women's Forum at (416) 533-4264 or fax 416-533-6041.

Space science pioneer dies

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dr. Irvine Israel Glass, a pioneer of space science in Canada, died Oct. 3 of heart failure. He was 76.

Glass, who collected academic honors and bestowed scholarships in equally generous amounts, was one of the first scientists to understand what happens when a spacecraft re-enters the Earth's atmosphere.

His work with the American government in the 1950s and 1960s helped lay the groundwork for the Apollo space missions, said colleague Dr. Jean Sislian, who worked with Glass at the University of Toronto's Institute for Aerospace Studies.

After mastering re-entry shields, Glass turned his attention to shock waves. His expertise in this field was recognized by the University of Toronto, which named him a distinguished professor in 1982, and by the Israel Academy of Science, which made him a 1990 Einstein Fellow.

The Polish-born Glass was an ordained rabbi at 18.

His love of teaching often coincided with his commitment to Jewish causes, colleagues said. Glass bestowed a Yiddish scholarship at U of T in honor of his first wife, Anne, who died in 1982; a scholarship at Ben Gurion University, where he taught in 1991; and a Talmudic scholarship at Associated Hebrew Schools.

In an obituary he prepared in May 1992, Glass mentions his pride in teaching and his love for Talmud. He wanted readers to know that "all his life he tried to be a mensch."

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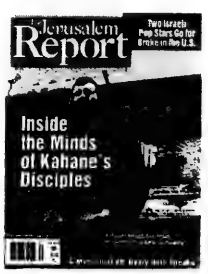

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At a reception marking the Yiddish program at U of T (from left) Burnett Thall, Abraham Rotstein, Chave Thall, Bayla Chaikof and (in background) Irving and Ruth Borchiver. [Bernard Berger photo]

Yiddish leaders honored

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When former pupils clustered around Yiddish teacher Manya Lipschitz the night she and her husband, Sam, were honored by the Yiddish Studies Program, it was old hat.

"Many former pupils of Manya who are themselves bubbies and zaidas come up to her at gatherings and say,'Don't you remember me?' " Sam Lipschitz said.

The evening also honored J.B. Salsberg and Ben and Hilda Katz.

Yiddish committee chair Bayla Chaikof spoke to about 90 guests at a reception at the Rosemary Lane home of Pearl and Jerry Banks. The late Ben Himel, father of the hostess, inspired the Yiddish program with a gift of $75,000.

Chaikof said $50,000 was raised this year at parlor meetings and through the staging of *The Yiddish Mikado*. The money will finance three university Yiddish classes until the 1994-95 academic year. Fundraising efforts for the 1995-96 year are underway, Chaikof said.

The committee believes that the growing interest in Yiddish by people of all ages can justify a $1-million fundraising goal for the appointment of a professor of Yiddish Studies at the university, Chaikof said.

A highlight of the evening was a brief talk by Ellen Kellman, the first Ray D. Wolfe Fellow in Jewish Studies at the university.

Rose Wolfe, just elected to a new three-year-term as chancellor of the university, and wife of the late Ray Wolfe, was introduced just before Kellman spoke.

"I'm bringing you a report from the trenches," said Kellman."I ask my students, 'Why are you taking a Jewish course?' More and more are saying they missed out on a piece of their cultural background. They come with open minds and an eagerness to learn."

Most American universities cannot respond to the renewed interest in Yiddish because of a shortage of qualified Yiddish techers, she said. "The situation has reached crisis proportions."

Even in her own PhD program at Columbia University, the only one to offer a PhD in Yiddish studies, Kellman said there is little emphasis on preparation for teaching. Her thesis was on novels appearing in the Yiddish press in America between 1900 and 1940.

Prof. Libby Garshowitz, director of Jewish Studies at the university, introduced two other Yiddish instructors, Sharon Green and Eleanor Moidel.

The Yiddish program is part of Jewish Studies at the university and in conjunction with the latter's 25th anniversary, the Yiddish commitee is bringing the famed Boston Klezmer orchestra to Convocation Hall on March 26, Chaikof announced.

Other guests at the reception included Burnett Thall, Toronto *Star* vice-president, and his wife, Chave, Al and Malke Green, Victor and Rene Tapper and Irving and Mel Himel.

"If we want young people involved and interested in Yiddish they must be able to learn Yiddish at university," said Gerry Kane, chair of the Yiddish Commitee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

He decsribed Salsberg as "a living piece of Canadian history," and paid tribute to the work of Sam and Manya Lipschitz and Ben and Hilda Katz in furthering mamaloshen in Toronto.

"When I get into trouble I think the problem out in Yiddish," Kane said. "It's part of my existence. Those of us who attended Manya's classes developed a love of Yiddish."

Cellist Grigroy Goldberg and pianist Shaya Petroff played Yiddish melodies, encouraging spontaneous singing and dancing among guests like Gloria Valentine and Jenny Eisenstein.

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The committee recommends immunization in October or November because the flu shot takes about two weeks to take effect. If flu season has already started, one can take amantadine, a prescription medicine, while waiting for the vaccine to become active.

The vaccine has a 70 to 90 per cent effectiveness rate. Studies have shown the influenza vaccine greatly reduces the impact of the virus. It goes away faster and with less misery.

The Lung Association strongly recommends immunization for seniors and for people with chronic medical conditions because of their vulnerability.

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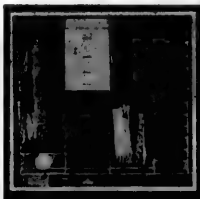

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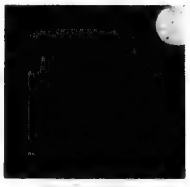

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Yom Ha'atzmaut focal point of smaller communities

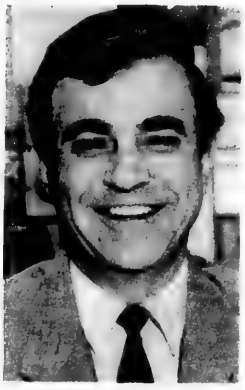
By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Yom Ha'atzmaut should be "the focal point of the Jewish calendar," suggests a Hamilton-based Israeli shaliach, who feels that the Jewish National Fund (JNF) can play a significant role in helping smaller Jewish communities maintain their link with Israel.

Now in his third year here as JNF Jerusalem emissary for smaller Jewish communities in south-west Ontario, Yoram Gordon recently recalled his dismay at discovering that Hamilton had no community-wide celebration marking Israel Independence Day.

When speakers at a Federation meeting on planning and priorities expressed their concern over Jewish continuity and the importance of maintaining the link with Israel, Gordon said he felt that a very important way to keep the Diaspora-Israel connection strong, is to bring the entire community together on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

He explained how his office had co-sponsored and helped organize last April's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations here. Held at the JCC and featuring renowned Israeli entertainer Yaffa Yarkoni and performances by children of Hamilton's three Jewish schools, and with the vice-consul of Israel and local politicians bringing greetings, the event was attended by an estimated 600 to 700 people of all ages, making it by far the largest and most successful Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.



Yoram Gordan

"I felt there was something lacking in the community," Gordon later told *The CJN*. "There is not enough perception [of the importance] of Yom Ha'atzmaut"

There are other ways in which JNF can help smaller communities, Gordon said.

Referring to the resignation earlier this summer of JCC executive director, Neil Silvert, Gordon suggested that if, for instance, "you want to make the JCC the focal point of your community," a good idea might be to bring in a new director from Israel.

The JNF, he explained, has a special centre in Israel for training JCC directors, who are then sent out to run community centres all over the country, especially in communities with large new immigrant populations.

Their experience in bringing together all kinds of people from different backgrounds and helping them become Israelis, can also be useful in the Diaspora, suggests Gordon.

JNF is also willing, he said, to support and cooperate with local organizations in bringing educational and other programs to the community, and to assist Hillel and other Jewish student and youth groups.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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All inclusive 7 nights in Margartia Island,--$1465.00 from Friday December 23, 1994, 7 a.m. Toronto Int. Airport to Friday, December 30, 1994 6:30 p.m. for Jewish Singles, all ages. Deadline for registration: October 21, 1994. Call 519-753-2695--Laurie.

Dating in the 90s: Panel Discussion featuring Rob Singer of Jewish Singles Registry and Sharyn Title Gunter of Singles Soirees. Mix and mingle with other singles. Bloor JCC 750 Spadina Wallin Lounge on Oct 16th 7p.m. Cost $7. Further info call 924-6211

Floating Jewish Singles (40-65) presents Thelma Feldman, psychologist Topic: Dreams. Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Sunday Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. $8 at door. Refreshments & social to follow. Ida 416-225-8745.

Mayfair West Raquet and Fitness Club is having its first Singles Party of the season Saturday October 22nd, the action begins at 7p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin, & Dance following at 10. Cost for tennis & dance is $20, for dance only $10. Reservations are a must for tennis call Marcia at 416-638-1010

Nightmare on Queen Street! Saturday October 29, 1994 at 9:00p.m. Mark and Ari invite you to the Wildest Halloween Costume Party at The Big Bop, 651 Queen Street West (at Bathurst). Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419

North York Association for Educational Enrichment Oct 21 1994 Dance Evening. Let's dance together. It's Hebrew, Jewish, English songs. 8:00 p.m. Earl Bales Park 4169 Bathurst.(Bathurst/ Sheppard). $3 per person includes refreshments.Tickets available at the Community Centre Monday & Tuesday from 5-7p.m For more info call 665-3385.

Single Professionals Network Bayview Golf & Country Club. Friday Oct 14th. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. We invite you to enjoy an evening exclusively for singles that are over 30. There will be music from the 60s to the present in the ballroom while in the lounge we have a Cocktail Piano player. Admission is $10 at the door. More info 416-760-7169

Secular group mark 25 years with lectures

TORONTO — This year, the Secular Jewish Association (SJA) marks its silver anniversary.

Founded in 1969 by a small group of families who wanted both a relevant Jewish education for their children and a meaningful celebration of their Jewishness for themselves, both the school and the group have grown considerably over the years.

According to an SJA press release: "Secular Judaism is rooted in humanistic traditions and concepts that have been prevalent in Judaism, even from our earliest beginnings.

"The accomplishments of secular Jews through the ages, especially in the advancement of democracy and civil rights in the last two centuries in Europe and North America, in the Resistance during World War II, in the development of the State of Israel and in the peace process today are the experiences that have forged the secular humanistic Jewish culture and values. Today, the worldwide movement of Secular Humanistic Jews, based in Israel, with major federations in North America and Europe, continues to grow."

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the SJA is sponsoring an eight-session adult education lecture series entitled Discovering Our Roots: Jewish Activists and Humanists. The lectures are open to the public and will be held at various times and locations. The first two are:

Seven Humanistic Principles in the Talmud — Eli Rubinstein, Jewish educator, leader, fundraiser and editor will speak on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m., St. Andrews Jr. High School, Fenn Avenue (York Mils/Bayview).

Maimonides: A Guide for Today — Dr. David Bakan, professor emeritus of psychology at York University and a world-renowned authority on Maimonides, will speak on Sunday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. at North York Central Library, 5210 Yonge St.

For further information, please call (905) 731-7066.

Baycrest Centre
for Geriatric Care

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (including Baycrest Hospital, Baycrest Day Care Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged and Ridgecrest Seniors Residential Services Corporation) will be held on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 1200 hours in the Dining Room at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Avenue, North York. R.S.V.P. 785-2500, ext. 1-2860

Youths targeted by hate groups: forum

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

MARKHAM — A group of high school and university students recently agreed that young people are clearly the target of hate groups in Canada.

The group, facilitated by York University student Dionne Stephens, met at a workshop that was part of a community forum entitled Confronting Hate, Affirming Diversity sponsored by the Committee on Race and Ethnocultural Equity of Markham and the Ontario Anti-Race Secretariat, Ministry of Citizenship.

Other workshops included Hate Groups and the Workplace, Response to Hate Group Activities by the Education System, Public Awareness and Education Regarding Hate Group Activities, and Community Groups Organizing Against Hate.

In trying to establish why youth is a main target of hate groups such as Aryan Nations, Heritage Front, Church of the Creator, Ku Klux Klan, Northern Foundation and the Mountain Church, the workshop participants concluded that some may feel it it is "cool" to be part of a group, some may have problems at home and need people to turn to, and others need a cause to follow, whether that cause is good or bad.

A pamphlet handed out at the forum, prepared by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada in co-operation with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith agreed that hate groups concentrate their recruiting efforts primarily in high schools and to some extent in colleges and universities.

According to the pamphlet: "Young people are more likely to accept at face value the racist ideology of the hatemonger. They are often naive and easily brainwashed by racist propaganda because they don't have the experience or facts at hand to refute the lies and myths being fed to them.

"Lonely, marginalized youth seeking a sense of identity and belonging are both the most attractive targets for racists and their most useful tools once recruited. Emotionally vulnerable or angry young people are easily indoctrinated by hatemongers and are often convinced to engage in violence and to commit criminal acts to prove themselves by following orders."

Jim Jones, a Markham city councillor said that particularly vulnerable are those young people who do not feel good about themselves.

"The recession seems to bring out the worst in people. Parents may be bitter because they lost their jobs and the kids start to feel down. When hate groups have parties that involve kids, they may feel eager to join. If youth are consulted with regards to community design and activities they will feel better about themselves."

In answer to how young people can recognize and be informed about the strategies and tactics used by hate groups, student Riklin Morzarial said that the education of youth and their parents should be mandatory.

"There should be compulsory courses in school and youth should be given a school credit to attend a forum such as this," he said. "High school students can teach younger kids about whom to be aware."

Racism not 'cool,' but some find camaraderie

Student David Fernandez said that once youth are faced with a hate group at school they should approach the authorities and counter-attack with literature and pamphlets. "Youth should organize rallies to show that they are taking a stand against these hate groups."

The League for Human Rights pamphlet advises the public to speak up, not ignore evidence of hate group activity and to report any overt incidents to the local police.

"Your municipal race relations committee, local school board, the League for Human Rights and other agencies have professionals trained in these areas and have experience in dealing with incidents of hate group activity and recruiting. If you or your child are victimized or targeted by racist hate groups, contact one of the agencies listed on this pamphlet."

These include the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat in the Ministry of Citizenship, the Provincial Human Rights Commission and The Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The workshop concluded with three recommendations: the education of youth, teachers and parents; direct community involvement in fighting racism; and youth coming together to work for a common cause and encourage a sense of well-being.

"With travel becoming so easy, the world is becoming a smaller place. We can no longer isolate ourselves. We must learn to get along," said Jones.

Bachelors up for bids again

TORONTO — The sisterhood of the Anshei Minsk Synagogue will hold their second annual Jewish bachelor auction on Nov. 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, formerly L'Hotel, 225 Front St. West.

Featuring bachelors aged 25-65, the event is being billed as "the perfect Chanukah gift for your mother, sister or daughter." Visa and Mastercard will be accepted.

The program will include entertainment by comedian Michael Wex, a bachelor parade, the auction by professional auctioneer Ira Hopmeyer, door prizes, a wine and beer bar, hors-d'ouevre — the whole nine yards.

Tickets are $25 in advance and $36 at the door. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Those wishing to volunteer their services to help in securing donations of products and services or selling tickets are asked to call (416) 462-4299.

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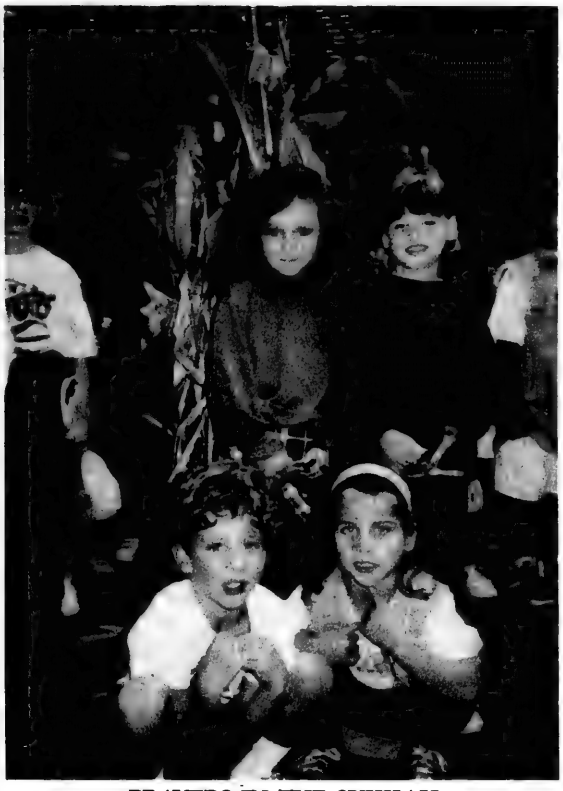

PRAYERS IN THE SUKKAH

The Leo Baeck Day School, Holy Blossom campus, visited the Temple Sukkah for prayer and song and hosted the grade 3 classes from the Atkinson campus. Kneeling is Jeremy Solomon (left) and Alex Stern (right). Top is Maddi Axelrod (left) and Hannah Rosen (right).

Mideast peace symposium planned for Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) is holding a Mideast peace symposium Oct. 23 featuring perspectives from a Palestinian, a Christian, an Israeli official and an expert from the Hebrew University.

The keynote presentation of The Reality Behind Peace in the Middle East will be delivered by Hebrew U history professor Margalit Shilo. She will speak about the Israeli-Arab conflict from both Jewish and Arab perspectives.

The symposium also includes a panel discussion with Eli Yerushalmi, chief counsel to the Israeli Ambassador to Canada; Mennonite businessman Harold Dueck and Nabil Oudeh, a Palestinian from Haifa.

Oudeh is the director of the Centre for Winnipeg-based Conflict Resolution International Ltd. He has led seminars in Europe, the Middle East and North America and has trained hundreds of professionals and lay people in the techniques of mediation and conflict resolution.

The symposium co-chairs are Lola Baral, a travel consultant who co-chairs CFHU-Winnipeg chapter's program committee, Counc. Sandy Hyman and tax lawyer Joel Weinstein.

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From left: Richard Price, Leila Lechler-Kimel, Melissa Barron and Saul Cohen.

Otzma participants chosen

NEW YORK, NY — Following months of screening and interviewing, 87 college students and recent college graduates representing 27 Jewish Federations throughout North America have been selected to spend a year in Israel as participants in Project Otzma.

Otzma is an early leadership identification program supported in North America by the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and other participating Federations.

Toronto participants include Melissa Baron, Saul Cohen, Leila Lechcier-Kimel and Richard Price.

In Israel, Otzma is supported by the Israeli Forum, the Jewish Agency and the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization.

Now in its ninth year, Project Otzma is designed to heighten Jewish identity and commitment and strengthen the bonds between North American communities and Israel through volunteer service.

This year's participants will follow in the footsteps of some 600 Project Otzma alumni. The program involves a two-tiered approach: 10 months of service in Israel followed by a commitment to serve within the local Jewish community upon return. The Otzma program is continually changing to meet the current needs of Israeli society.

The Israel component is divided into four periods: three months on a kibbutz with an ulpan course to acquire the fundamentals of the Hebrew language; eight weeks working with immigrant children at Youth Aliya village or working in absorption centres with Ethiopian and Russian families; three weeks with the option of living on a religious kibbutz, pioneering in the Arava, experiencing life on an Israeli army base, or studying Jewish issues in Safed as part of the Livnot U'Lehibanot program; three months doing community service projects in Project Renewal neighborhoods supported by the Federations which sponsor Otzma participants.

All Otzma participants take part in an ongoing educational program and are adopted by Israeli families for the year.

Upon their return to North America, program participants serve their local Jewish communities.

"The Otzma program is an excellent way for Federations to identify gifted young adults with leadership potential at an early stage in their career development," said Bluma Stoler of Boston, chair of the CJF Otzma committee.

"The participants have a wonderful opportunity to create meaningful ties to their local Jewish communities and to Israel."

Two pre-departure orientations and training seminars were held on August 21 - 22 and August 23 - 24, in Whippany, N.J. Immediately following the seminars, the participants departed for Israel.

For information about the Otzma program for the coming year, contact Chaia Berkowitz, (416) 635-2883.

The Council of Jewish Federations is an association of 189 Jewish Federations which represent a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

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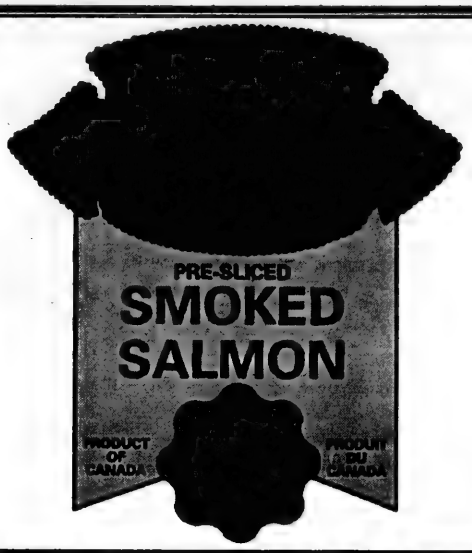

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Oct. 13, is deadline for Oct. 27 issue, and Thursday, Oct. 20, is deadline for Nov. 3 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Saturday, Oct. 15

AN INDIAN SUMMER EVENING

The Young Professionals Network of United Jewish Appeal presents An Indian Summer Evening complete with hayrides, bonfire, sing-a-long, square dancing, cow milking competition, corn roast, DJ, snacks and cash bar, 8:30 p.m. at Puck's Farm, $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Call **Iris**, 635-2883, ext. 177.

Sunday, Oct. 16

MUSICALE SOIREE

Etobicoke branch, National Council of Jewish Women, presents its second annual gala Musicale Soiree, featuring **Yossi and Judy Peleg**, renowned violinist and pianist, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m., performance at 8 p.m. Also featured is a display of works by Canadian artists. Wine and desserts will be served. Admission $20 per person. Proceeds to NCJW. For tickets, **Andree**, 621-5812.

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD FIGHT

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Sisterhood annual general meeting features **Sara Chana Radcliffe**, well-known lecturer, author and consultant specializing in parenting and family skills education, speaking on How to Have a Good Fight. Time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Charge $7, refreshments served. Call 229-2600 for information.

ANNUAL OUTLOOK BANQUET

Toronto Outlook Committee annual Outlook Banquet is at 6 p.m. (doors open 5:30 p.m.), Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Program consists of a panel discussion on The Israel/PLO Peace Accord One Year Later: A Critical Review with **David Jacobs**, board member of Canadian Friends of Peace Now, and **Elias Hasham**, an Israeli-born Palestinian, plus a musical program featuring cantor **Esther Ghan**. Reservations, 767-8296 or 789-5502.

TEEN CONNECTION

BBYO's Teen Connection opening program for Grade 7s takes place 1-4 p.m. at Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres. It's a day full of games, tye dying, food and fun! Please bring a white T-shirt. Members free, non-members $3. For information, call BBYO office, 635-9411.

STUDENTS GET SCHOLARSHIPS

The Centre for Jewish Studies at York University presented its first Benarroch-Hazan Foundation Scholarships to three students for excellence in the area of the study of the Sephardim in Africa, Asia and Europe. From left, Mr. Benarroch-Hazan; teacher Sarah Taieb-Carlen; award recipients Judith Shapero (outstanding student), Chava Brumer (best research paper) and Sarah Libfeld (co-winner outstanding student); and Sidney Eisen, director, Centre for Jewish Studies.

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HOW I CLIMBED MY FAMILY TREE

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JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

Jewish Recovery Network aims to provide emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre. A discussion meeting is set for 4-6 p.m., Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information, (905) 669-0904.

REBECCA SISTERHOOD

The opening brunch of Rebecca Sisterhood of Shaarei Beth El Congregation in Oakville takes place 10 a.m. to noon at Munn's School. Meet other Sisterhood members, make new friends and enjoy bagels, coffee and danish. For information, **Judi Setton**, (905) 884-0462 or **Jennifer Dockstator**, (905) 847-9572.

TIKKUN READERS

Intrigued, provoked, enthusiastic or angered by *Tikkun* magazine? Join other readers for a potluck dinner and animated discussion, 6:30 p.m., Bathurst-Eglinton area. Call **Debby** or **Glenn**, 789-1726.

Monday, Oct. 17

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Blossom Temple library. For information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

IAAC SEMINAR

Infertility Awareness Association of Canada, Toronto chapter, presents a seminar on Where Did I Come From?, What can/should parents tell children about their donor origins, 6:45 p.m., Women's College Hospital Auditorium, 76 Grenville St. Fee is $15 individual, $25 in advance. Register in advance, 691-3611.

NAGILLAH CHHAPTER BBW

Nagillah chapter, B'nai Brith Women, 40 plus singles, meets 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd.. Speaker **Iris Weaverman** will discuss Healing Through Laughter and Stress Management. New members welcome. For information, **Sheila**, 665-3333 or **Fran**, 638-2716.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM SISTERHOOD

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting features singer/entertainer **Marvin Rosenschein** accompanied by pianist **Mikhael Khinkis**, 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Reservations please, **Ruth Fruitman**, (905) 731-6660 or **Kay Burger**, 787-8463.

CELEBRITY AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON

At Na'amat, Hamilton section's, 11th annual Celebrity Author's Luncheon, **Mordecai Richler** will be reading from his new book, *This Year in Jerusalem*. Luncheon is at noon at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton. All proceeds to charity. Tickets $15. Call **Gilda Ennis**, (905) 628-4684.

WEN-DO DEMONSTRATION

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is holding a hands-on demonstration by Wen-Do instructor **Lisa Wolfman**, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Wear comfortable clothing. Refreshments. Members $3, non-members $5. Call synagogue office 221-3433.

HALACHA SEMINAR SERIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Halachah Seminar Series conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues 8 p.m. with Celebration of the Bat Mitzvah.

FALL FASHION SHOW

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood's Fall Fashion Show and Boutiques highlights women's fashions from Chic Casuals and Finishing Touches, formals by Adele Weshler, faux furs by Princess Garment Ltd. Boutiques 6:30 p.m., showtime 8 p.m. Admission $20 at the door. Refreshments and prizes.

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The Kashruth Council Kosher Cooking School series continues with Quick and Easy Cooking, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Fee is $15. Call 635-9550.

BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood's opening dinner meeting takes place 7 p.m., Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall. Sisterhood members $20, guests $25. Everyone welcome.

HARMONIZE FOR SPEECH

Harmonize for Speech on behalf of the Aphasia Centre presents Harmony Showcase, 8 p.m. North York Performing Arts Centre with a variety of musical performances and **Ken Shaw** of CFTO as emcee. Tickets $25, patrons $100, available at the Aphasia Centre-North York, phone 226-3636. Proceeds to the Aphasia Centre Building Fund.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

BE HEART SMART

Baycrest Centre's Wellness Education Group and the Heart and Stroke Foundation are holding a heart and stroke symposium for older adults, entitled Be Heart Smart. Health care professionals will address nutrition, coping with stress through exercise, support programs, medication and blood pressure. The all-day conference begins 9:30 a.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Registration fee is $25. For information, **Judy Chu**, 785-2500, ext. 2340.

RWANDAN RELIEF

A panel discussion on Rwanadan Relief: The Jewish Connection with a special slide presentation by photographer **Stephen Epstein** who recently returned from Goma, Zaire, is being held 4 p.m., University of Toronto, Sidney Smith Hall, Room 1087. Sponsored by Jewish Students' Union, U of T. For information, 923-9861.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Support Group for sufferers, families and friends, meets 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square. For information, 766-8134, **Antoinette Dunn**.

LECTURE SERIES ABOUT CANCER

Dimensions of Cancer: The Art, Science and Spirit of Caring, a public lecture series for people with cancer, their families and friends, continues with Spirituality for Today: Care of the Soul, 7:30 p.m., Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Sponsored by Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre and Bayview Support Network. For information, 480-4662.

And What Else Is New...

BETH TZEDEC LECTURES

On Saturday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 16, at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Hebrew Union College professor **Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman** of New York will deliver the Dr. Allen A. Small Memorial Lectures. The 10 a.m. Shabbat pulpit lecture is Remembrance and Commitment: Why There Will be a Jewish Future, followed after the Shabbat Study luncheon by Personal Spirituality: The Anxious Searching for Meaning (prepaid reservations). The 10 a.m. Sunday Men's Club breakfast lecture is Synagogue Spirituality: Looking for G-d in Toronto (nominal charge for breakfast). Public invited. Admission free to lectures.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Upcoming events at Solel Congregation, Mississauga: Sisterhood fashion show, Sunday, Oct. 23, with a prize offered for the best hat; adult education, Monday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m. with a review of the book, *Garden of the Finzi-Continis*; family services, Friday, Oct. 14 and 28, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.; regular services Saturday, Oct. 15 and 29, 10 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. with guest speaker **Erica Biro**. All welcome. For information, phone Solel, (905) 820-5915.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Beth Sholom Synagogue Adult Education Academy's Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, Oct. 14-16, features **Prof. William Nicholls**, former Anglican bishop and Religious Studies chair at the University of British Columbia, who will lecture on his new book, *Christian Anti-Semitism, A History of Hate*. Weekend starts with Friday night family Oneg Shabbat (prepaid reservations for dinner, lecture only no charge) and continues with Saturday Lunch and Learn following services (prepaid reservations), and Sunday breakfast, 9 a.m. For information, 783-6103.

FOREVER PLAID

Aviva chapter of Na'amat Canada is presenting a benefit performance of *Forever Plaid*, the musical hit at the New Yorker Theatre, 651 Yonge St., Saturday, Nov. 5, show 8:30 p.m., reception, 10 p.m. Couvert $50 per person (tax deductible receipt $22). Proceeds go to the Hand In Hand project preventing family violence in Israel. RSVP by Oct. 18 to **Doris** (905) 771-7988.

COMMUNITY SHABBATON

A community Shabbaton, entitled Good Places to Come From, is being held at the Bloor JCC,

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What's New

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Friday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m., co-sponsored by the Bloor JCC and Jewish Body, Jewish Soul/Kavannah. Drawing its title from **Morley Torgov's** book, it will focus on the good humor and heartwarming stories of our Jewish geography and will include Kabbalat Shabbat services, candle lighting, vegetarian/dairy dinner, storytelling and children's programming. Volunteers for leadership, music, cooking and children's activities welcome. Tickets (prepaid), $18 supporters, $12 adults, $7 children, subsidies or work-exchanges possible. For information/RSVPs, **Shelley**, 924-6211, or **Francis Enchin**, 532-2700.

BOROCHOV BRANCH, LZO

Borochov branch 124 of the Labor Zionist Organization is celebrating its 77th year of existence at a luncheon Sunday, Oct. 23, at noon, at the Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. All members are requested to attend. For information, **Max Manett**, 248-8191 or **Joseph Erlich**, 630-5430.

CANADIAN BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Circle these dates — Nov. 4, 5 and 6. That's when the all-Canadian biennial conference, Continuity: the Conservative Way, is taking place at Toronto's Holiday Inn Yorkdale. Conference is under the auspices of Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism, Mercaz-Canada, Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Ontario Region. Highlights include traditional Conservative Shabbat, Intermarriage and the Media, College Youth Convention for 18-25s, Israel fair, small communities programming. For information, (905) 738-1717.

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Volunteers are needed to work with children in elementary grades on Sunday mornings. Be part of a dynamic educational team that is bringing Yiddish to a new generation. Call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

MAZON CANADA VOLUNTEERS

Mazon Canada, a Jewish Response to Hunger, requires office volunteers for half days a week to answer the phone, respond to requests and type labels. The office is at Marlee and Lawrence, next to the subway station, with ample parking. Call **Marilyn**, 783-7554.

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT

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ADULT DAY PROGRAM

Ahavath Achim Adult Day Program is designed to help the frail senior maintain functioning as long as possible, providing a safe, stimulating environment to enjoy activities and companionship. The program, located at 33 Wilmington Ave., runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and includes lunch. All three coordinators, registered nurse **Sorena Swartz**, social workers **Ronna Birnboim** and **Suzanne Laado**, have life skills certificates. For information, Sorena Swartz, 481-8496.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop phone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261, for information or to apply.

COURSES AT MCMICHAEL

McMichael Canadian Art Collection is offering a six-week lecture course called Canadian Art Beyond the Group of Seven; a special Visual Studies course beginning Oct. 20; and an introductory, intermediate and advanced watercolor painting course. Call (905) 893-1121.

NICE JEWISH WOMEN

A new relaxed social group for lesbian and bisexual Jewish women and their friends meets for brunch, informal gatherings and other fun activities. For information on upcoming events, 925-XTRA, ext. 2204, or leave your name and number at 595-6712.

MENOPAUSE...END & BEGINNING

North York Public Health Department presents Menopause...End and Beginning, focusing on physical and emotional adjustments, hormone repalcement therapy, emotional issues, sexual health, fitness and nutrition, Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, at North York Public Health Department, 2300 Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 300. To register, 395-7758.

ORT HAPPENINGS

Upcoming ORT events:

Chai chapter book sale at North York City Hall, main foyer, Monday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, **Fran**, 787-0297.

Sophie Bennett chapter getaway to Niagara-on-the-Lake to see *Ladie Be Good*, Wednesday, Oct. 19. For tickets and information, **Fran**, 787-0297.

Jaffa chapter annual luncheon at Forest Hill Place, Sunday, Oct. 23. **Fran**, 787-0297.

ABOUT MISSIONARIES

Jews for Judaism is once again offering its eight-week counter-missionary seminar, What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries, Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St., beginning Oct. 19. Cost $36. To register, 789-2851.

HANNAH SANDBERG ART EXHIBIT

An exhibit of works by Israeli-born Canadian artist **Hannah Sandberg** is on view at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., through Nov. 4. Her works are symbolic abstractions of biblical themes incorporating Hebrew calligraphy.

BB THORNHILL-MAVEN LODGE

B'nai Brith Thornhill-Maven Lodge invites new members, ages 31-55, to join this dynamic couples lodge (singles welcome). Activities include community service, family socials, adult socials, bowling (mixed, men's and couples). Call membership chair **Paul Bainerman**, (905) 886-3863 evenings, or **Norm Zuckerman**, 635-9109 evenings.

CANDIDA SUPPORT GROUP

A Candida Support Group is starting this fall, to meet every other week. For information, **Pamela**, (905) 884-47978.

RUN FOR THE CURE

The Honda Run for the Cure raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research, education and treatment. Run locations include Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria. Each event takes place Sunday, Oct. 23. Registration forms can be picked up at Shoppers Drug Mart, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Running Room locations. For information, **Megan Fowler**, 596-6773.

at the JCC

Come join instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** for Israeli dancing, Mondays 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Bloor JCC. Beginners and advanced students welcome. Fee $5 per evening. This is an ongoing program. Call **Marco Ben-Shimon**, (905) 771-0363 or **Lindsay Henderson** at the JCC 924-6211.

At Books and Bagels, Sunday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. at the Bloor JCC York University **Prof. Elaine Newton** will introduce the series opening with **Morley Torgov**, Toronto lawyer, playwright and author. Coffee and bagels will be served. JCC members $5, non-members $7. Call 924-6211.

Dating in the '90s with **Sharyn Gunter**, Sharyn's Singles Soirees, and **Rob Singer**, director of the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto, is for those single and those single again. It takes place Sunday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. at the Bloor JCC. Charge is $7 at the door. Sponsored by the Downtown Single Parents Group of the Bloor JCC.

for seniors

A Time for Me is a unique personal growth workshop for seniors over 55. Meet with others and discover ways to help you look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Services, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Centre, with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, it runs eight weeks beginning Oct. 25. Call **Ann Gleberzon**, 635-2883, ext. 800.

The Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternative Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is Oct. 14. For information and registration, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events: Thursday, Oct. 13, general membership meeting, 2-4 p.m. in the community centre, with entertainment and refreshments, so plan to attend and meet **Mayor Mel Lastman**; Sunday, Oct. 16, dance with a live band, Community Centre, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $4, non-memebrs $5; Sunday, Oct. 23, annual bazaar in the clubhouse, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with bargains galore in new clothing, jewelry, household items and more; Nov. 1 and 15, local day trips, come out and have your picture taken with MPPs, $5 members only; Saturday night dances, 7-10 p.m. in the clubhouse, movies, bingo, shuffleboard have all resumed. For information, 395-7881.

Ahuza Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Oct. 13, there will be an Israeli movie, and on Oct. 20, York University **Prof. Sarah Carlen** will speak (in Hebrew) on The Jews in North Africa, Past and Present. For information, 661-4689.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that plans for the Israel trip, Oct. 31 to Nov. 21, are going very well and reservations are being taken. In the planning are a Washington trip in the spring, a Miami trip, and a possible Western Canada trip. Ongoing classes sponsored by the North York Board of Education include: Tuesdays, exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, line dancing 10 a.m. to noon. For information on all programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Centennial Community Library, 578 Finch Ave. W., presents a seven-session series, Healthy Aging, Tuesdays, Oct. 18-Nov. 29, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., co-sponsored with North York Public Health Department, focusing on nutrition, weight loss, osteoporosis, how to enjoy healthy aging, and other topics the group may be concerned about. Call 395-5490 to pre-register.

Funtime 55 Plus invites you to join in the Festival of Lights at Niagara Falls, with a sit-down dinner at Salvador's Italian Gardens in Buffalo, Thursday, Nov. 24. Also, the Cullen Gardens Festival of Lights and music show, Thursday, Dec. 8. Watch for Florida winter vacation. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

In cooperation with the Toronto Board of Education, the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., offers free programs and activities for seniors: Bridge, Current Events, Fitness, Dance, Knitting and a Pottery/Wheel class. For days and times, phone 924-6211 or drop by to pick up a calendar of Events for Seniors.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami for four, six and eight weeks. The Washington D.C. trip, Oct. 30-Nov. 3, includes Holocaust Memorial, sightseeing with professional guide, bus, four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel, $484 double occupancy. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Ladies Folkdancing gets together Tuesdays 1 p.m. and Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Sunrise Group trips — Windsor Casino, Oct. 20-21; Cincinnati for New Years, Dec. 29-Jan. 1, $475 Canadian, all inclusive; Florida supersaver, Jan. 14-27, $795 Canadian. Call **Esther**, 223-9165, or **Ida**, 636-8696 or **Sonia** (905) 889-9436.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

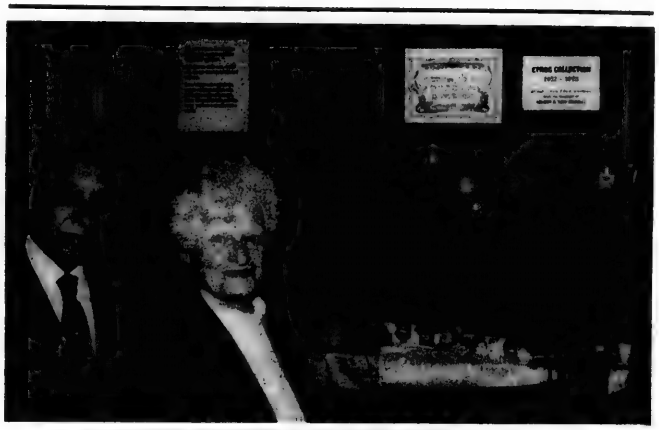
The Lifelong Learning Institute presents Travelogue Through China with **Hy Rossman** who presents a recent video and slide show Thursday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m. No charge. For information, **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and on their own, celebrates its ninth anniversary Thursday,Oct. 27, 1 p.m. with a luncheon and entertainment. Charge is $6 to be paid in advance. by Oct. 20. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts, dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, the movie *Music Man* will be screened at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m. features singer **Faye Kellerstein** in a program of songs from the Broadway stage and Yiddish theatre. Members $3, non-members $4.



ETROGIM DISPLAY

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is the current home of a unique display of etrogim loaned to the synagogue from the collection of Reuben and Toby Frankel. Each year since 1952 the Frankels have saved their etrog from Sukkot, placing it in an unusual container. The containers are most often egg cups made of silver, porcelain, marble, or wood but sometimes more unusual such as a tefillin case holder and a piece of a shofar. Unlike most other fruits, as etrog ages, it gets smaller, harder and stronger.

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Organizations and People

Tessler helps restore Jewish cemetery in Ukraine

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In 1989, when Manley Tessler returned to his Ukrainian hometown after 48 years, he was appalled by what he saw.

In a clearing in the forest about five kilometres from the tiny shtetl of Korec (pronounced Koretz) in the district of Wolyn was the killing field where the town's Jews met their end. But instead of a lovingly-tended cemetery with monuments to mark the place, cows and pigs wandered about, stopping to lick the parched bones that protruded from a thin layer of sandy soil.

Shaken by what he saw, Tessler said Kaddish for the shtetl's 5,000 Jewish victims. Leaving Ukraine, he resolved to do something about the cemetery.

Tessler got in touch with the town's surviving "landslite" (town natives) in Israel, Canada and Argentina, impressing on them the need to provide a proper cemetery for their families and friends. He raised $25,000 — a small fortune by Eastern European standards — and he hired a Jewish contractor named Kupershmit in the town of Rovno to construct a proper cemetery.

Last August, Tessler returned to the area to witness the fruits of that labor as a new cemetery and three tasteful granite monuments were unveiled.

The cemetery is now surrounded by a heavy iron fence decorated with menorahs and stars of David. Inside, the grounds have been landscaped.

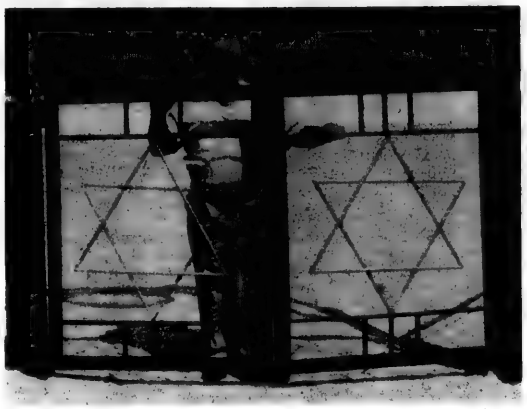
The unveiling ceremony was moving, Tessler recalled, as was his visit to his old hometown in the company of two his grandchildren, Ari and Sury Feinstein of Dallas.

Federal, regional and town officials were on hand, as was a group of Ukrainian schoolchildren who read brief biographies of some of the victims. About 50 survivors flew in from Israel, Canada and the United States.

Tessler said that just before the Holocaust, the town was home to a thriving Jewish community of about 5,500. Following the 1939 Soviet-Nazi pact that split Poland (Korec was then part of Poland), Soviet forces occupied the town. After the German invasion of June 1941, Tessler tried to convince his mother, brother and two sisters to escape with him. They refused but "an unknown power told me to go away," he said.

Grabbing a bicycle, he peddled to the rail station where he hopped on a train bound for Stalingrad. A bus driver by trade, Tessler worked as a truck driver in the Soviet city until the advance of German forces prompted him to escape to Cheryabinsk in Siberia.

There he found about 400 Korec natives, mostly men, who had been evacuated to work in a factory. He also learned that a school friend, Sonia Avret, had escapted along with a cousin to Tashkent where she worked on a farm. Tessler brought her to Cheryabinsk and the two eventually married.



Manley Tessler stands at the entrance to the cemetery near the shtetl of Korec where 5,000 Jews were rounded up and murdered by Nazis.

For five years they heard nothing from Korec. Later they learned the first murder of Jews took place in July 1941 when 350 people were rounded up and shot, including Tessler's brother, Shlomo, a tailor by profession. Tessler's mother died shortly afterwards.

The majority of the town's Jews were murdered just before Shavuot 1942 while the remainder were killed by the SS and their local collaborators, anxious to cash in on Jewish property just before Rosh Hashanah that same year. Among the victims was Tessler's sister, Feiga, and her two sons. A second sister, Selma Jelinek, escaped though her two children were killed.

The 3,000 Jews of the nearby town of Ludwipol (home of the writer's mother) suffered a similar fate. Tessler said on the dedication trip, he met gentile witnesses to the slaughter. They recounted how that town's Jews were taken across the River Sluch to a forest where they were shot. A matzevah marks the place, he said.

He found another neglected cemetery in Rovno. The ground has eroded and "you could see children's bones and hantelech (small hands) and even a skull with a bullet hole," he said.

Tessler said he has written to the German government, asking them to take responsibility for providing a proper cemetery for those killed by German forces. He was told it could respond only to a request from someone who lives in Ukraine. He then got in touch with Kiev Jews, who contacted the German government.

The German authorities have said they are prepared to pay for a memorial plaque in Korec, said Edward Reiter, Tessler's lawyer. That could apply to other Jewish cemeteries but they will not act unless they receive a request from people in Ukraine, he added.

Tessler said his involvement in the Korec cemetery was something he felt he had to do. "Since 1989 when I returned from Korec, there's not a single night that I don't think I should do something," he said.

"If we don't do it, who will? I think it's the obligation of every person who was from a little town to cover up their relatives and friends so they are buried like a human being, not like an animal."

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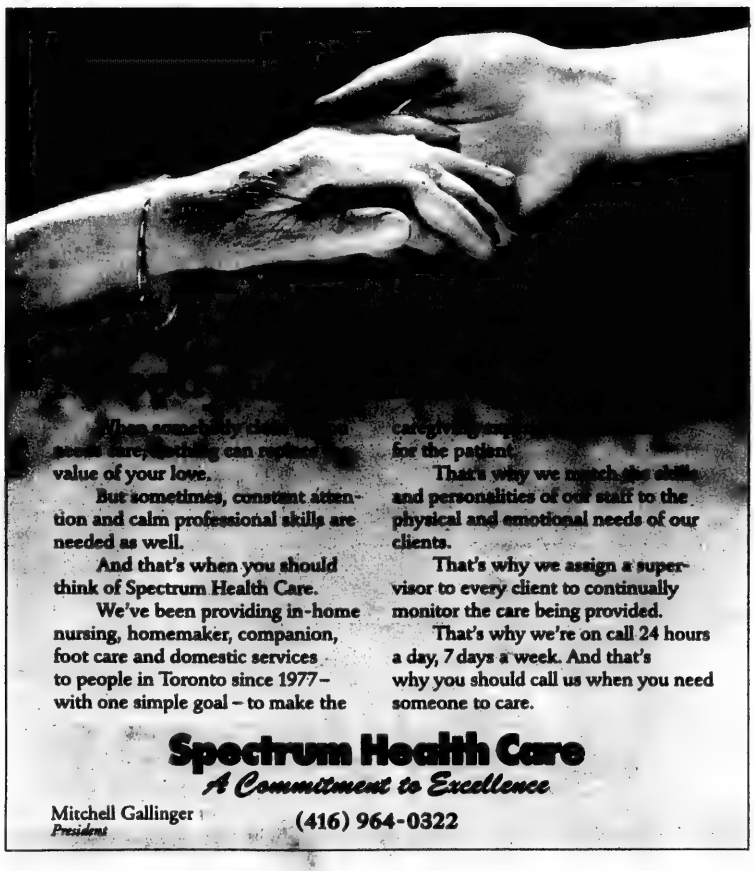

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Guest speaker Andy Barrie (left) with retiring JVS president Beverly Lyons and in-coming president Peter Shenfield. [Photo by Susan Elley]

Kadis running in Vaughan

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Pledging "a fresh approach," Kadis, 41, says many voters are concerned about inadequate maintenance of parks and "a general decline in services," especially in garbage collection and snow removal.

Kadis, who says her own elected status since 1988 stands her in good stead for a council seat, would also like to see increased police patrols and scaled-back high density development.

She was "very opposed" to splitting the ward, partly because it was done without public consultation.

Kadis charges there's a "leadership vacuum" on council and decisions are made "without rhyme or reason." She would take a more "sensitive and thoughtful approach" to planning, while retaining the ward's residential character.

Kadis has long been active in B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and has chaired the York Region Board of Education's race relations committee.

Seeking one of two jobs as regional councillor is Erwin Rosenberg, a 40-year-old management consultant.

Rosenberg says the proposed mega-dump in Vaughan is one of many "real" issues facing voters.

Others are an "inadequate" ambulance service, an understaffed police force, the shipping of toxic materials via rail through residential areas and the need to bridge cultural "gaps" in York Region. He would like to see the region immediately hire or reinstate an additional 100 police officers.

He says Vaughan needs a regional representative from Thornhill. Both current regional councillors are from Woodbridge.

Rosenberg says he was "totally against" splitting Ward 3. The outcome "has effectively created a Jewish ward."

He's been an executive member of Canadian Jewish Congress and vice-chair of Vaughan's race relations committee.

Next door in Ward 4, estimated to be roughly one-third Jewish, incumbent Mario Racco is seeking re-election. He's being challenged by Nick D'Urzo. Ted Berger dropped out of the race recently for personal reasons.

Seeking election in Wards 4 and 5 as public school trustees are incumbents Joe Jonsson and Harvey Nightingale. Also running is Carey Miller.

CFRB's Andy Barrie finds common ground with JVS

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jobs guaranteeing lifelong security and a steady paycheck are quickly fading away, perhaps never to be seen again, CFRB Radio personality Andy Barrie told last week's annual meeting of Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS).

Although confessing to no professional expertise in work trends or society, Barrie said he's noticed that when there's a recession, the ratings for his popular daytime phone-in program soar.

"That's because people literally have nothing better to do," he said, half-jokingly. "JVS and CFRB are both never busier than in a recession. I hear from chief executive officers of corporations who are struggling the same way as JVS clients."

Today's "displaced persons" — those pushed out of jobs because of the economy — are just as likely to be eighth generations Ontarians as recently-arrived immigrants, said Barrie, the meeting's guest speaker.

There's a whole new meaning to the word job now, he said. Today's workplace is more likely to be inhabited by part-time employees who work whenever their employer wants them, without pensions or benefits.

While most smokestack industries have been replaced by high-tech companies, many professionals today must compete on a global scale, often against competent foreigners who work at a fraction of the cost of North Americans, Barrie said.

He cited a recent study showing that out of 2,000 employers in Metro, 40 per cent had part-time workers and 80 per cent said they planned to hire more part-time help.

"Most of those jobs used to be full time," Barrie noted.

A part-time arrangement may ultimately allow Canadians to live better but in the interim, "there will be pain," he warned.

Work is what JVS is all about, said retiring president Beverly Lyons before passing the mantle to in-coming president Peter Shenfield. The agency provides a variety of assessment, counselling and placement support services to people seeking new directions and to those with psychiatric, emotional and physical disabilities.

Between April 1993 and March of this year, JVS served over 6,600 clients, compared to just over 5,000 in the same period a year earlier.

But the recession took its toll. The agency registered a $15,000 deficit in 1994, compared to a $5,000 surplus last year.

Providing first-hand success stories of JVS's impact were Sonia Del Castillo, a registered nurse who graduated from the agency's seven-week Women in New Roles (WINR) program for women wishing to prepare for future employment; and Maurice Zakkak, a bookkeeper who took the Start Smart Program, which encourages self-employment.

Awards were presented to JVS volunteers Jacqueline Saunches and Samantha Dennis, and to staff Ruth Borchiver, Rosalie Shadlyn and Bettie Raibmon.

Employer awards went to Laila Saleh of the University of Toronto's school of social work and Gertud Adler of the Shopper's Drug Mart branch at Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue.

New York Jewish community producing conversion pamphlets

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadians are being invited to learn more about discussing conversion to Judaism through a series of free pamphlets produced in New York State.

The Suffolk Jewish Communal Planning Council, the umbrella organization for the 130,000-strong Jewish community in the eastern half of Long Island, N.Y., has printed four pamphlets to help those thinking about converting, or those wanting to discuss conversion with their spouse or child's spouse.

The group has received more than 500 requests for the pamphlets, said executive director Susan Lustig, and has mailed out 1,200 copies to public libraries and Jewish community centres across America.

"There seems to be a real hunger out there for this kind of information," she said.

The four pamphlets — Making the Right Choice, How to Discuss Conversion to Judaism, Should I Convert to Judaism?, and Conversion: A Guide for Jewish Parents — were largely prepared by Dr. Lawrence Epstein, a humanities professor at a Long Island community college and a Conservative Jew.

Epstein has also published a 277-page book, *Conversion to Judaism: A Guidebook* ($35.95 Canadian, plus shipping and handling).

The pamphlets advise potential converts — and their spouses and in-laws — to examine why conversion is important to them.

"Don't be afraid to discuss the subject," Epstein writes. "Most non-Jews are never even asked if they would consider learning about Judaism. Many would do so if they were simply asked to explore the subject."

The book and the pamphlets can be ordered through Lustig at (516) 462-5826.

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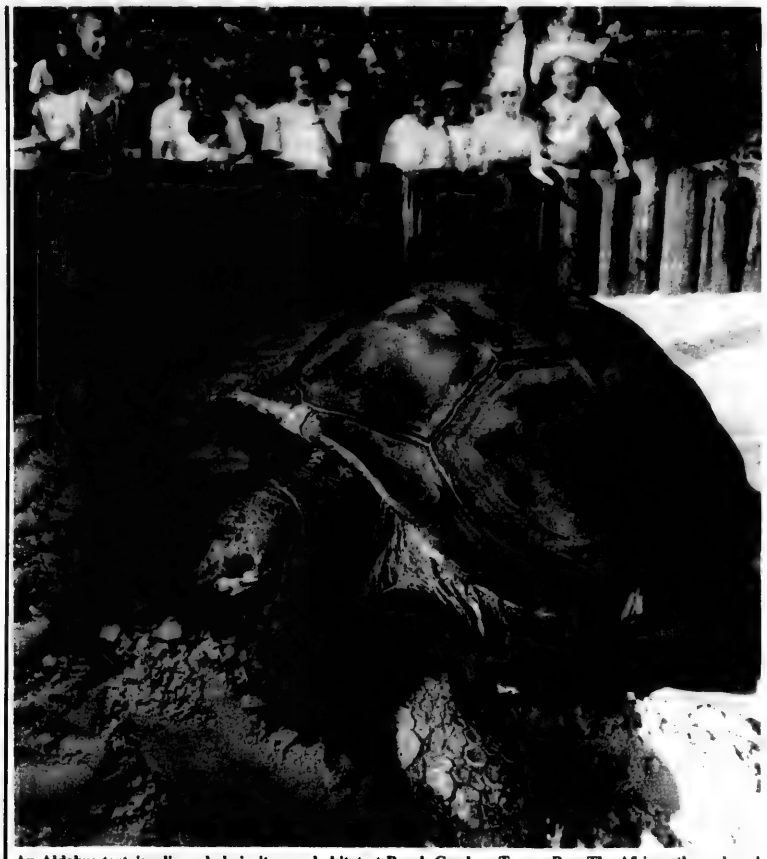

An Aldabra tortoise digs a hole in its new habitat at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. The African-themed park now has 20 Aldabra tortoises, which can grow to be over one metre in length, weigh more than 227 kilograms and live longer than 100 years.

Unusual, endangered creatures are found at Busch Gardens

TAMPA, FL — Some things are out of the ordinary at Busch Gardens, Tampa Bay. The park decided to introduce some animals that, by the looks of it, guests won't soon forget.

Busch Gardens has added two endangered Bornean orang-utans to its current display and opened new habitats for Aldabra and African spurred tortoises and African warthogs.

Skinny, the park's 27-year-old endangered Bornean orang-utan, was quick to applaud the arrival of 10-year-old Dixie and 8-year-old Dyak, both female Bornean orang-utans. Guests have long seen Skinny catch snacks from his keeper and then applaud himself and blow kisses to the audience. And in little time, Dixie and Dayak joined in on the fun.

As for the unusual, that's where the Aldabra and African spurred tortoises and warthogs come in.

The 20 Aldabra tortoises at Busch Gardens are from the family of lone-surviving Indian Ocean tortoises and are probably most noted for their tremendous size. These slow-moving reptiles can weigh nearly 277 kilograms and can grow to be over one metre in length. The huge tortoises are also known for their ability to survive, as some have been found to live more than 100 years. Busch Gardens also has been fortunate enough to successfully breed the tortoises in five other zoological habitats in the United States.

Cohabiting with the Aldabra tortoises are eight African spurred tortoises which grow to be quite large, although not as enormous as the Aldabras. The African spurred tortoises, the largest mainland species, is distinguishable by its light bamboo color and pagoda-like shell.

But maybe the most unusual-looking animals on display in Busch Gardens are the African wart-hogs. "They're so ugly, they're cute" is a phrase that can often be overheard by guests admiring the three residing at the park.

Most recognizable by facial "warts" that guard against injury during fights, warthogs are often seen bucking heads together. These odd-looking mammals enjoy making burrows in their habitat, a behavior used in the wild for protection from predatory animals.

The warthogs also can be seen scraping along on their knees as they feed, a behavior which allows a view of the horizon while they eat. Their eyesight is not too keen though, as warthogs are more likely to detect other animals by smelling them or hearing them before seeing them.

All the animals and their habitats serve a valuable educational purpose.

"The addition of these new animals allows us to enhance our classes on biodiversity and its importance to the planet," said Maureen Royal, curator of conservation information at Busch Gardens.

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Pearl cruises into many exotic ports

By PHYLIS KRASILOVSKY
Special to The CJN

Sometimes the passengers on Pearl cruises seem like a big reunion, recognizing each other with glad cries from other tours. Sixty per cent repeaters!

I recently went on a cruise to Japan, Korea and Russia alone, because my husband was tied up with an important law case. Even with a recent hip replacement and a hearing loss which gave me vertigo and sometimes made it difficult to maintain balance, I was determined to go.

This itinerary is only offered once a year, I had long wanted to see a northern Japanese island and I was curious about Vladivostok, the end of the line for the Trans-Siberian railroad.

The Pearl met the test with flying colors, in accommodating a woman travelling alone. The staff and crew were courteous and helpful. The restaurant manager sat me at tables with other people so I wouldn't feel alone at open seating breakfasts and lunches.

The tour director arranged for the seat next to me on tour buses to be empty whenever possible. It wasn't his fault that the woman he seated next to me on the Nikko tour bus insisted on turning her air-conditioning in my direction!

When I got a cold as a result, my room steward brought meals and cold remedies to help speed my recovery.

I even got invited to the captain's table!

Dining as a single woman proved to be less depressing than I'd imagined. Happily married couples, and everyone on the Pearl — even those not happily married certainly seemed to be so while enjoying the ambience of the cruise — shared their pleasure with those around them.

Sitting alone for shows and programs was no problem either, since all the seats were usually filled and I didn't stand out. Usually people on either side of me exchanged pleasantries.

Despite my hip replacement, I found it easy to traverse the ship. And there were at least a dozen others overcoming similar operations. As for waiting in line, I usually made it a point to be one of the first off the ship for the tours, and was always either first or last if I choose to dine buffet-style. The friendly sympathy I received helped me mend far more easily than if I'd stayed at home following my usual routine.

The quality of the tour guides varied, but one on an Osaka city tour was not only thought-provoking, he'd also prepared a scrapbook to educate us about the Japanese lifestyle. He even sang a Japanese song, and demonstrated how to make origami birds. The Tokyo tour guide was erudite and sophisticated.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Bird-Watching in Eilat: Every fall and spring, millions of birds pass through Eilat, Israel's resort and seaport on the Red Sea, on their way to and from Europe, Africa and Asia. For many years this ornithological event has attracted flocks of bird watchers.

Early next spring, Eilat is planning a six-day celebration in honor of the birds and those who follow in their flight paths. The Spring Migration Festival is set for March 19 to 25. During this time, numerous discounts are available from hotels, tourist attractions and car rental companies.

Eilat features constant sunshine and temperatures that rarely drop below 21 degrees. Since the recent opening of a new border crossing, Eilat is also the gateway to Jordan. Tourism industry officials are planning to make Eilat the hub of a Red Sea Riviera stretching across Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

For more information on the Spring Migration Festival, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office at (416) 964-3784 or 1-800-669-2369. Fax (416) 964-2420. 180 Bloor St. W., Suite 700, Toronto M5S 2V6.

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People of the Book: Representatives from more than 1,000 publishing houses are expected for the 17th Jerusalem International Book Fair, March 12 to 17, 1995. Open to publishing executives, authors, agents and ordinary readers, the fair features books from close to 50 countries.

During the fair, the Jerusalem Prize is awarded to a writer whose works best express the freedom of an individual in society. Previous winners include Simone de Beauvoir and Bertrand Russell. For more information, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office.

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What's Doing in Philadelphia: An exhibition entitled Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida opened this month at this city's National Museum of American Jewish Heritage. The exhibit is one of many special Jewish themed events, including lectures, films and theatrical productions, planned this year in Philadelphia. For further information, contact the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1515 Market St., Suite 2020, Phila, Pa. 19102-2171. Phone: (215) 636-3300.

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Canadians Welcomed in Jacksonville: For the second consecutive year, Jacksonville and the Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau, in conjunction with area hotels, is instituting a Canadian discount promotion plan. Until next May, 13 area hotels are accepting the Canadian dollar at par for rooms and taxes. Participating hotels include Adeeb's Sea Turtle Inn, Comfort Inn Mayport, Comfort Inn Oceanfront, Days Inn Oceanfront Resort, Days Inn West, Holiday Inn Airport, Holiday Inn Baymeadows, La Quinta Inn Baymeadow, Marina Hotel at St. John's Place, Ponce de Leon Golf Resort, Residence Inn by Marriott, Sea Horse Oceanfront Inn and the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island.

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British Airways Holidays: Focusing on travel in London and Europe, British Airways Holidays' fall and winter brochure features a broad range of travel components at affordable prices. For example, London hotel rooms start at $40 a night (per person double occupancy), while car rental rates in Britain cost as little as $22 a day. These rates already include Britain's 17.5 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT).

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Travellers may also take advantage of the airline's Europe Airpass, which permits travel on up to 12 flights within Europe at low prices. For further information, pick up the latest British Airways Holidays brochure from travel agents, local British Airways sales offices, or by calling 1- 800-AIRWAYS.

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The Marco Polo of Medicine Hat: The publishing house Douglas & McIntyre has just released *Visual Journeys: Roloff Beny* by Mitchell Crites about the celebrated travel photographer. Born in Medicine Hat, Alta, Beny was "obsessed with the beauty of the world" and became famous for his books of photographs. He died in 1984. In conjunction with the book release, the first showing of Beny's work since his death opened this month at the Royal Ontario Museum.

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Hamilton Bonds breakfast set to honor two brothers

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

Abe Szpirglas

Larry Szpirglas

HAMILTON — A very special breakfast honoring a very special pair of brothers will take place on Oct. 30, when Hamilton State of Israel Bonds joins with B'nai Brith of Hamilton in a community tribute to Abe and Larry Szpirglas.

This is the first time that two brothers have been named honorees in the 14-year history of this annual event.

The breakfast will be held at Temple Anshe Sholom, and the guest speaker will be Howard Stone, well known writer and poet and a former executive director of the Zionist Organization of America and of the Tel Aviv Foundation. Stone has also served with the United Jewish Appeal of America, and at the request of the government of Israel, helped create Operation Independence, a coalition of international businessmen committed to advancing private sector growth in Israel.

The Szpirglas brothers are the sons of Sam and Anna, Polish-born survivors who initially settled in Montreal but moved to Hamilton in 1956. They also have a daughter, Carol Berk of Toronto.

Since they were actively involved in Jewish Community Centre (JCC) youth and teen programs, the brothers are part of that generation of young people, now in their 40s and early 50s, who were inspired and guided by the late, remarkable JCC youth director, Max Rotman, to take their place as responsible citizens and committed members of the Jewish community.

Both have been prominent figures in the Jewish community for many years.

Abe, a lawyer by profession, is immediate past president of the Jewish Federation of Hamilton-Wentworth & Area. He is also a past president of the JCC.

He has long been actively involved with the Hamilton Holocaust Remembrance Committee, is currently serving as co-chair of United Jewish Appeal (UJA) lawyers' division and is a member of several Jewish organizations.

Abe and his wife, Gina, have two children, Jeffrey and Joanna.

Younger brother Larry originally went into communal work but is now in the home building business.

He held the position of program director at the Bloor YMHA (now JCC) in Toronto, and later was appointed executive director of the Ottawa JCC. He subsequently spent five years with the Jewish Welfare Board in New York; as a staff member of the JCC Association of North America, he also served as a consultant for other North American Jewish community facilities.

Larry is a member of the Hamilton Federation board and the JCC board. He is a former co-chair of the Hamilton UJA campaign and is actively involved with the Israel Bonds campaign.

Larry and his wife, Fern, have two sons, Matt and Jonathan.

U of T's Jewish Studies program marks 25 years with exhibition

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A current exhibit on the first floor of Robarts Library, at the University of Toronto, marks the 25th anniversary of U of T's Jewish Studies program.

The two-week-long display, entitled Jewish Studies: The First 25 Years, runs until October 16.

An eclectic collection of publications relating to Jewish studies and authored by current and former U of T faculty members is the mainstay of the exhibit. While only the book covers are visible in the display cases, all the publications are available at the library, and many can be purchased at the university bookstore.

Among the featured staff members are philosopher Emil Fackenheim (now at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), historian Michael Marrus, sociologist Robert Brym, and Ben Schlesinger of the Faculty of Social Work.

Although a formal Jewish Studies program was not established until 1969, Hebrew language and "the biblical tradition" have comprised part of the U of T curriculum for 150 years, according to information in one of the six display cases. The courses were originally taught under the designation "Oriental Literature."

The department of Near Eastern Studies, which offers the largest number of courses (18 this year) in the Jewish Studies program, was formed in 1956. Other academic departments affiliated with the program include History, Sociology, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Libby Garshowitz, director of the program since 1992, is a former student of the program. She received her doctorate in 1974 and has been on staff at the university for over 20 years.

When Garshowitz was a graduate student, the program was under the directorship of the late Frank Talmage, the first director of Jewish Studies (1969 to 1974). Subsequent directors were Joseph Shatzmiller (1974-82 and 1983-85), Jacques Kornberg (1985-88 and, as acting director 1982-83 and 1991-92), and Arthur Kruger (1988-91 as acting director).

In the past two decades, the program has grown in both quality and scope, Garshowitz told *The CJN*. The related library collection and the number of public lecture series have also grown, she said, and the program offers about 50 courses this year.

The program's public lecture series include the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture, which is also celebrating its 25th anniversary, said Garshowitz. This year's Schwartz lecture, to be held Oct. 30 at the Medical Sciences Auditorium, will feature a four-speaker panel on The Legacy of Polish Jewry.

The display, which was catalogued by Jewish Studies librarian Barry Walfish with the assistance of museologist Karen Doidge, can be seen at Robarts Library, 130 St. George Street. Library hours are: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Jean Marshak [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Marshak — a woman ahead of her time

By BARBARA SILVESTEIN
Special to The CJN

At a time when most women were married and raising children Jean Marshak set off for Hollywood — alone.

She had worked as a fashion model in Toronto for nine years. But at the age of 29 she decided to try her luck in film.

"A woman alone doing something like that — it was unheard of back then," her son, Paul Marshak told *The CJN*.

Marshak a resident of Forest Hill Place, a luxury retirement home, smiled as she talked to *The CJN* about her Hollywood days. She's a fine-featured, elegantly dressed woman who she looks far younger than her 89 years.

In 1934, she booked a cruise to California. Some reporters interviewed her while she was aboard the ship and when she arrived in Hollywood she made headlines.

"They wrote, 'Canadian cover girl invades Hollywood,' " she said with a laugh. "The next morning I had all the reporters at the hotel." Shortly after her arrival she signed on with an agent and she was soon reading scripts, she said.

Marshak had walk-on roles in three pictures, which included *A Night at the Opera* with the Marx brothers. They made her laugh, she said. "You couldn't help it. . . It was a lot of fun. . . They weren't just funny, they were clever."

She became friends with Lucille Ball — an unknown actress at the time. The two women had bit parts in the same movie. "She was a wonderful person," Marshak said. "She had very beautiful features. They [the cameras] didn't do justice to her."

Marshak socialized with many people in the film industry — and dated a director. But her film career never took off. She left Hollywood after six months.

She went back to Toronto to get married. Marshak said she never planned to marry any of her Hollywood escorts. "No way. They weren't the marrying kind."

Shortly before her departure she met a producer who wanted her to take a screen test, she said. "He wanted to make me a second Gloria Swanson. He thought I looked like her." That very night Robert Marshak, a Brooklyn-born business man proposed over the phone and she went "right back to Toronto."

The couple lived in Boston from 1940 to 1952 where Robert sold insurance. They returned to Toronto where he established a lucrative business — he had the Canadian rights to Warner Weather Master Construction — an aluminum siding, awning and window company.

She had the financial means to indulge her passion for horse racing and fashion. She and her husband spent winters in Florida racing their horses — they had six to eight horses at any given time. She also enjoyed shopping and made the *Toronto Telegram's* Best-Dressed Women List 10 years in a row.

Fashion became an integral part of her life after her husband's death in 1974. At an age when most people retire — Marshak was 69 — she went back to work.

She became a fashion consultant for Holt Renfrew. "I always liked working," she said. "I liked helping women pick out their clothes." For the next 19 years Marshak worked at a number of stores which included Creeds, Birks and L'Elengante, a Yorkville boutique."

She retired a year ago after breaking her arm and she moved into Forest Hill Place this past summer. Marshak looks back upon her life with satisfaction. "I have no regrets," she said. "I've been lucky. I've had it all."

Kosher kitchen opens in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — It was only a few nights after the High Holy Days but the rabbi of Victoria's Congregation Emanu-El was asking the important Passover question: "Why is this night different from all other nights?"

The answer, said Rabbi Victor Reinstein, was that it was a night to celebrate the opening of the kosher kitchen at the Empress Hotel — a landmark here for the past 86 years. It's the first kosher kitchen on Vancouver Island and the opening was a fundraiser for the synagogue's school building fund.

As MLA Gretchen Brewin put it, the occasion marked "the joining of two strong Victoria traditions and cultures — the hotel and the 130-year-old Congregation Emanu-El."

Rabbi Reinstein said "this is a wonderful, auspicious night. It's different because never before has it been possible to obtain a kosher meal at the Empress." He called for a special Shehechianu for the local Jewish community for "reaching this stage in our history."

The rabbi said the nature of kashrut "teaches us about our relationship with G-d. Kashrut becomes a model for every area of our lives."

Noting the presence of non-Jews at the dinner, the rabbi said the event represented not only the "pulling together and unity" of the Jewish people but served also as "a respectful meeting with others, where we come together to celebrate our differences together."

Milestone

April Katz, immediate past president of the synagogue, expressing appreciation to the hotel management, called it "a milestone celebration." She said keeping the "kashrut contract in Jewish life" is difficult in Victoria. "The Empress will now be a heimish place for Jewish residents and visitors."

Ian Barbour, general manager of the Empress, paid tribute to the Orthodox rabbinical Council of British Columbia for negotiating and arranging for the kashering of the kosher kitchen. Marc Saunier, food and beverage director, said the mashgiach, Rabbi Levy Teitelbaum, worked for several days side by side with the chefs who prepared the meal, and he presented the rabbi with a chef's outfit bearing his name and the newly-bestowed title of "executive rabbi." The chefs were introduced to the 200 guests and got a big round of applause for their marinated salmon, matzah ball soup and cornish hen.

There was a bowl of water at each table for the ritual washing of hands before the meal.

Rabbi Reinstein led the kaddush and the Sheva Brachos and Rabbi A. Feigelstock, director of the rabbinical council, said the Hamotzi.

Mayor Bob Coss brought greetings from the city. Stephanie Gilbert, the synagogue campaign chair who organized the dinner, expressed appreciation to the hotel management and all involved in preparing the event.

The banquet hall was decorated with the flags of Canada, Israel and British Columbia.

A musical program followed the dinner.

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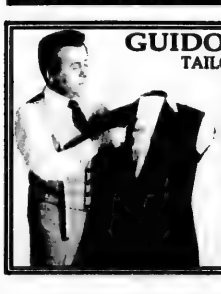

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Book reprints front pages from the Jerusalem Post

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The *Jerusalem Post*, Israel's sole English daily, has chronicled the flow of events in Palestine/Israel, the Middle East and the rest of the world for 62 years.

Originally known as the *Palestine Post*, it began as a rudimentary bulletin and evolved into a full-fledged newspaper, with staff writers and foreign correspondents.

When Palestine was a British colony, the self-declared purpose of the *Post* was to serve "the needs and tastes of British residents, other Europeans and Palestinians."

But after the establishment of Israel, the paper's readership changed, and with it, its name.

Today, the *Jerusalem Post* is read by new immigrants, Israeli officials and foreign diplomats stationed in Israel. Its international edition, which has a wider circulation, is read by Jews in the Diaspora.

More than a local newspaper, the *Jerusalem Post* is worldly. You may not agree with its editorial opinions, which have swung to the right in recent years, but you can usually depend on its news judgment, topicality and reliability — integral components of respectable journalism.

These qualities shine through in *Front Page Israel* (The Jerusalem Post, $29.95 US), a 288-page volume featuring reproductions of its front page from its inaugural issue on Dec. 1, 1932 up to Nov. 7, 1993.

As you flip through the pages, you're transported back on a journey which recalls the British Mandate, Arab-Jewish disturbances, the Holocaust and the creation of Israel.

The highlights of the 1950s are Arab terrorism, Israeli retaliatory raids into neighboring countries and the Sinai war.

The 1960s bring the Eichmann trial, the resignation of David Ben-Gurion as prime minister, the execution of Israeli spy Eli Cohen in Damascus, the Six Day War and its aftermath and the War of Attrition.

During the 1970s, the headlines record the Yom Kippur War, the efforts by the United States to impose a political solution on the region, the re-emergence of terrorism, the electoral victory of the Likud, Anwar al-Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem and the Camp David Accords.

Continuing terrorism

In the 1980s, the *Post* reports on the Lebanon War and its aftershocks, the changes within the PLO, the continuing terrorism and the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

As the 1990s are ushered in, top billing is assigned to the crisis in the Persian Gulf and Operation Solomon (the Ethiopian Jewish airlift). The Rabin-Arafat handshake and Shimon Peres' so-called secret talks with King Hussein in Jordan round off the book.

Judging by the front pages of the past six decades, the *Jerusalem Post* has markedly improved. The layout is far better and the writing is infinitely more lucid.

The original goal of the paper was to provide "a window to the world." Reversing this dictum, *Front Page Israel* provides a window through which to observe Israel.

It's an intriguing view.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Farewell Espana: The World of the Sephardim Remembered, by Howard M. Sachar (Random House of Canada, $42 US).

On August 2 and 3, 1492, the last professing Jews on Spanish soil clambered aboard ships for a voyage to an unknown and uncertain future. At a nearby harbor three small caravels were waiting to hoist sail. Their commander, Christopher Columbus — perhaps himself of Jewish ancestry — wrote in his log that the departing vessels were "a fleet of misery and woe."

Eight hundred years of Jewish life in Spain came to an end that day, a span that included a golden age of unparalleled creativity, the work of statesmen, theologians, poets, physicians and philosophers.

It was not an unexpected end. In the 13th century, harsh antagonism had swelled against Jewish dominance in many areas of Spanish life. In 1391 riots broke out across the Iberian Peninsula. Howling mobs destroyed entire Jewish communities.

In the upheaval and in the Inquisition that followed, a third of Spain's Jews were slain, a third underwent forced conversion and a third were forced to flee. Grenada, the last Muslim stronghold, fell in January 1492 and Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabella of Castile united Spain as a Christian country.

Where did these desperate refugees go? They sought new lives in places that would accept them: the Balkans, Holland, Turkey, the Levant, the Americas and eventually modern Israel.

In 1654, 23 Jews from Brazil fleeing from the long arm of the Inquisition landed in New Amsterdam, the Dutch West Indies outpost in North America. Governor Peter Stuyvesant refused them entry as "members of a deceitful race who should not be allowed further to infect and trouble the new colony." Fortunately, the West India Company ruled otherwise and Jews were allowed to settle and trade in the New Netherlands.

Another memorable events in Sephardi history is the "madness" that seized the Jewish world in the 17th century with the coming of the false messiah Shabbati Zevi. "In 1665, Amsterdam Jewry adopted a new calendar, beginning with the Year of the Deliverance of Israel," Sachar writes. "Jews now began selling their homes and lands as they prepared for departure to the Holy Land. Some pietists anticipated literally being carried off on clouds, and they awaited the decisive moment on their rooftops."

Distinguished scholar

Sachar, a distinguished scholar and author of many books on modern Jewish history, has written an impressive overview of the world of the Sephardim rich in detail and incident.

He brings alive the dramatic personae of the Sephardim over their long history. These personalities include the royal counsellors Samuel ibn Negrela and Joseph Nasi, the poets ibn Gabriol and Yehuda Halevi, the philosophers Maimonides and Baruch Spinoza, the statesmen Benjamin Disraeli and Pierre Mendes France.

It is important to note that 600 years ago more than half the world's Jews were Sephardim and provided Jewry with the larger part of its leadership — secular, intellectual and religious. Today, the proportion of Sephardim in the Jewish world is about one in six. In Israel they form more than half the Jewish population (or did, before the recent Russian immigration).

This notable work is a splendid addition to the growing literature on the past and future of the Sephardim.

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BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Succah Project: Despite the recent cutbacks and closures, there is still art and culture to be found within the walls of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. in North York. As proof, a display of Succah silks is on view at the Koffler Gallery until Oct. 30.

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In Aid of Tel Aviv University: The Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University has reserved some of the best seats in the house for the opening of the new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, at Toronto's O'Keefe Centre on Wednesday May 31, 1995. Donny Osmond plays the title role.

Tickets are $150 and $75 for students. Price includes a pre-performance reception. All tickets sold help support Israel's largest and most comprehensive institute of higher learning. A tax receipt will be issued for the maximum amount allowable. Contact the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, 1801 Avenue Rd., Toronto M5M 3Z3. Phone (416) 787-9930.

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Show Boat Docks On Broadway: There was not a trace of unpleasantness or a single accusation of "Racism!" when the Livent production of *Show Boat* opened earlier this month to generally stunning reviews at the Gershwin Theatre in Manhattan. "This play is a revered piece of Americana, and no one in the States would dare say anything bad about it — they're too smart for that," Dennis Kucherawy, Livent's Toronto-based director of publicity, recently told Eye on Arts. Indeed, many U.S. critics wrote glowingly of the show when it first opened in North York, and characterized its few loud critics as highly misguided. Reporting nearly record-breaking ticket sales, Livent is optimistically predicting a run of several years for *Show Boat* in New York.

Detached mode of expression

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Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Founded in 1936, the orchestra predates Israel's independence by 12 years, and begins its 59th season this month. The 58-member IPO is conducted by the world-renowned Zubin Mehta and includes virtuoso performers such as Pinchas Zuckerman and Itzhak Perlman. For orchestra schedules and box office phone numbers, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, (416) 964-3784 or toll free 1-800-669-2369.

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An Original Bookmaker: American artist Miriam Schaer, an illustrator and graphic designer, has been making books by hand since 1978, using watercolors, acrylic, gouache and other materials. The themes often deal with critical moments in women's lives. A collection of 20 of her books and covers made since 1989 is the substance of an exhibition that opens Oct. 27 at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa (905-576-3000). Meet the artist at a reception, Sunday Oct. 30, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Post-painterly abstraction

Also opening at the gallery on Oct. 27 is the show The Optical Challenge: Post-Painterly Abstraction. Coined by the American art critic Clement Greenberg, the movement of "post-painterly abstraction" was a revolt against the abstract expressionism of the late 1950s, which a new generation of artists (represented in the show) felt was cliched: its drips and splashes seemed to be manufactured rather than an extension of any real drama or chaos.

Post-painterly abstraction favours an impersonal, detached mode of expression. Artists emphasize the power of pure colour through even, non-textured application of paint, flat non-illusionistic space and the relationship of adjacent colors. Categorized as "hard-edge," most works in this exhibition feature hard, razor-sharp contours as opposed to blurred or stained edges.

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Butterfly Tours Six Western Cities: Aviva Ravel's play *Dance Like A Butterfly* is scheduled to tour six Western cities thanks to assistance from the Canada Council. The itinerary includes Calgary (Oct. 20 to 23), Vancouver (Oct. 24 to 26), Edmonton (Oct. 27 to 29), Saskatoon (Oct. 30 to Nov. 1), Regina (Nov. 2 to 4) and Winnipeg (Nov. 5 to 7).

Actor Miriam Samuels and director Rena Cohen expect to present the play at Jewish community centres, at hospitals for medical staff, and at universities for theatre and medical students. For details, write Cameo Productions, 5317 Lucy Place, Montreal H3X 1L1. Phone (514) 733-3211.

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Media Watch: Woody Allen is featured on the cover of the latest *Esquire* magazine. The accompanying article, by Bill Zehme, is a lively profile filled with gossip and Allen's trademark schtick. Hearing that Fox is planning a miniseries about the life of Mia Farrow, he quips, "It's funny that someone will be playing me. I must call Tom Cruise and tell him that there's a job opening." The article discusses almost every facet of Allen's life except the one — filmmaking — that made him a celebrity in the first place.

An anthology of essays

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Holy Blossom Temple has just published *On Being A Jew: A Reform Perspective*, a new book of writings by Rabbi Dow Marmur to mark his 10th anniversary as spiritual leader of the largest Reform congregation in Canada.

"This book was the alternative to a dinner," said Rabbi Marmur at a synagogue book launch that drew about 150 people on a recent Sunday morning. "I don't know if the book is as nourishing as a dinner might have been, but I'm pretty sure it's less fattening."

The author's fourth book, *On Being A Jew* is an anthology of 25 essays, many of which have appeared in journals such as *Manna* and *Viewpoints*. Subjects include Should the Canadian Jewish Community Be Involved in Social Issues?, Is There A Future for Canadian Jewry? and How I Became a Rabbi.

"The book contains many of the things I've said and thought in the congregation in a variety of ways," Rabbi Marmur said. "The purpose is to offer some kind of summar of the kinds of concerns that have been mine in my first decade here."

At the book launch, Rabbi Marmur thanked Rabbi Emeritus Gunther Plaut for "many things, including putting me in the context of Reform Judaism.

"I see it, in my way, as being at the crossroads. Reform Judaism can either become the normative Judaism of tomorrow or it can become a sect. And I'd like to be among those who are going all out to make sure that it becomes the normative Judaism of tomorrow."

Rabbi Marmur said the Holy Blossom Temple is a "cathedral synagogue," prominent in the Reform movement with great influence over other congregations. "People look to it," he said. "If it can reflect what is true in Reform Judaism, without looking to the right or to the left, then there is hope for other congregations. That is, in fact, what is happening."

On Being A Jew is available for $14.95 from the Holy Blossom Temple.

Viewing 'history that hurts'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

It's "history that hurts."

People who visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington should steel themselves.

The museum, which opened last April on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, inspires strong feelings.

Connecting visitors with the victims, it is neither a dusty nor a lifeless depository. And most important of all, the museum is a warning to the present generation.

For the Living is a documentary which explains the origins, goals and construction of the museum. The film is now available on cassette from Atlas Video in Bethesda, Maryland.

Conceived by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the museum is anchored by "palpable evidence" of the Final Solution.

The most striking exhibit is rail car number 31599G, which transported Jews to Treblinka. As *For the Living* opens, the drab cattle car is lowered by crane into the unfinished building, located near the White House.

Among the museum's other artifacts are bricks from the Warsaw Ghetto, bent spoons, a key to a house and mounds of shoes. We're told the museum has the world's largest collection of Holocaust artifacts.

The building itself is full of Holocaust imagery — red bricks from concentration camp barracks and arches to recapture the mood of vanished Jewish neighborhoods in Eastern Europe. An atrium symbolizes the sky, the only thing that was left after the Jews had been stripped of everything, while a boat is emblematic of the flight of Danish Jewry to Sweden.

For the Living is a film that belongs in every cinematic library of the Holocaust.

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Business Briefs

U.S.-Israel Treaty

JERUSALEM — The U.S. Senate recently ratified the U.S.-Israel treaty for the prevention of double taxation, following the receipt of formal written assurances from Israel on sharing bank account information, the Treasury reported.

The treaty, which becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1995 will enable individuals and corporations from both Israel and the United States to engage in business in the other country without being subject to double taxation on profits.

According to Treasury officials, the tax treaty will play a significant role in efforts to attract American investment, as U.S. firms prefer equal tax treatment for their foreign investments. The tax treaty will also enable Americans to invest in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) without paying the new 10 per cent tax on stock market profits.

The treaty was up for Senate ratification last November, when at the last minute it was pulled from consideration at the request of the U.S. tax authorities who were concerned that Americans with bank accounts here would escape U.S. scrutiny.

The U.S. officials suspected that since foreign residents with local accounts are not required to file an Israeli tax return, the Israeli tax authorities would be able to claim they have no information and thereby shield the local deposits of Americans from U.S. tax enforcement authorities.

Last month, Israel sent the United States an official response to a series of questions regarding the treaty's implementation and persuaded the American officials to give the Senate the green light to ratify the treaty.

According to income tax commissioner Doron Levy, the countries will share information based on the local tax authorities' practices for requesting such information from banks. In Israel, for example, the tax authorities only audit a limited number of bank accounts and the Americans would be allowed to have the same access.

Levy reiterated that the information would not be provided unless the U.S. authorities were able to justify their request for it. He made it clear that both sides had no plans to exchange computer lists of Americans living here and Israelis living in the United Staes.

The treaty has been in the works for 25 years, and one of the major obstacles has been the fear of scaring away billions of dollars deposited here by Americans.

Levy discounted such fears, saying that the treaty was signed nearly two years ago and during that time there has not been any sign of a major capital flight.

Treasury director-general Aharon Fogel said the treaty creates the conditions for freedom of action for U.S. investments in industry, tourism and other areas, as well as in the capital market.

A Rise In Interest Rates

JERUSALEM — The Bank of Israel surprised everyone with its decision to raise interest rates by 1.5 per cent, upping the ante in its battle against inflation.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) fell sharply on the news, with the broad Two-Sided Index falling by 2.8 per cent, and the narrower Maof slipping by 2.7 per cent.

The Histadrut, Manufacturers Association, and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish all attacked the move, but Danny Gillerman, president of the Israeli Chambers of Commerce, said the Bank of Israel is the only institution trying to deal with the problem of accelerated inflation.

The move follows a similar hike last month, which was preceded by seven 0.5 per cent increases since November. The previous hikes failed to dampen inflation.

Mid-East Development Bank Proposed

JERUSALEM — Israel will propose the establishment of a Middle East development bank at the Casablanca economic conference next month, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said.

The bank, based on the model of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development which was created to rebuild the post-communist economies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, would be a major source of financing for joint projects in the region.

According to Peres, cooperative projects in the area provide the best antidote against Islamic fundamentalism.

"The best weapon against Hamas is economic," he said. "The more the standard of living rises in the region, the more violence will drop."

Peres, who met with economic correspondents in his office, talked about his vision of a Middle East transformed and rebuilt on economic cooperation.

Investing in and developing the region's economy is at least as worthwhile as spending money on defence, and improving the area's economy is the best means of dealing with the potential dangers to stability, he said.

The Casablanca conference, opening on Oct. 31, will be attended by hundreds of senior government officials worldwide. In addition, about 50 Israeli companies will take part.

One of the expected outcomes of the conference will be the establishment of several investment centres that will match investors to projects, Peres said.

Another McDonnell Douglas-Israel Deal

JERUSALEM —Israel Shipyards has a deal with McDonnell Douglas to build six civilian submarines for use in Finland if the company is privatized, Israel Shipyards managing director Ze'ev Almog said.

Almog said the contract, worth tens of millions of dollars, was only one of the projects which could be undertaken if the company could raise credit through commercial channels.

Details about the deal were revealed during a meeting between Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar on the privatization of the company.

Site Eliminated As Free Export Zone

JERUSALEM — The Free Export Zones Council eliminated the Ramat Beka area as a prospective location for the Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ), since it is not appropriate for clean industries, the Treasury announced.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat asked at the council's meeting that the FEPZ be located as close as possible to Beersheva. Under the FEPZ law, the zone may be located in a development area either in the Negev or the Galilee.

The council is considering three possible sites near Beersheva — Lehavim, Likit and Tel Shoket. Under the law, the zone will be run as a concession, following a competitive bid. Businesses locating in the zone will be entitled to a complete tax exemption for 20 years.

In addition, all bureaucratic processes will be streamlined into a one-step, one-stop administrative centre.

Elron Forms Partnership

JERUSALEM — Elron has announced a strategic partnership with New York-based Advanced Network Systems (ANS) for development of ElroNet wide band international service network.

Abe Peled, vice-president for business development, said the agreement allows Elron to market ANS services to Israeli firms with offices in the United States.

ANS will market similar services to American firms wishing to do business in Israel. There are currently some 200 companies in this group, of which 60 are traded in New York.

A real estate guru

TORONTO — They came for wisdom from the guru of real estate, which Sam Zell obligingly dispensed to some 350 participants at a special event sponsored by UJA's Construction Cabinet and Investment Division.

Sam Zell

Chicago-based Zell, short, stocky, bearded, is a $6-billion big deal in the real estate world. His holdings make up one of North America's largest privately-held real estate portfolios.

Zell's business nickname is The Grave Dancer because of his flair for reviving companies on the brink of death. His latest acquisition was 90 per cent of Midway Airlines.

According to Toronto investment manager Ira Gluskin, who introduced Zell and deals with many of his companies, the legendary investor is chief executive officer of over 80 firms.

"He has been around the real estate business forever," Gluskin said. "He is very wealthy and very successful."

Zell is also an adventurer. He has a yellow motorcycle, a yellow Mustang, a soft spot for UJA and an aversion to ties, although he wore one for this occasion.

As for his views on real estate, Zell is optimistic about the industry's future after what he called a period of "voodoo economics."

"We saw the greatest orgy of overdevelopment and capital consumption that the real estate industry has ever seen in its history," he observed. He accused developers of feeding their own egos "by building real estate for which there was no demand." As a result, he pointed out, the total value of U.S. real estate dropped by $300 billion to $500 billion in 1986 alone.

Now that developers have taken stock of reality and "come out of the covers," Zell predicted an excellent financial future for real estate over the next few years.

Zell was preceded by Leo Levi, who fled from Sarajevo with his family and arrived in Toronto with help from the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, a UJA supported agency. Levi called the reception from JIAS "amazing."

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Business & Finance

Seminar targets tax-free export zone

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The recent birth of a 700-acre tax-free export zone in Israel was the agenda at a local seminar on doing business in Israel. ness in Israel.

The zone, located in the northern Negev, was approved last month by the Knesset after a two-year lobbying campaign by the Israel Export Development Co. Ltd. to allow foreign business to operate free of Israeli taxation and bureaucracy.

"It got pushed through the Knesset because there were some very powerful American and Israeli business people who committed to invest very significant sums of money into this project," Toronto lawyer Schuyler Sigel told the seminar, sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

The Israel Export Development Co. is an American group made up of Jewish business executives, real estate developers and philanthropists. Shareholders include CBS chair Laurence Tisch and real estate magnate Larry Silverstein.

Sigel, of the firm Baker MacKenzie, was joined for a panel discussion by chartered accountant Leon Bleiwas, tax lawyer Brian Segal, Israeli corporate lawyer Yehuda Raveh, small business consultant Bryan Ceresine and Israeli trade commissioner Benjamin Noy.

"There are no quotas [in the zone], no licences, no government regulation of any kind," said Bleiwas, a tax partner with the accountancy firm Deloitte & Touche. "There are no foreign currency controls — transactions can be carried out in shekels, in Canadian dollars, in American dollars."

Until the year 2013, the zone is exempt from corporate income taxes, capital gains taxes, custom duties and the 17 per cent value-added tax, the Israeli equivalent of the GST and the PST.

However, any profits sent out of the country are subject to a 15 per cent withholding tax. Segal said profits repatriated to Canada may be subject to full Canadian tax.

Building in the zone is expected to begin in March 1995. Companies setting up outside the Negev are being courted by the Israel government with reduced taxes, grants, government guarantees and tax holidays if they qualify as "approved" enterprises.

Raveh, an Israeli lawyer who mainly represents foreigners doing business there, said most industrial companies in Israel are given approved enterprise status.

If a Canadian company put up a commercial building near the Jerusalem airport, the company is entitled to a grant for 38 per cent of their investment. Building in certain "development zones" — the airport neighborhood is a development A zone — brings higher grants than in others. "It's not loans as it used to be years ago, it's grants," he stressed.

The Canadian company would pay a reduced corporate income tax rate of 10 to 25 per cent, compared with rates well above 30 per cent. A reduction to 10 per cent is available for companies, Raveh says, "which are owned 90 per cent or more by foreign companies."

Since Israel has free trade agreements with the European Common Market and other European countries, he suggested Canadians importing products to Europe use Israel as a trade bridge to avoid custom duties. If a Canadian manufacturer found an Israeli counterpart to finish its products, the Israeli counterpart could sell the finished product in the European market.

"The fastest companies to move on this use of the free trade agreement are Far Eastern companies," he said, noting that Asians and are taking advantage of Israeli technology.

Consultant Ceresne, who specializes in Israel, recommended the book *Technological Incubators in Israel* for companies looking for products. "It's really worth going through," he said. "You may be in fact be doing something very similar, in which case you have the opportunity for cooperation and joint ventures."

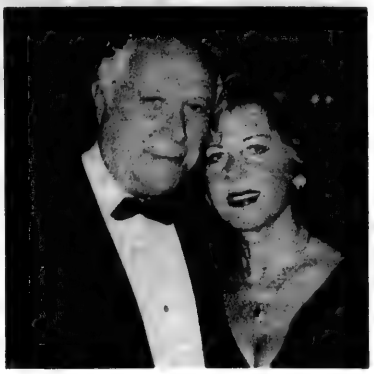
He stressed that a shortage of money is not necessarily an obstacle when setting up a business in Israel. "There is money over there that I think will be at your disposal."

Israeli chartered and merchant banks are aggressively pursuing investment opportunities, he said. Merchant banks will offer most of the equity required to get a company off the ground in exchange for a percentage of the ownership.

Pension funds, insurance companies and mutual funds are also looking for investment opportunities, Ceresne said, and some "are very venture-capital oriented."

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) has set up an exchange for fledgling enterprises in Jerusalem similar to New York Stock Exchange's NASDAQ, which allows companies to go public on a small scale.

In 1993 about 200 companies went public on the TASE, and Ceresne estimated that more than 1,200 stocks currently trade on the exchange. "They say that probably in excess of 25 per cent of the capital raised on the TASE really came from the real estate industry, so you can see that there is a lot of capital, not just venture capital but equity capital, chasing the development opportunities in the country."



Saul and Toby Feldberg

Teknion Industries owners to be feted

TORONTO — When Saul Feldberg, an upholstery plant apprentice, was 17 and filled with a teenager's all-consuming confidence, it was time, he thought, for a raise.

After carefully cataloguing the reasons why he deserved a five cent an hour increase, his boss denied his request.

"To be honest, I don't really need you," the boss blurted out.

After a week of feeling glum, Feldberg straightened himself out. "In a sense the man did me a favor. My heart wasn't at work. I started to think 'My G-d. I'm going to be an important person here.' "

Within four years, Feldberg was appointed production manager. Nine years later, he began Global Upholstery, Canada's largest office furniture manufacturer. Another of Feldberg's firms, Haifa-based Teknion Industries, is a significant exporter of furniture to Europe and employs nearly 200 new immigrants.

As direct participants in Israel's economic growth, the Feldbergs — Saul and his wife Toby — are being honored by State of Israel Bonds and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Oct. 18.

Saul Feldberg fled a Polish ghetto with his parents and a brother during the war. They managed to survive the Holocaust by staying one step ahead of their persecutors.

When the war ened, the Feldbergs found themselves in a German DP camp. In 1949 they settled in Israel in Ashkelon, near the Gaza strip. Saul was assigned to a nearby kibbutz and grew tomatoes.

Life for the Feldberg family was tough. "Israel's army was small and weak," Feldberg recalled. "Arab infiltrators used to come every night to steal and kill. My father, having survived the Holocaust, couldn't take it anymore."

The next stop was Canada, but Saul was torn. He did not want to leave Israel or his parents. "In those days, there was a hunger in Israel," Feldberg said. "The spirit of dedication and nationalism was great."

In the end, Feldberg accompanied his family to Toronto in 1953 where landing a job was difficult, even for a strong teenager. There was temporary work packaging and pressing hats, followed by the upholstery apprentice position which he picked up with the help of Jewish Vocational Services.

When Feldberg founded Global in 1966, he had already been married to Toby for nine years. They worked, as Saul put it, "shoulder to shoulder," with only a handful of employees. The number of workers multiplied as sales catapulted Global to the top of Canada's office furniture manufacturers. Today, Global exports to the world, including the Persian Gulf.

The company's premier position in Canada allowed Feldberg to fulfil a dream — contributing directly to Israel's economic growth by setting up Teknion Industries.

"Teknion's products are world-class, comparable to the best systems in the world. They're well accepted in Europe," Feldberg said. "Teknion employs about 250 people, and 75 per cent of them are new immigrants from Russia. This gives me much more satisfaction than dollars and cents."

But Teknion is also doing well in the dollars and cents department. It's a profitable operation with high profile customers such as Jerusalem's new City Hall.

Toby and Saul Feldberg's volunteer concerns are as extensive as their business interests. In addition to Israel Bonds, they support the Jerusalem College of Technology, Ben Gurion University, the Yad Vashem Society, Beit Halochem, She'arim Hebrew Day School, the Reena Foundation and the Be'ersheva Foundation.

The Feldbergs have four children — Joel, Janice, David and Bernie — and two granddaughters.

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Ross says his success has far exceeded his initial expectations. When asked to what he attributes this, he says it's because "I've never looked at anyone with dollar signs in my eyes. My advice is honest and objective, and it comes from years of experience in this business."

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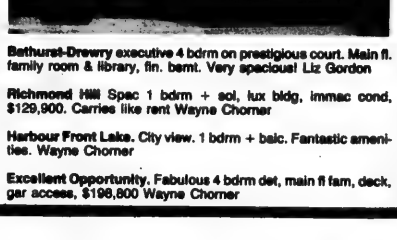

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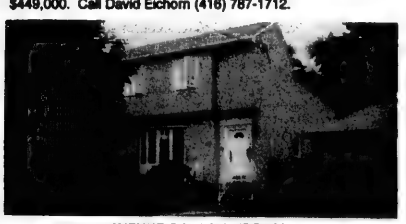

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Goldberg, Albert on September 26, 1994
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Ohayon, Raphael on September 26, 1994
Rosenblatt, Judith Anne on October 1, 1994, late of 18 Lower Village Gate #402
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Switzer, Florence on October 3, 1994, late of 245 Pannahill Rd. #2
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Yeshivat Torah Chaim Section 33
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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of
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Solomon
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Isaac Hellinger ז"ל
will take place
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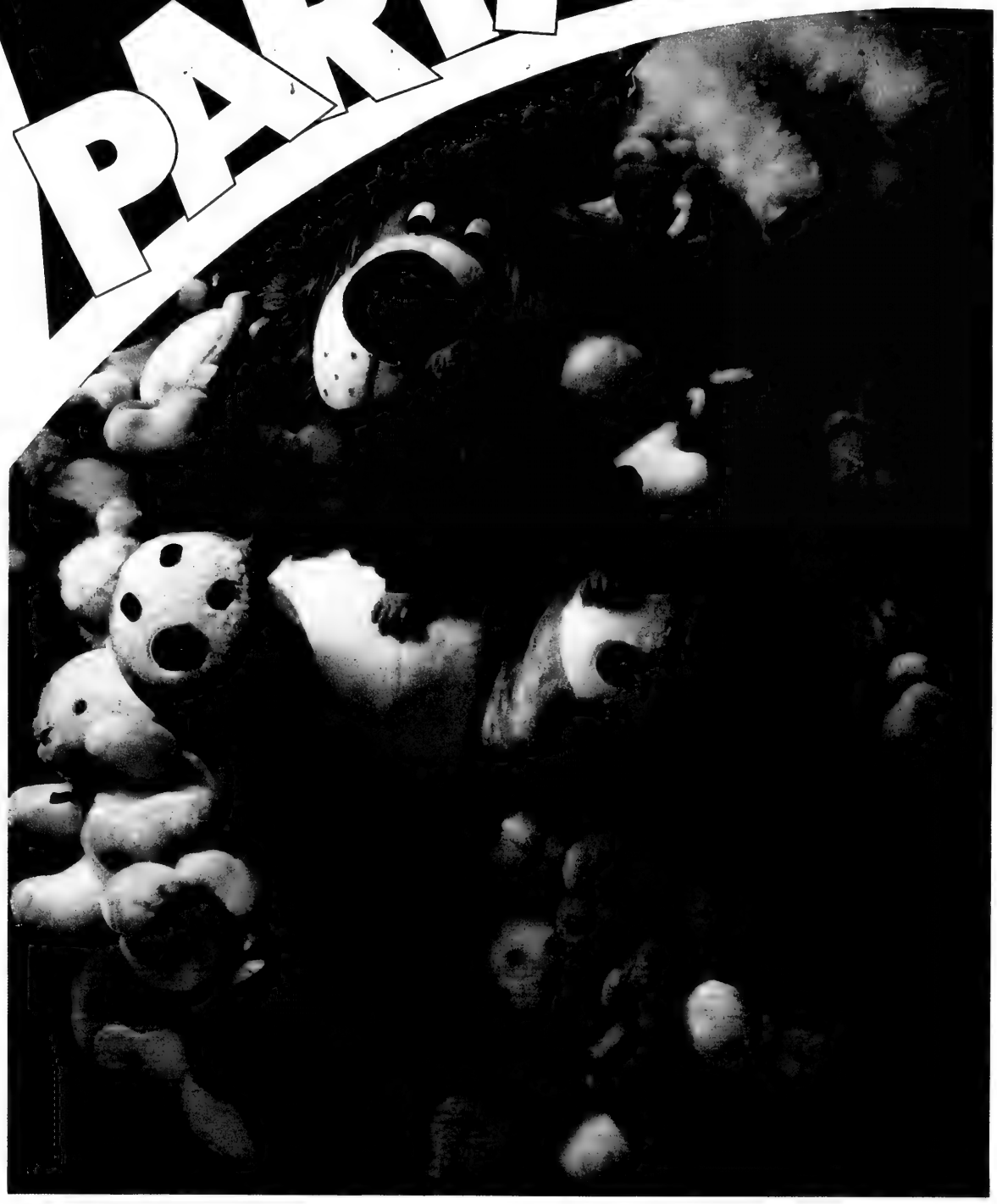

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The trials of finding The Dress

By DEBRA ROSENTHAL
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I read somewhere that a prospective bride will very likely buy the first wedding dress she tries on because she is so overwhelmed by how she looks that she cannot get the image out of her mind.

I doubted this could happen to me because I do not get excited by shopping or trying on clothes. In fact, I had bought so few clothes in recent years that my fiancé said my wardrobe looked as if it needed major infrastructure repair — like a bridge that had not been maintained.

Also, I thought I had a good idea of what I would like as a bride since I once tried on my mother's wedding dress, even though it was wrinkled and flattened from years of storage.

For six months I found excuses for not shopping for The Dress — I didn't know where to look, I had no time, PhD exams were around the corner, I had to prepare to teach my undergraduate classes. Finally, my mother's warning — that any more delays would mean signing my ketubah in jeans — shifted me into shopping gear.

I felt pressured from reading and hearing that a wedding dress is the most important — and expensive — ritual object that a bride selects for herself. For the traditional Jewish woman, it is in this dress that she formally leaves her family to form a new one with her husband. The dress is the transition object: she wears it once only, to adorn her and carry her from one phase to another.

This aspect of the dress was demystified for me, though, since I had been living with my fiance for over a year. Between my lack of sartorial enthusiasm and the anxiety over ritual importance, finding the perfect wedding dress seemed a daunting and impossible quest.

Full of trepidation, I went with a girlfriend to a bridal store to look for The Dress. We were given a private consultant and dressing room.

I skimmed through bridal magazines and gathered a few ideas of what I was looking for: a white, rather than ivory dress; collarbone neckline; long lacy sleeves for a more formal look under the chupah; a big full skirt; and a train that went on forever.

The bridal consultant brought several oversized clear plastic garment bags into the dressing room. None of the dresses in them looked captivating enough to be The Dress.

The first dress she pulled out was an ivory gown. Over my protests that I wanted white, not ivory, she tried to convince me that this dress fit my description, but that the store only had an ivory model in stock. They could order it in white if I liked it. I was disappointed and dismayed that she was coercing me into trying on a dress I clearly did not want. However, I relented.

The consultant maneuvered me into the cavernous, flowing dress, arranged it on me, and I looked in the mirror.

I was shocked.

I was not me — I was a shimmering, otherworldly woman. I was beautiful, I was regal, I radiated. I was a bride.

My girlfriend looked at me and laughed, half out of joy, half out of seeing my stunned face. I wondered if I should buy this dress, the first dress, or look at more.

Just to be sure, the bridal consultant whooshed in dress after dress, and I spent the next couple of hours trying them on.

When I was a little girl, I fantasized about playing the ultimate dress-up game of wearing an outrageous long full dress. I imagined that it would billow out dramatically as I danced the horah or the cha-cha. Knowing I was going to buy such a dress, I needed to learn the proper way to dance in it.

Neither my fiance nor I knew how to ballroom dance or twirl dramatically, so we took private lessons. We chose a waltz ballad for the band to play as our first dance. But after a series of waltz lessons, I was unsatisfied. We hadn't learned any steps that would make a dress poof out. I wanted some drama.

We went back for one more lesson — to learn the Viennese waltz turn. I had not bargained on it being such a difficult move that needs a lot of practice. Because our apartment was too small, we had to dance out on the driveway. We practised only at night because we were embarrassed the neighbors would see us.

One evening, a storm approached. We danced when the street was quiet, the sky was rich with stars, and the streetlights were out. It was too dark to see each other. We moved by touch alone. Sheet lighting flashed intermittently, illuminating my fiance's face for a brief second as we twirled in darkness.

Back in the bridal store, as I continued to try on dresses, I watched other giddy brides trying on gowns. They preened in front of the mirror, swirling the white trains about them, admiring every detail of their dress. They, too, glowed in disbelief at how different the gowns made them feel.

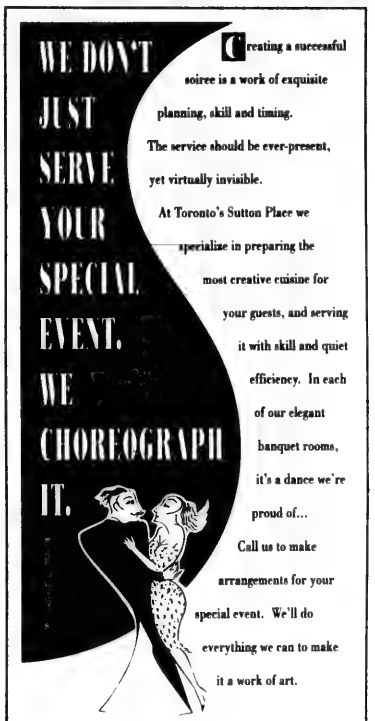
In the dressing rooms, the mothers were sterner judges than the mirrors. They quickly and decidedly rejected gowns that did not flatter their daughters, or veils that were not right for a bedecken. They never seemed uncertain — it was either The Dress, or not even a close contender.

I imagined that the mothers were investing a lot of emotion in their daughters' decisions and reliving their own weddings vicariously, leaving me to wonder what a mother's experience of her daughter's wedding is. My marriage is as much a rite of passage for my mother as it is for me. In fact, she said that my wedding was a bigger event in her life than her own wedding was.

My girlfriend and I narrowed the field of dresses down to three. After several hours of trying on gowns, I was numb and weary, ready for anyone, even someone else's mother, to make a decision for me.

But one of the dresses had a special feeling to it. It tugged at me and nudged me to choose it. I tried it on one more time, and felt that surge of excitement again. I bought it.

It was the first dress I had tried on.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Confronting the question of KICKBACKS

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
Supplement Editor

Ladies and gentlemen step right up and join in the fun. The name of this party game is KICKBACKS and the reported going rate is 10 per cent!

Is Toronto's party industry losing its innocence in its quest to grow up?

I am asking this not to question the types of services available or the level of professionalism and care with which they are delivered; rather, I am challenging the professional integrity of the few who are quickly gaining a negative reputation for themselves.

Several months ago I was approached by people in the industry and told that the unethical game kickbacks had entered the arena.

Sour grapes? perhaps. Are some using allegation of Kickbacks as a scapegoat to explain why their business continues to flounder in these post recessionary times?

My attempts to write an investigative report addressing these questions was stymied because many party professionals who could comment on the situation were afraid to speak on the record – perhaps for fear of being blackballed.

However, the number of complaints and the depth of concern expressed in them has convinced me that the issue must be aired.

According to my sources, the few – and let me stress, only a few – bridal consultants who participate in the Kickback system start the process by recommending only those party services run by people who agree to give them at least 10 per cent of the profit made from that booking.

Party professionals who don't play, don't work.

This practice is affecting the careers of those who refuse to bow to dishonorable influences. One source reports a loss of 15 to 20 per cent in business.

However, money is not the only issue.

The real victims are the consumers. What it comes down to is that some hired bridal consultants, who paid no small fee — are not recommending a service on merit or talent alone.

To those involved in kickbacks, be warned that this kind of customer betrayal is being noticed. Word of mouth is a powerful tool that tends to spread negative news faster than positive.

During my research, a related complaint that came to light was that regarding some inexperienced newcomers who are tarnishing the reputation of the consulting industry with their half-hearted efforts to do the job for which they were hired.

The influx of new faces in the consulting business is not surprising considering the number of people who are out of work. Perhaps it is too easy to stick the title consultant after your name and go into business for yourself. This phenomenon is affecting all fields – engineering, human resources, computers, and yes, the bridal and party industry.

In most professional industries, consultants must have proof of their expertise (i.e. a degree or a professional designation). For the bridal consulting industry, there are no qualifying standards, no formal code of ethics and no self-monitoring association.

Again, the real victims are the consumers. People who have never required a bridal or party consultant before don't know what to expect from the service. More often than not the client ends up doing much of an inexperienced or inefficient consultant's work and paying to do so.

Consumers beware is the message of this piece.

Remember to investigate the professionals you hire. A couple of hints – the length of time a person has been in the business does not eliminate them from the kickback game. Newcomers and old timers alike may be involved.

If this game is one you are trying to avoid, a sure sign that kickbacks are taking place is to listen to the consultant. If he or she continues to push only one service – the same band, caterer, florist – and does not offer alternatives,even when asked, it may be an indication that pockets are being padded at your expense.

As well, talk to at least three of the consultant's past clients to ascertain not only their degree of satisfaction but also to determine what firms were recommended to them. The more research you do the better.

I must echo the sentiment of the professionals who spoke to me: the practice of kickbacks is sickening.

The bridal industry is one that is based upon happiness, love and friendship. Frankly, it disgusts me to discover that a few people would defile such an industry with their dishonesty.

Is Toronto's party industry growing up?

I hope not.

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Cookbooks for all seasons and occasions...

A fast quiz.

When is malt vinegar used instead of rice vinegar? Should you use corn oil for making souffles? What is the most prized caviar? What is whey butter? Name France's oldest cheese. What rice is best for paella? What is ajowan and when it is used?

If you're stumped, I suggest you read — and savor — Frances Bissell's great compendium, *The Book of Food* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $55), an ideal wedding or anniversary gift.

A lavishly illustrated and sensibly written cook's guide, it describes more than 1,000 ingredients and tells you how to buy and store them.

The 36 chapters run the gamut from vegetables and oils to smoked fish and meat. The author is the cookery columnist for the *London Times*. She certainly knows her stuff.

Once you've familiarized yourself with Bissell's pearls of wisdom, you'll be ready for Rose Friedman's *Jewish Vegetarian Cooking* (HarperCollins, $13.95), the official volume of the International Jewish Vegetarian Society.

Friedman, whose recipes are easy to follow, has eclectic tastes. Try her baked gefilte fish or her eggplant dip. Her Persian rice dish sounds delicious, as does her apple farfel tart.

This is food that schmecks.

Simply Kosher (Gefen, $19.95 US) proves yet again that good old-fashioned Jewish food at its best is simply superb.

Ramona Bachmann — an Indian Jew who immigrated to Denmark via Israel — tempts a reader with Ashkenazi dishes like kneidlach and chopped liver and Sephardi treats like Bombay chicken curry and Moroccan carrot salad. A culinary tour d'horizon.

I don't know about you, but I adore soups, an affinity I owe to my mother, who's a wizard in the kitchen. Judging by *New Vegetarian Classics: Soup* (The Crossing Press, $18.95 US), so is its author, Mary Taylor.

As Taylor writes, soups are soothing, restorative and generally inexpensive to prepare. Try her fresh garlic soup. Or her Thai mushroom and coconut soup with lemongrass. Or, better still, her ginger brocoli soup with cashews. Mmmm good!

South Indian fare takes you from pakoras and payasmas to kootus and bondas. If I've piqued your curiosity, *Dakshin: Vegetarian Cuisine From South India* (HarperCollins, $35) is meant for you.

Dakshin, in case you wondered, is an ancient Sanskrit word for "south." And this is what Chandra Padmanabhan's lovely book is all about — classic southern Indian cooking.

It requires fairly exotic spices, and more than a little patience. If this poses no problem, get on with it. The food looks absolutely ravishing.

I'm incurably addicted to Middle Eastern food. If you are too, buy *The Arabian Delights* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $36.95) by Anne Marie Weiss-Armush.

She covers all the bases, starting with appetizers and salads and moving on to soups, meat and poultry, and sweets and pastries.

Her most intriguing recipe is for Yahoodi Mnsaafir, or Travelling Jew, a Syrian and Iraqi concoction of onion, olive oil, garlic, beef sirloin, eggplant, coarse burghol wheat, water, salt and pepper. She claims that, with fresh bread, it's a meal in itself.

On to Italian cuisine. *Pasta Gusto* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $12.95) by Norman Kolpas is a layman's guide to mouth-watering sauces and flavored pastas. *Lasagne* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $13) by Jack Bishop is a celebration of irresistible flavors.

I have never known anyone who didn't like Chinese food. So if you're like me and millions of others, *365 Ways To Cook Chinese* (HarperCollins, $19.95) is just the thing.

Besides listing traditional favorites such as cold sesame noodles, lemon chicken and won ton soup, Rose Lo San Ross lists recipes for lesser known dishes like bean curd and spinach dumplings and spicy halibut steaks on rice.

Thanks to its special binding, the book lies perfectly flat. And it has a washable cover.

Chicken is all the rage now that red meat is a supposed no-no. Two books give you the lowdown on chicken — *The All Occasion Chicken Cookbook* (HarperCollins, $9.95) and *Chicken Salads* (HarperCollins, $13.50)

The former, by Anne Marshall, will amaze you with its thoroughness. The latter, by Carole Lalli, contains 60 scrumptious recipes.

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It's the last dance of the wedding. The band starts playing *Heveinu Shalom Aleichem* and within moments the guests are forming circles and dancing around the room together. It's horah time.

In the centre of the circles five young men — one of them is the groom — dance together with their arms on each others' shoulders. They twirl round and round, speeding up with the music.

"Soon you're going to see them spinning. Their legs are going to fly up in the air," Richard Saunders, tells *The CJN*. He's the videographer at this event. He explains what he looks for when he films a horah, as Dan Abramsky, his assistant, shoots it.

"A horah is the epitome of a wedding. A family dance. There's a way to capture it. We try to go for close-ups — the smile on the bride's face and those of other family members. A kiss between the bride and the groom," Saunders says.

The horah is still going strong. Someone has fashioned a large skipping rope out of the cloth napkins and two people start turning it. The bride skips rope to the tune of *Artza Alinu*, holding the bottom of her gown as she jumps. Other people take turns.

Saunders points to the groom as he skips, faster and faster in time with the music and says, "What luck! He's facing the camera." And of course his assistant is behind the camera to preserve the memory.

Preserving the memory of a simchah is what videography is all about, Saunders says. "The video will pale in comparison to their memory, but the video triggers the memory and brings back the feeling." He stresses the importance of capturing grandparents and youngsters. "They're very important to freeze in time because you lose grandparents and the children grow up."

Saunders owns Redstone Pictures (416-256-4666), a business he took over from a photography studio a year and a half ago. He had studied film in university, but worked as a still photographer at a studio. In 1988 he revived the studio's videography business and bought that portion of the company.

Saunders says when he does simchahs he's available to the family for the entire day, as long as the family needs him. He charges from $1,000 to $1,400 for a two-hour edited version of the affair.

He prides himself on both the camera work and the editing. "When I'm filming I'm always looking for the cut away. We have the audio of the groom's speech so I'll film the way she [the bride] reacts. That's what adds life to the speech," he says.

He uses "state of the art" digital editing equipment — he says he's the only videographer in the city to use this technology — giving him more control over the image so he can "build in more dramatic moments. This gives the video more emotional impact."

Special effects

The emotional impact of a video is crucial, agrees videographer Darren Sager of DMS Video Productions (905-881-7677). "It's something they'll [the clients] laugh or cry with."

He says he tries to capture the simchah by being as unintrusive as possible. "They'll [clients] say 'where were you, Darren?' and then when I show them the video they're amazed that their entire day has been captured without intrusion."

He says he puts a lot of care into all his work. "I don't treat any affair as if it's another job." He stresses that every video is unique. "Every affair is different even if you have all the same people."

He tries to get people's reaction, he says. "I like to go into the middle of the dance floor and walk around with the camera so they're [the guests] are looking into the camera as they're dancing.

Sager has a science background and taught himself to become a videographer. He started doing video about eight years ago as a hobby for family and friends, and it grew into a business. His prices range from $895 for an unedited video to $1,395 for an edited one with more additional special effects.

Sager uses special effects, like split screens and page turns, in the editing process, but he says he doesn't let them take over. "It has to hold up on its own. I shouldn't have to rely on manipulation to make the video creative."

Special effects can be used as a transition from one segment to the next; they must complement the footage, he says. "The best video is one shot professionally and creatively." Ultimately the special effects are secondary, he says. "Twenty years from now all you're going to see is yourself, your family and your friends."

The focus on family is very important to videographer, Lisa Feinstein (905-764-1033). "I really place an emphasis on family. They don't want a huge production they want an intimate family affair," she says. "I'm always aware of where family members are."

She recently sat down with a family, she says. "What they want in a video they're going to get." She also makes sure to find out who the important people are, she says. "I focus on the relationships. Capturing a bar mitzvah boy dancing with the grandmother . . . is a precious moment . . . Grandparents pass on."

Feinstein, a mother of five, trained in advertising and broadcasting at college. She worked in advertising and then in television, working as an assistant director at CBC. She left because the long hours were not compatible with raising a family.

Feinstein worked for a video company and then she decided to open her own. The hours are good, she says, because most of her work is on weekends when her husband is home to look after the children.

She works alone, doing all her own shooting and editing. The finished product is edited, and is usually an hour and a half long. She charges $850, but a wedding with multiple locations will cost extra.

Most of Feinstein's business is bar mitzvahs. Many of her clients have three or four children so she gets a lot of repeat business, she says. "I do all the children and then they tell me 'see you at the wedding.' "

She screens the videos with all her clients to make sure they're satisfied with the finished product, she says. "My clients usually cry when they see it. It's very emotional."

Other companies that supply videography services are:

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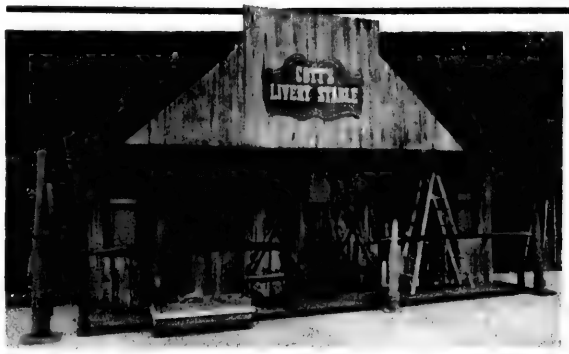

Party rentals are the answer

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Whether you're looking for buffet station decor, extraordinary table linens or even a Hollywood movie set for your next party, there is a rental company nearby that has what you need. what you need.

The Prop House (416-588-7725), with 35,000 square feet of movie props, is the size of a department store and a decorator's dream.

There is something for every budget. "We have had people do enormous extravaganzas or rent some decor for their buffet stations," said owner Phil Greenspoon.

As the Prop House builds sets for movies and television, there are carpentry, floral and fabric shops on the premises. For a party, said Greenspoon, "we can literally customize anything."

At a recent bar mitzvah for a baseball enthusiast, his staff painted a baseball diamond on the dance floor, using mannequins to represent the fans.

The boy's mother wanted a special sign-in area, so a carpenter built a booth that was stocked with baseball souvenirs. Guests signed a photograph of the boy, which was later framed.

Greenspoon's staff made candleholders out of four-foot high baseball bats for candlelighting. The candles fit in a space at the tops of the thirteen bats, which came with a bat rack.

For simpler baseball theme parties, the Prop House rents out single items, such as the bat rack and bats, Greenspoon noted.

Hollywood parties featuring authentic Hollywood-style sets with a backstage area are one of his specialities. Themes, of which there are more than 50, include Tex Mex, medieval, a 1950s dance and a 1920s speakeasy.

On the speakeasy set, guests approach a door in a warehouse section of a city. A bouncer behind a sliding peephole asks for a password before he can let guests into the club, where entertainment is provided by a torch singer accompanied by a pianist seated at a grand piano.

The Prop House offers a full decorating service too, but it does not limit itself to decor. A one-stop party centre, the company will plan an entire event. That includes making arrangements for caterers, photographers, entertainment, DJs, invitations and everything else.

"I save you a lot of work," said Greenspoon. "I don't have to shop around and get a lot of different prices. I know who to call and if I'm getting a good deal or not."

Greenspoon and his team work with lightning speed if need be, although he stressed that the more time they get "the more attention we can give to details and the more complete and thorough the packages."

Recently when a wedding date was moved up, the Prop House made all the wedding preparations in four days. Invitations were handed out at the door, Greenspoon recalled, as there wasn't enough time to mail them.

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Bridal attire...

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Although the traditional heavily-beaded white bridal gown with puffy sleeves is still popular, many brides these days want a simpler, elegant look.

A bridal consultant with Joy Cherry (416-489-8809) says many of today's brides have rejected the traditional gown, because they are sophisticated and a little older than the brides of the past.

"Gone are the days of the big puffy-shouldered dress, heavy beading and heavy fabrication," said consultant Carol Gold.

Many contemporary brides find the traditional gown overstated and Gold agrees. "I like to see the bride first and the dress second. In some of the heavy dresses, you see the beading first and the bride second."

Instead of heavy fabrics such as satin, Joy Cherry's selection of beautiful off-white and ivory designer gowns — they carry Christos, Priscilla, Vera Wang and Jim Helm exclusively in Canada — are made with lighter silk-satins, silk organzas and pure silk shantungs.

Vera Wang's collection includes dresses made of silk illusion, a new body-molding fabric she used to create the dazzling outfit skater Nancy Kerrigan wore at the recent winter Olympics.

Gowns are adorned with exquisite embroidered, venetian and alencon laces. Soft cotton venetian lace replaces the traditional, heavily beaded type as does alencon, which is thicker and wider than the traditional variety and decorated with tiny pearls and clear sequins.

Design-wise, some of the gowns are not as full as they were. Some feature A-line skirts while others have a graceful straight cut. Waists have either dropped slightly or moved up — the Empire waist is popular. Lengths are just off the ground.

Fitted bodices incorporate both zippers and old-fashioned buttons, so the look is traditional; yet the bride has the extra security of having a zipper.

Necklines, V-shaped and rounded, are soft, and off-the-shoulder styles are prevalent. "Not low on the shoulder but just sitting on the edge of the shoulder," said Gold.

For practical reasons, trains are getting shorter or disappearing altogether. The mystical look of the see-through cathedral veil that falls past the shoulder to form a train in the back is big. "Brides like it [the veil] because it comes off," she says, "and you don't have a train that you have to lug around all night."

Many brides are rejecting the tiara for soft-looking silk or lace headpieces, with pearls or tiny procelain flowers and a lot of detailing in the back. Designers have paid attention to back detailing as guests view the bride from the back during the ceremony.

The newly refurbished bridal salon where Carol Gold see brides for hour-and-a-half long appointments has a relaxed atmosphere. Once she has established what kind of gown a bride wants, she brings four or five for the bride to try

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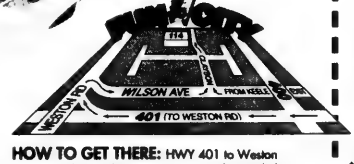

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on. After Gold has answered all the bride's questions, she might look at headpieces and veils.

"It's a very difficult process," said Gold, "and it's done in a non-pressured setting, so they feel comfortable and relaxed."

The latest gowns designed by Thomas Koichopolos of the Tomé Dress Salon (416-256-5852) are simple, romantic and feminine — and definitely untraditional.

You won't see a wedged bodice, a heart-shaped "sweetheart" neckline or heavy beading on his recently designed off-white or ivory dresses.

Koichopolos' gowns feature tailored jacket-type sleeves, scooped-out backs, scoop necklines, subtle beading and even some seamless waistlines.

Rather than a full skirt, some brides choose an A-line skirt or a "trumpet" skirt, which is fitted through the torso and hip line and flares out about 10 inches below the waist.

His full-skirted gowns are made of light, see-through fabrics such as silk chiffon instead of heavier material like taffeta, and recently he has designed a few striking strapless gowns with capes for some of his brides.

Some dresses are ankle length in front and floor length in the back, making it easier to walk in than the traditional floor-length gown.

In keeping with the trend toward comfort, Koichopolos said few brides ask for trains. "If they decide to have a train, they decide to have it completely detachable."

He is getting fewer requests for veils and headpieces too. Many brides, he says, would rather put fresh flowers in their hair to go with the soft, romantic look of their gown.

During consultations (appointment suggested) Koichopolos finds out what kind of gown the bride has in mind, what sort of wedding she is having — formal, semi-formal or informal — and how much she has budgeted for a dress.

He goes over a list of fabrics with her, he said, all the while "sketching as they're talking."

Some brides get ideas for their dresses by looking through the gorgeous samples in his shop.

Half the brides who shop at Ritche Couture (416-789-4378) still buy the heavier traditional gown,.but the rest are attracted to the simpler, contemporary dress.

Many of today's brides want a comfortable gown, one without heavy beading or a train, said Vivian Prussky, Jack Ritche's daughter. But "she still wants to look like a bride."

If she has a train, it can be looped through hooks at the back of the waist. Even with trains, the new gowns have a simpler, sleeker look than the traditional gown.

Ritche's offers a giant selection of beautiful gowns, an astonishing 600 altogether. All the gowns are featured in current bridal magazines, says Prussky. Included are the newer dresses featuring slimmer shoulders, fitted bodices, and full skirts made of light, airy fabrics such as organza and tulle.

They carry some lovely new lace-trimmed silk gowns with delicate pearl detailing on bodices and skirts. "The price of silk gowns has really come down," she said. "They are much more affordable, which is important in today's economy."

Their downtown location (416-362-2349) has gowns discounted by 30 to 50 per cent, which means dresses regularly selling for $600 to $800 can be found there for $300.

Prussky suggests brides make an appointment for a consultation at the uptown location. No appointment is required downtown.

When a bride comes into Ritche's she either selects her favorite styles from bridal magazines there or tells the consultant what she has in mind. The consultant chooses a few gowns for her to try. "With over 600 dresses, there is something for everyone," said Prussky.

After the bride has selected a gown, she often returns with someone else for a second opinion. If she decides she wants the dress, the consultant then accessorizes it with a veil and headpiece.

Ritche's has a custom-design service too, so if a bride sees a dress on the rack that she likes — except for, say, the sleeves and the fabric — they can whip up a dress to her specifications. Or else they could design a dress for her from a picture.

"Even if they want a dress made, we have them try on something similar," said Prussky. "We want them to see approximately what it's going to look like."

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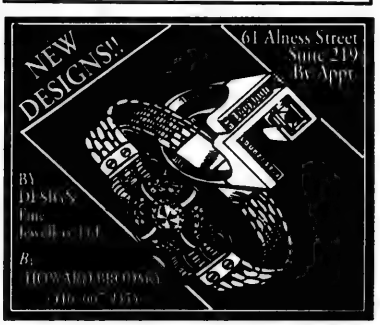

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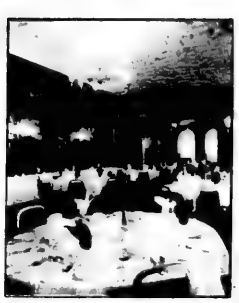

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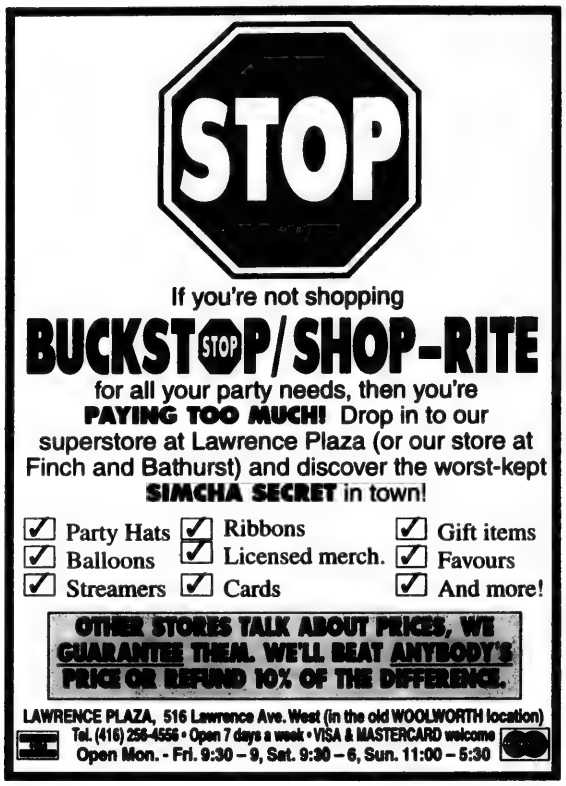

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Tommy Thompson Park, on the Toronto waterfront is known to be a stopover for migratory birds and a spot for visitors to enjoy cycling, jogging, fishing, walking and photography. The park, located on a manmade peninsula known as the Leslie Street Spit is open on weekends and holidays only until further notice.

The Kortright Centre for Conservation, Canada's largest environment centre has 18 kilometres of trails for hiking on your own or with a Kortright naturalist. Guided walks take place daily and weekend programs are of particular interest to children. Fall self-guided trails include the fall color trail and the enchanted forest trail, both until the end of October.

Conservation areas such as Heart Lake Conservation Area in Brampton, offer a variety of outdoor fall activities until Oct. 23, such as hiking, bird-watching, fishing and picnicing.

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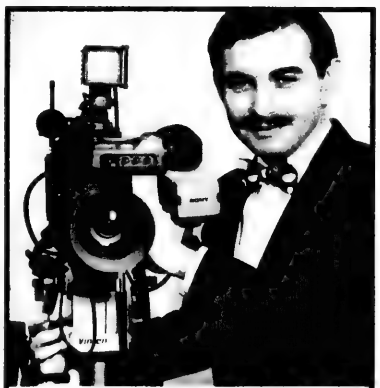

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Musical entertainment...

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

If you want to add some Yiddishkeit to your simchah you'll need Chutzpah!. But you won't have to become brash and obnoxious.

Chutzpah! is the name of Toronto's newest Klezmer band. Klezmer is a style of music that originated with Yiddish-speaking Eastern European Jews. Some tunes are several hundred years old. All the members of Chutzpah! (416-925-8716) are or have been affiliated with the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band — the group credited with the revival of Klezmer music in Toronto.

Three members of Chutzpah! — Laura Cesar (bass), Alex Luminsky (accordion), and Alan Merovitz (vocalist) — are also in the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, while Anne Lederman (vocalist and violinist) is a past member.

The repertoire of Klezmer music played by Chutzpah! differs from that of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band in that the music is geared to accordion, strings and vocals, rather than the brass and woodwind instruments, said Lederman.

Her involvement in Klezmer music was a natural extension of her interest in the traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, she said. "It always moved me. It's passionate music."

Cesar's background was in jazz, but she was also moved by Klezmer music, when she first heard it, she said. "I said, 'This is the music I have to play.' "

Luminsky, who was immersed in Yiddish, Moldavian and Russian music most of his life, immigrated to Canada from Moldova in 1992.

Merovitz, an actor and writer, was steeped in Yiddish tradition since childhood — he was raised by his grandparents — and spoke Yiddish as a first language.

Many people planning simchahs want to go back to their roots, Merovitz said. "They're looking for something that's personal and authentic and connects to the Ashkenazi culture."

This could be seen in Chutzpah's! performance at a recent bar mitzvah. The band played during the luncheon and gave a concert after the meal.

The repertoire for the bar mitzvah was prepared in close consultation with a family member who was well versed in Yiddish music. She also provided the guests with song sheets.

"The family came up to us at the end and said 'thank you for bringing Yiddish to our simcha,' " Lederman said.

Many people were moved by the music, Luminsky said. "I saw the wonder in the eyes of the middle aged and older people. They were surprised to hear this kind of music."

Lederman and Cesar are transcribing and arranging Klezmer music moth-balled in music archives and Lederman is even composing her own.

Chutzpah! also does special holiday programs. They'll be performing at a Chanukah concert at Harbourfront on Dec. 4. The members of the band have a mission, Lederman said. "We want to work with families and kids to teach them the traditional music — to pass it on."

For many people, traditional music at a simchah is a live band playing everything from horahs to today's hits and Shelley Miller is well-versed in this tradition. He's been playing at weddings and bar mitzvahs since the late '60s. The Shelley Miller Band (416-484-1044) is a family affair. Miller's wife, Sharon Smith, is one of the featured vocalists.

Miller, the leader of a four-to-eight-member band, does all the musical arrangements, some of which include live music supplemented with computerized instrumentation.

"You could swear there's a band of 35," he said. "Computers have changed the way music is played; many of the recordings you hear on the radio are computerized."

Miller uses the computer to recreate original orchestrations, he said. "We go for authenticity."

Many guests at parties, especially the younger ones, say the band sounds just like the record, he said. "It's the ultimate compliment."

Miller has been playing music for more than 30 years. He studied music throughout high school and university. He was in a number of bands before teaming up with Saul Helman in 1978.

Miller and Smith met that year — she joined the Saul Helman Band — and they've been singing together ever since. Smith has a music degree from York University. She's been singing professionally in bands since the '70s and she also teaches music — she's an accredited Orff music teacher.

Miller and Helman continued their partnership in the band and as booking agents for other bands until 1993, when Helman left the music industry. All the members of the band stayed on and it was renamed the Shelley Miller Band.

Musicians did well during the boom years of the '80s, but they were hard-hit by the '90s recession, Miller said. "The '80s were big years [for bands]. We used to get 20 and 30 calls for every available slot we had." He was getting bookings two years in advance, he said. "People were panicking about getting the best of everything — caterer, band, decorator."

But it's much harder for live bands in the '90s, he said. And like many people in the entertainment business Miller charges less now than he did in the '80s. It costs $850 an hour for Miller's eight-piece band, but he can also provide a four- or five-piece band at a lower rate, he said.

Miller always meets with clients before their affair, he said. "We plan the event meticulously with them."

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Delicious Desserts!!

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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Most guests have room for the desserts that can provide a delicious ending to an already delectable meal.

"People often watch their diets, but when it comes to desserts, they want the very best with the most delicious ingredients," says Perla Azulay who, along with her husband Ely, owns Ely's Fine Foods (782-3231).

Ely's specializes in cakes brought in from Montreal's Le Petit Theatre. The giant kosher, internationally acclaimed cakes such as the Perigord, which has a chocolate cookie-crumb base infused with almond musseline and a chocolate mousse filling with pralines and almond crunch is enough to put a smile on the face of the strictest dieter.

Sharon Firestone, who owns Sweet York Desserts (783-4293) with Bill Baptista, says that despite strict eating habits, most people still want the taste of a delicious cake after a simchah meal. Sweet York cakes, which are all custom made, not only taste good, they look great, and can be made to match the decor of the party.

"Cake designer, Linda Thomas, works with fondant and royal icing and can match the cake to the room's color scheme or even to the fabric of the hosts' dresses. Our Tiffany wedding box cake is a square, tiered cake, shaped like a Tiffany's jewellery box. Its quite a romantic-looking cake."

Theme parties are very popular these days, and both Ely's and Sweet York Desserts are able to custom-make cakes to match themes ranging from the Star Ship Enterprise to sports and games to cartoon characters and numbers for birthdays and anniversaries.

"If a customer brings in a picture, we are happy to try and duplicate it on a cake," says Firestone.

Guests still look forward to an elegant sweet table after a meal, and the bigger the variety, the more pleased people are. Sweet York's sweet table may include chocolate raspberry or lemon fruit cake and a variety of pastries and tortes, as well as chocolate dipped fruit.

Fruit is always a sought-after dessert, and Lou Scamolla, owner of Dessertcraft (213-0544), is at the food terminal every day by 4 p.m. to buy the freshest fruit possible. He can add the finishing touches to a sweet table by using a number of different fresh fruits.

"Fruit is very popular now, especially since people do not want to fill the entire sweet table with rich desserts. Garnishings such as orange and grapefruit cartwheels and pineapple spears and a variety of melon balls really add color to a sweet table," says Scamolla.

He says that there is no such thing as an out-of-season fruit anymore, because with delivery from such places as Florida, California, Israel and South America, he can get almost any fruit requested.

"With 48 hours notice we can usually get fruits such as papaya or starfruit which look so good on a sweet table. If we can't preserve the fruit for our fruit salads however, or handle the fruit that is to be served fresh, we won't buy it. People are aware of quality and to get the very best fruit, they are willing to pay a little more."

Humorous book fails to make the grade

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Before and After Your New Baby is one of those small compact books that's supposed to be humorous. It's the type of book displayed near the cash register, one of those gifty things that's high on form and low on content.

Before and After Your New Baby, is not overly funny, but it may make some people smile . . . a tiny bit. The idea behind this book was good, but authors Victoria Brown and Allan Chochinov cannot pull it off because they treat the subject matter too simply.

The book is supposed to show the changes in people's thoughts and values once they become parents. The left side of the book gives a thought or an idea before parenthood, and the right side is the transformed version after the baby is born. For example, "disposable diapers are killing the planet" mutates into "Pampers saved my life." Before "Mike never goes anywhere without his cellular phone," but after his child is born, "Mike never goes anywhere without the camcorder."

There are also many word associations like night life and night light, or high heels and high chair. It's quite apparent the book is geared to young yuppies. For example, "the right firm" soon becomes less important than "the right play group;" Wall Street to *Sesame Street*.

But even yuppies may wince after reading this superficial book. It doesn't really capture the emotional chaos people experience as first-time parents: their world is turned up-side-down and life as they've known it is never the same.

There are many different and awkward moments — like soothing a colicky baby that cries for hours at a stretch, or trying to discreetly hide the wet patches on a shirt when breasts leak — that could lend themselves to humor.

And the humor could even be adapted to the before and after concept of Brown and Chochinov's book. I'd like to see the pre-birth "mmm ... smells good, what are you cooking?" turn into "how come I'm the only one who ever smells his diapers!?"

Before and After Your New Baby is a missed opportunity. It was a good idea that fizzled. The authors' approach to the subject — the focus on superficial symbols of change like cellular-phones and camcorders rather than the wet, messy, nerve-wracking situations new parents experience — misses the mark.

But the authors don't have that first-hand experience. They're not parents, but some of their best friends are. And that's why *Before and After Your New Baby* doesn't work. Brown and Chochinov should have waited to have children before they wrote this book.

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If a couple has a special song for the bridal dance and they get him the music a month in advance — all he needs is a recording — he'll arrange it and rehearse it with the band to be performed for the wedding.

Smith and Miller — the parents of two boys aged 6 and 10 — do special features — like games and contests — with the younger guests at bar mitzvahs.

"It keeps everybody at the party together in one room," said Smith.

She said when the band performs "people often say, 'You look like you're having so much fun.' It's because it comes from the heart."

She emphasized that the members of the band love what they do. "People want to be there, and it's not just because we're getting paid . . . We love playing together."

Karen Silver — she leads the Karen Silver Band (416-275-5149) — is another musician who looks like she loves what she's doing. She's an energetic and versatile singer who interacts easily with the audience.

"We're big on audience participation," she told *The CJN* during a short break between sets at a gig at the Chelsea Hotel. "We like to make people feel like they're part of the show. Everybody gets involved," she said.

At a bar mitzvah or corporate party having a limbo contest may fit the spirit of the affairs, but weddings are generally more traditional, she said.

Becoming a part of the wedding business was a natural step for Silver. She said she was born into this business. Her mother Dorothy Silverberg-Little was one of the first bridal consultants in Toronto. Her sister, Lynn Cohen, has followed in her mother's footsteps while her other sister Rhonda Silver is also in a band.

"I lived and breathed it [weddings] every time I walked out of my bedroom," Silver said. "There was always a new client sitting in the living room."

When she was a teenager she loved to sing and her mother encouraged her to entertain at weddings, Silver said. "It's a great way of making money. There are good audiences and you're treated well."

She said she "learned the ropes" from her mother and sisters — they taught her how to organize the music — when to play low key music and when to start the horahs.

Silver meets the families so she can get to know a little bit about everybody and their musical tastes. She said she tries to match music to the theme of the bar or bat mitzvah whenever possible and she plays a special theme for everyone involved in the candle lighting ceremony.

Audiences generally find her band very entertaining, Silver said. "We do a lot of overtime because we go over so well with audiences."

The Karen Silver Band charges $600-$700 an hour for a seven-piece band, but the price is flexible depending on the night. And for simchas on a smaller budget, it is possible to have a smaller-sized band.

The band has to be very up to date on the top 40 because of all their club commitments, Silver said. In 1991

Chutzpah!

the band was selected to be the opening act for Bob Hope at Roy Thompson Hall. Silver even had the opportunity to perform some jokes with Hope, which up until this summer was the high point of her career.

In July, Silver and her musical conductor, David Glud, were performing on a cruise ship when they were offered a recording contract. "The whole thing happened so quickly," she said. Norman Whitelaw, Eric Clapton's bass player, heard them and flew them to Atlanta to record a country pop album.

The band will be going on a promotional tour for the album in October. "This record deal is hopefully the high point of my career," Silver said.

Rena Gaile — leader of the Rena Gaile Band (905-420-8625) — is another band leader with a recording contract in the works. Declan O'Doherty, the producer for Rita MacNeil's albums is producing Gaile's album. She has had seven releases and last January she was nominated for outstanding new artist at the Big Country Awards.

However, Gaile's career in country music is secondary to doing the simchah circuit with her band. She has a versatile repertoire — it includes traditional Jewish music, R & B, Motown and the top hits — to suit any affair, be it a wedding, bat mitzvah, corporate party or gala, she said. "There's no event too large or too small."

Gaile has been singing professionally for 12 years. She studied music at Humber College in 1981 where she also established connections to get started in the music business. Her first gig was in 1979 — she sang O Canada at a soccer game. "They gave me $10. I was a nervous wreck. Can you imagine?"

Gaile has had her own band for 10 years. She's very good at reading a crowd and knowing what kind of music will suit them, she said. "I can almost look at a group of people and know what's going to work."

She said for a mixed age group she plays a little bit of everything. She strives to have a rapport with the audience, but she "keeps the chat to a minimum," she said. "People are there to talk to each other."

The band usually takes short breaks, but sometimes they don't take any at all, she said. "It's one of the first questions people ask."

The seven members of Gaile's band are studio musicians. "We all enjoy getting out and playing to people," she said. "It's a wonderful group of singers and musicians."

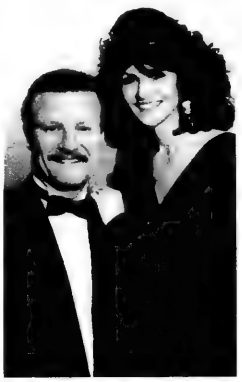
Her husband, Jim Morgan, a bass player, takes care of the sound. He was the chief sound engineer at RCA; he's able to adjust the sound for each room, she said. "I'd be pretty lost without him."

In the '80s the Rena Gaile Band was one of higher priced bands, but Gaile said she has had to lower her prices.

"As a business person I either had to take less work or be more flexible. Most people say, 'I have this much money do you want it?' " She charges between $650 and $850 an hour.

Gaile meets with clients to go over "their perception of the evening," she said. "It's up to me to interpret it, to make the evening special and memorable for them."

It's an individual thing, but simchahs tend to most successful when "people are partying and having a great time on the dance floor," she said. "When the band connects with the guests it creates a buzz and it makes the evening very memorable."



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From virtual reality to creative crafts

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

Why not transport yourselves and your party guests into the 21st century? Israel Ellis has created Canada's first virtual reality centre, called Cybermind, now at the CN Tower.

"Virtual reality," states Ellis, "is a computer generated, interactive 3D environment in which the computer serves as a window to an alternate reality. Once immersed in this environment, the players interact with each other, as well as the computer. Each virtual reality system includes a head mount which provides a 3D graphical image along with full stereo sound. By placing the display over your eyes, you are virtually transported to a computer-generated world that you control.

"Wherever you move," he explains, "the computer tracks the movement of your body and displays the appropriate image to your eyes. (If you looked up, you would see the sky, if you looked down, you would see your 'feet.') The unlimited choices you can make in these virtual worlds make the experience one-of-a-kind."

Cybermind is Toronto's first dedicated virtual reality entertainment centre. The Cybermind centre features interactive virtual reality machines that allow the general public to experience and learn about 3D virtual reality technology by playing imaginative, action-packed games such as Dactyl Nightmare and Flying Aces. Users can experience worlds with deadly pterodactyls, drive robot war machines or pilot World War I fighter planes.

"I see virtual reality as a technology in its infancy . . . a technology with tremendous growth potential," says Ellis. "Cybermind is totally 'anti-arcade.' The design of the centre provides a very relaxed environment. Large pieces of artwork adorn the walls and couches and sofas complete a very comfortable setting."

There are three different types of virtual reality technologies available at Cybermind; the first two are totally immersive stand up and sit down units. Each requires the participant to wear a head-mounted display piece and goggles, giving you the feeling of being totally immersed in the environment you have chosen.

The third is a non-immersive virtual reality called Cyberjam. This is a third-party video. The participant's image is projected into a basketball game on a screen and however you move will advance the game.

At Cybermind, there are seven different experiences which will accommodate interaction of up to four persons at a time in each environment. They can handle up to 40 people per hour. The staff provides a specialized individual orientation for your guests and informs them about the virtual reality technology.

The sales department (416-362-8787) handles all reservations for large groups. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., seven days a week. The price for a five-minute experience is $5.

For more creative less high tech entertainment, Nancy Marcus has the answer at her Kidz Creartive Playhouse (416-691-5437) in the beaches area of Toronto.

"I found the area lacking in a source for parents to learn how to promote creativity with their children," says Marcus. "My Creartive Playhouse is a centre that promotes children's imagination and artistic freedom."

The Kidz Creartive Playhouse has three large areas. One area consists of 1,000 plaster molds which children can use to form shapes from Frankenstein to the Little Mermaid to jewelry boxes, using a variety of materials. They are then encouraged to utilize the painting and glitter centre to decorate their finished pieces.

There are also T-shirts, placemats, fanny-packs or visors available, which can be individually decorated with paint and glitter.

Another area is used for seasonal workshops which are usually geared to the holidays (e.g. Mother's Day, Father's Day and Chanukah). They offer fabric painting, puppetry and stamping and are always available at under $20 per session. The second area is also used for group birthday parties and summer and winter art camps.

"For a birthday party," says Marcus, "we provide invitations and decorations. The hostess provides the food. Our staff (artists and art students) direct the children in a variety of art activities, as well as entertaining the children with face painting and tattooing. Their finished art activity becomes their loot bag. What could be simpler?

"We welcome a large variety of children with special needs... Our art activities are designed to promote a child's self-esteem. Each and every child that leaves Kidz Creartive Playhouse comes away with a feeling of accomplishment and pride and that makes us feel good too."

Wendy Brown and Lisa Feinstein have found an inexpensive entertainment product that is ideal for a children's party or as a family activity.

"The Color Me Playhouse," says Brown, "is not just a playhouse but a toy to paint, color, and make it your own."

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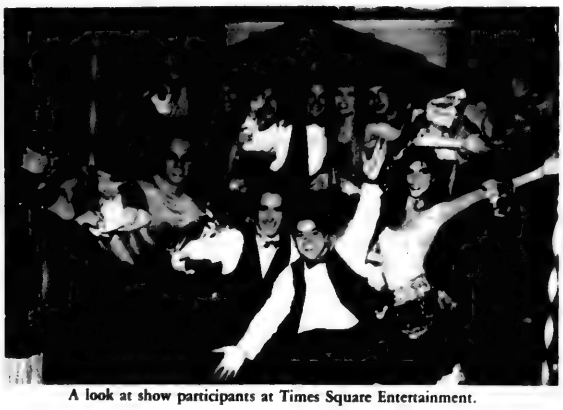

A look at show participants at Times Square Entertainment.

Super entertainment

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Music can make or break a party, says Rick Levine of the Rick Levine Band and the newly-formed Times Square Entertainment Group (905-881-6400) which Levine describes as "an innovative concept that combines DJ music with sensational entertainment."

Levine, who has been entertaining audiences since 1970, has an honors degree in fine arts from York University and has been involved with graphic arts, sign writing and desktop publishing.

In 1982, he established the Rick Levine Band which caters to a contemporary audience. Levine says encouragement from friends and clients led him to try and make parties extra special. He combines his musical talent with his creative and entrepreneurial spirit in creating the new entertainment concept.

After working with a company in New York City, Levine established Times Square Entertainment Group to serve the Toronto area. "Times are changing and there are new trends," he says. "In the past, people traditionally preferred live music to recorded music but times and technology have created a whole new marketplace which we are responding to."

He says he makes the guest of honor the star of the show. He guarantees that a party "is not only captivating and fun, but one that truly makes the guest or guests of honor feel special. This creates a one-of-a-kind spectacular that will be etched into everyone's mind for years to come."

It is word-of-mouth that brings Levine success. "We are building towards being one of the largest full-service DJ entertainment companies in Canada." By combining "incredibly talented dancers, singers, DJs and MCs, we get the party off to a great start and keep it going — we want every simchah and party to be the most amazing day of your life."

Levine uses dramatic lighting effects, fog and bubbles and great music. He can even "blast" the guest of honor on the scene, wearing a special costume, backed by his Times Square dancers.

"It is important," says Levine, "to get everyone to join the fun. We provide lots of fun-filled games for the kids, great dancing and fabulous music — all the elements for the most outrageous, most memorable bar or bat mitzvah celebration ever to be experienced."

To cater to the many tastes in music and entertainment, The Rick Levine Band has developed a versatile repertoire including traditional, Top 40 and international music.

For weddings and other simchas, Levine says non-stop music is important. Special arrangements can be made to keep the momentum going throughout the party.

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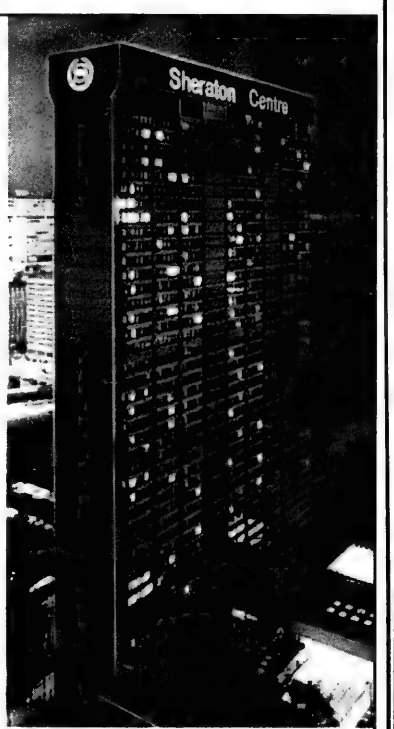

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By MARLA KAY
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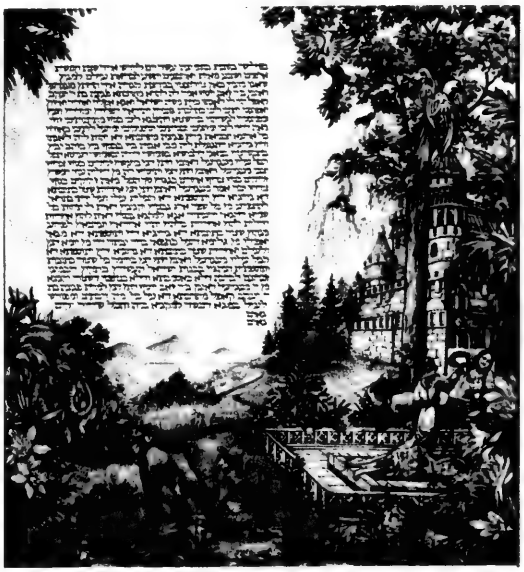


Canadian artist reveals his latest creations

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Canadian artist Howard Fox, who has been living in Tele Aviv for the past two years, continues to build on his creative and artistic talent.

Over the past two decades, he has worked with pen and ink, water colors and oils. Fox developed an international reputation for his melding of the old and the new. His illuminated ketubot (Jewish marriage contracts) are in demand and are available at Jewish book stores including, Israel's, the Judaica Centre, Matana Judaica and Miriam's Gift Gallery.

"I continue to meld Eastern and Western thought and ancient civilizations with contemporary images," says Fox. "Judaism has presented me with a deep sense of living history that persists and blends itself into everyday modern life."

His mother, Ida Fox, who handles her son's art works and ketubot says that when her son was 3 years old, his nursery teachers recognized that he was a very talented child. Throughout his school years, teachers would ask his parents what they were doing about his exceptional talent in art and music. He began taking lessons.

While Fox was at William Lyon McKenzie Collegiate in Downsview, his parents tried to direct him to another profession or a business, recognizing that art is a very precarious field. He spent a year in Israel at Kibbutz Alonim and decided to follow his love and make art his full-time career. He returned to Toronto and completed a fine arts degree at York University.

His mother notes that Fox has never applied for a grant to subsidize his art. "He has always been self-supporting and successful on his own." She adds that the love of art is a passion for her son.

In the early years, Fox, who is engaged to an Israeli, Dorit Guy, whom he met while on vacation in Thailand, was fascinated with drawings with sharp lines and angles. Although he temporarily turned away from this dramatic style and moved into painting soft lines and pastel tones, his recent works reflect a return to his earlier sharp images.

Fox's works reflect his fascination with the Moorish period. He combines ancient architecture and brings to it the world of today — porticos, people, arches, trains — all blended into a complementary whole.

He synthesizes styles and cultural variations, and he has had a number of one-man exhibitions of his paintings. His contemporary paintings are based on a mystical bond between people and ideas, which stem from his travels to the Far East, Europe, North America and throughout Israel.

Fox told *The CJN*, "I love to paint. It is not some abstract intellectual questioning but the continuation, a meandering, exploding sensation of love and passion, questions and joy."

On a recent trip to Toronto, he had a very successful exhibition. For more information on his ketubot and paintings, call Ida Fox at (416) 633-5535 or write to Howard Fox, Rechov Mohiliver 28/6, Tel Aviv, Israel, telephone 011-972-3-517-0892.

On a personal note...

BY HOWARD FOX
Special to The CJN

For the last two years I have been living and painting in Israel. This in many ways is the fulfillment of a long-held personal belief that someday I would end up making this land my home. And, so it is.

Howard Fox

I am corresponding to you from my porch which overlooks a stretch of the Mediterranean Sea. The lights of Yaffo are visible in the southern distance. Whereas Jerusalem turns gold at sunset, Tel Aviv turns an orangish-purple — it is quite beautiful. I write this as the heat of the day concedes to a light, cooling breeze.

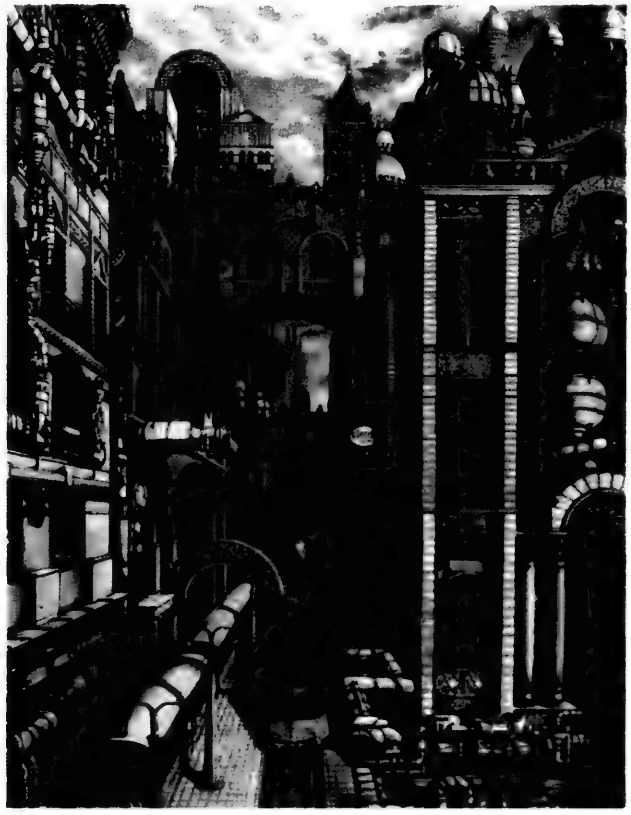
A peculiar thing has happened to my art — it has gone through yet another change. Actually, the fact that it has changed is not all that odd. It seems that whenever I have travelled, whether it be to Israel, the Far East or on my return to Canada, my imagination commands my brush.

For instance, when I am in Canada, I have a tendency to paint subjects, motifs and colors more traditionally associated with Thailand or India, rather than what could be deemed Canadian in style and setting.

Here in Israel, in a city as well as a country caught limboing between the third and the first world, my art stetches its fingers towards the industrial images of the west — huge pipes, turbines and generators — where steel concoctions support, surround and intermesh with elements of Far Eastern, European and North American displays of architecture. The scene is realistic in application but sustains a feeling of the fantastic.

Baroque towers, Turkish domes and Chicago school warehouses and skyscrapers house humans. They are the one constant, the one element that does not stand as a representation of the idylic. Great architecture and its skeleton of supporting pipes, ladders and connecting rods act as monuments to man's technological prowess, yet the human being reacts and acts as he always has — only the settings change.

In another direction, I have been affected by my surroundings. Living in Tel Aviv, two blocks from the Carmel Market, I forget the growth of skyscrapers and find myself searching through balconied back alleyways and yards, watching the city's first generation of buildings crumbling, cracked layer upon layer of painted walls. Dadaesque balconies, rooftop gardens and high-ceilinged stairwells and tiled floors — and as always, there are people.



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Party Fun For Kids!

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

As today's sophisticated youngsters find old-fashioned party games like pin the tail on the donkey b-o-r-i-n-g, planning activities for a child's birthday party is a challenge.

So instead of having the party at home, many parents are holding birthday celebrations at play centres, which offer computer games, arts and crafts areas, and indoor playgrounds.

At the Fun 'N More Party Centre (905-764-8955), there are three fun-filled party rooms — featuring computer games, arts and crafts, and video and audio equipment — along with an indoor playground.

The computer games room, for children between 5 and 10, includes Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis and a variety of educational software.

The arts and crafts centre, for younger and older children, focuses on such creative activities as T-shirt, shoe and clay painting as well as jewelry and puppet making.

In the video and audio room, which is geared to kids between 5 and 10, they get to watch movies, listen to music and hear stories on cassette.

The indoor playground for children up to 7 has a box filled with foam balls for children to play in, three slides, a "little tyke" house and kitchen, cars, trucks and a merry-go-round. There are lots of puzzles and books too.

Pnina Guendelman, co-owner of the Fun 'N More Party Centre, stresses that the playground has been designed with the children's safety in mind. Any sharp corners have been covered with foam and there are mats on the floor. If children fall, she said, "they don't hurt themselves."

Each of the party rooms accommodates up to 30 children, while the entire centre has room for 60. If parents are giving a party for a 2-year-old and inviting many older children, Guendelman said, they may rent the entire facility so the older kids can play in the computer games and video and audio rooms. If there are only four or five older children in a smaller group, they can use the computer games in the arts and crafts centre at no extra charge.

Party packages for the two-hour parties include invitations, loot bag, party supplies (plates, cutlery, serviettes) as well as cake, food and juice, either kosher or non-kosher. Pizza, said Guendelman, is the most popular item on the menu. Parents are welcome to supply their own food if they wish. Magicians, clowns and bunnies are available.

She asks parents to invite an adequate number of adults to help supervise the children, recommending a ratio of four or five adults for 30 children.

Guendelman and her partner Irit Dor hail from Israel, where they were both early childhood educators. Two years ago, they opened Fun 'N More. They thought an indoor playground would be very popular here because of the weather and they were right on the mark.

Kidsports (905-826-5437) is a giant indoor playground featuring a two-mile adventure challenge for older children and a "wee" challenge for toddlers.

The adventure challenge is the largest one of its kind in North America, according to sales and marketing director Jacquie Sullivan.

The entire facility, filled with all kinds of amenities, is an enormous 30,000 square feet.

Fitness is the focus of Kidsport, and parties are customized to a child's interest. "If a child is interested in a special sport, we would have our party coordinator create 45 minutes of games or activities associated with that sport," Sullivan said.

After the games end, the children spend 45 minutes climbing, sliding, jumping and running. There are tunnels, rope paths and a maze. Slides go right down into the four ball baths made with a whopping 42,000 balls. Toddlers get a workout on the wee challenge, which includes a ball bath of 10,000 balls and a roadway with small cars.

"One of the things parents enjoy about Kidsports so much is the activity level — that children are active and promoting health and fitness," Sullivan said.

The remaining half hour of the party takes place in birthday rooms, which are miniature houses. Small rooms are for 10 to 15 kids, and a large one accommodates up to 40.

Food — vegetable platters, popcorn, juice, fresh-from-the-oven pizza and birthday cake — is provided by the on-site vegetarian Mango Tango Cafe. Kosher can be ordered.

Kidsports offers a choice of three party packages, which include food, party supplies, hats, balloons and a group photo. Loot bags are available separately.

Parents have the option of participating in the party or watching from the cafe while early childhood educators take charge. Most parents do take part though, said Sullivan. In fact, some trail behind with video cameras to capture the fun and excitement of the party.

The newly opened Eglinton Playhouse (416-481-0487) offers a delightful play area specially for children under 6 along with a computer centre for children and young teens.

In the play area, there are miniature cars and trucks and an imagination centre with kitchen, beauty salon and doll houses.

A 300-sq.ft. ball bath includes slides and climbing apparatus. Toddlers can ride soft, padded ponies, while rocking horses are available for older children.

In the darkest days of winter, it is always summer in this bright play area designed to look like a park. A few puffy white clouds and birds dot the blue ceiling, and replicas of birds dangle down. There are even trees — foam-padded pillars transformed into tree trunks with branches and leaves reaching the ceiling.

Young Einsteins, a children's computer school, runs The Playhouses' computer centre. Children as young as 3 can learn how to use a computer and a mouse. The game and educational software at the centre is appropriate for kids up to 15.

Kids get exclusive use of the play area and/or the computer centre for 45 minutes and another 45 minutes in one of two party rooms: one that accommodates 20 and another for 28. Children play games and do arts and crafts there.

The various party packages include invitations, pizza, cake, juice, balloons, party supplies and loot bags. Parents of children with special dietary needs are welcome to bring their own food or order through The Playhouse. The adult-to-child ratio is one adult for every four kids, and parents are asked to assist. Parents can enjoy coffee and muffins at the snack bar while they watch the children play.

The Playhouse, managed by childhood educators and other accredited professionals, stresses safety.

The Eglinton Playhouse is located in the child-friendly BLOX kids design centre, which retails an original line of modular furniture for chidren, at manufacturer's price.

Other companies that cater to children's parties are:

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Happening Hairstyles

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

We're going to be brushing our hair the proverbial hundred times a day — curly, frizzy mops are out and smooth, healthy, shiny tresses are back in style.

Evening hairstyles, reflecting the current trend, are soft and wavy, according to Renée Siben of The Total Look Beauty Salon (416-225-2380).

Roller waves, for either long or short hair, are one of the biggest new hair looks, perfect to go with this season's romantic, feminine evening wear. The actress Sharon Stone popularized the look this past spring at the Academy Awards.

Rollers waves are created, Siben said, by leaving the hair pretty well as is, except for a quick hand comb-through, after the rollers have been removed.

The classic French roll with a soft wave in front, "a soft version of the Bridget Bardot look," is stronger than ever for long hair, she says.

Other evening hairstyles for long hair include a simple, sophisticated braided look and an elegant ponytail worn high on the head and curled at the end.

But long hair is not a prerequisite for a stunning evening hairdo these days as short hair stylings are versatile today.

Siben adds form to short hair in different ways, slicking it back or creating slightly assymetrical styles with a wave at the front.

The shag is still strong, and with the aid of the miraculous new hair creams and gels on the market this hairstyle can be pushed up and back for evening.

Many models on the runways and in this season's fashion magazines have their hair put up onto their heads in twists that resemble French curls. Anywhere from four to eights twists can be created for those with long hair, Siben said, while the twists will cover the heads of short-haired women.

Photo supplied by Il Taglio Hair Design.

Pigtails, which have been seen on a few Hollywood actresses recently, have taken centre stage in the world of hair design. An avant-garde look for the evening, it need not be restricted to the very young. Being able to wear pigtails is not determined by one's age, she says, but rather by one's personality and style.

Fashion dictates the type of hair-styling done at her salon. The first thing she asks a client is what they are wearing? "Hair must complement the outfit," she said.

Discreet hair accessories are the finishing touch in an evening hairdo. Siben carries a wide selection of them, including tiny bows and bobby pins with pearls or silver beads.

Silver hair accessories of all kinds — head bands, moon and star-shaped ornaments — are popular this fall and will add a little magic to an evening.

The sophisticated clientele of Anna K. (416-482-6280) prefer classic hairstyles that set the tone for elegant evenings.

If a client has long hair Anna Kandiotis suggests a French twist, an updated version of the French roll, with wisps of hair around the face. Or perhaps a simple chignon, pulled back into a low figure eight at the back of the head.

The timeless page boy, she said is a lovely evening style for shorter hair.

Generally short hairstyles are more feminine than they used to be, she says. "Short hair is no longer the boyish type of look. It's a little longer and softer around the face."

Now that short hair is a bit longer, hairstylists can create a greater variety of short evening hairdos. Kandiotis' repertoire includes a sleek assymetrical look, in which one side is pushed behind the ear.

The curly, scrunched look is definitely passe, she said, adding that "hair is a little more finished, smoother."

Her clients like to add some gold glitter or an elegant comb to their hair for a ball or party, but "nothing loud."

Tony Russo of Il Taglio Hair Design (416-224-1154) creates evening hairstyles that are romantic, sexy and sophisticated.

Long, loose hair falling past the shoulders is the epitome of the romantic and feminine look, one that Russo suggests for evening.

If his clients have some natural curl in their long hair, he knows how to bring out the best in it. He'll scrunch the hair but promises that "it doesn't make it frizzy, it smooths it out." He twists long straight hair from the inside out to give it body and lifts it up with hairspray.

For sophisticated looks, Russo puts long hair up into French twists or designs hairstyles that highlight elegant French braids.

Slicked-back long hair tied with a pin or bow is one of his sexy evening looks for straight hair.

Short hair, too, can be sexy when it is slicked back, he said, and "if it's straight you can wear the bangs a bit wispy and the top a bit spiked."

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Bridal gift registries can supply no-guess shopping

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

Bridal gift registry is a service that was created especially for engaged couples. It can be a wonderful aid to the bride and groom and their family and friends.

"It's a nice way to tell everyone what you really want and a wonderful way for you to receive exactly the gifts you've chosen," says Shanitha Muratori, sales and registry co-ordinator for William Ashley. "Registering is part of the fun of getting married and your friends will appreciate this no-guess way of gift shopping."

"At William Ashley," says Muratori, "our registry consultants are specially trained to assist a couple in designing tasteful table settings that will reflect their combined individuality and lifestyle. We are constantly working with England's and Europe's table top design centres in the development of dinnerware and crystal designs to suit the tastes of our customers of today.

"Some of the trends we're seeing from our couples this year is that they are seeking out dinner services that can be extended," says Muratori. "They want to create different looks by adding different accent pieces to their dinner service. Mixing and matching patterns adds flexibility. If they register for a simple pattern in the beginning, they can add finer designed pieces at a later date to create a more sophisticated look."

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At Bronson's (905-881-9930), located at 2 Steeles Ave. West in North York, they boast of having a bridal registry that will list all of their soon-to-be-married couple's wants and desires for their future lives together when it comes to china, crystal and silver.

"We tend to specialize more in the contemporary, less formal looks of china, crystal and silver," says Ilene Bronsteter, Bronson's owner. "We find that today, our brides-to-be have more transitional tastes. They want china and glassware and silverware patterns that can be used not only in the kitchen but in the dining room as well. In many cases, we have to come up with pieces that will complement two sets of china for two households that are combining after marriage."

"We're very flexible with our registry," says Bronsteter. "We will work with our brides-to-be to ensure that they receive the patterns they want in the number of pieces they request."

Newlyweds now have a simple solution to a sometimes costly problem — their honeymoon. Too often the new bride and groom have had to strain their personal budget to finance their honeymoon or settle for something less than they had hoped for. As well, they faced the prospect of receiving gifts that were duplicates or destined for an attic and ultimately a garage sale.

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Now there is an answer to these problems, thanks to a travel program instituted this year by CAA Travel. Under CAA's bridal registry program, couples planning a wedding simply register their dream honeymoon with CAA Travel much the same way they would register with a department store or a giftware shop.

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"It's a winning solution for everyone," says Sheilagh MacDonald, vice-president of marketing for CAA Toronto. "The newlyweds are spared a hefty cost at the beginning of their marriage and their guests are offered discounts on any travel they may be planning.

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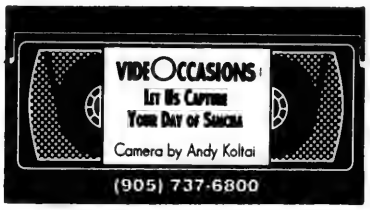

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A paramount party service

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

It's a Friday afternoon and the staff at Paramount Entertainment have already organized the party gear for the weekend ahead. It has all been moved to the garage of the company's headquarters from a warehouse at another location.

On this particular weekend in August, Paramount is providing a variety of entertainment services for eight different events. The summers are a quieter time, William Kozma, the owner of Paramount, tells *The CJN*. "This is nothing to what we go through in other months."

Allison Kemper, director of the private events department is also on hand. She says anyone planning a party or a special event can find everything he or she will need at Paramount Entertainment.

The company provides a full range of party services which encompasses party planning and coordination; DJ packages with video, laser, and/or a variety of light shows and special effects; and party decor with balloons, theme party sets, props and centre-pieces.

Paramount also owns equipment such as karaoke machines, carnival games, and concession stands, which can supplement the entertainment or complement the theme of any party.

The company subcontracts work to comedians, clowns, impersonators and other live entertainers whenever necessary.

Paramount operates in an orderly fashion. Just check out the garage on a Friday afternoon. The gear for each of the eight parties has been separated into piles. The sound equipment — amplifiers, speakers, tape cases and red tool boxes with mikes and electric tape — is stacked neatly against a wall ready to be loaded onto a truck the next day.

There are several larger pieces propped against another wall for a corporate party with a carnival theme. These include snow cone and cotton candy machines, a soundproof karaoke studio, 20-foot truss lights, and 15-foot video screens. Paramount does the set-up and provides operators for all the equipment.

Kemper says the company prides itself on "being efficient, organized and professional." This is certainly reflected in their headquarters. The place is immaculate — even the garage.

To really get a feeling for the kind of integrated services the company offers, it's best to attend one of their parties. But if you don't have an invitation, watching one of the company's promotional videos in the board room is a pretty good alternative.

Click the button and there's a bar mitzvah reception on the television screen. The dance floor is crowded with elegantly dressed adults and teenagers dancing and laughing and basically having a great time. They appear to be in a night club, but the party is actually taking place at an upscale restaurant that has been transformed by Paramount to look like a night club.

Click. Another party. This time all the people are dressed casually and everyone is wearing Club Med T-shirts. It's a bat mitzvah. "She [the bat-mitzvah girl] loved Club Med. So we designed a party around that theme," Kozma says. Paramount even sent out the T-shirts — they were mailed with the invitations — to all the guests.

Originality is very important, Kemper says, because people want their party to be different. "It would diminish the significance of the event if all the parties were the same. Every party is individualized and personal."

It's her job to work with clients to plan their parties. She's also available to work as an on-sight party coordinator. One of the bat-mitzvahs she's planning is a rock and roll party complete with a '50s style dinner. There may even be an Elvis Presley impersonator.

Kemper says she can plan parties for any budget.

"Some people have champagne tastes on a Mountain Dew budget," Kozma adds. "And we try to help people achieve this as best we can."

Two years ago he and Mike Baskin, the general manager of Paramount, did most of the party coordinating. He says their most memorable party was a bar mitzvah with a Blue Jay theme held the night the team won their second World Series.

Kozma says the synagogue reception hall was transformed into a baseball diamond and the game was broadcast on 15-foot video screens so people could watch and dance. He says he turned up the volume in the ninth inning — everybody at the party saw Joe Carter hit the winning run.

Although Kozma works behind the scenes of many parties he is also one of the company's most popular DJs. He says he already has bookings for 1996. The DJ services are the backbone of Paramount Entertainment. The company, which was originally called Paramount Sound, started as a DJ company 13 years ago.

Kemper calls the DJs "the headliner act." The DJs are supposed to help the guests get involved in the party, Kozma says. "They (DJs) want to make sure ties are loosened, shoes are off and everybody's having a good time."

Clients usually contact Paramount about DJ packages and avail themselves of the other entertainment services closer to the event. Expanding the company's role reduces stress for the people making the party, Kozma says. "We give our customers peace of mind . . . their event is in capable hands. You can't put a dollar value on piece of mind."

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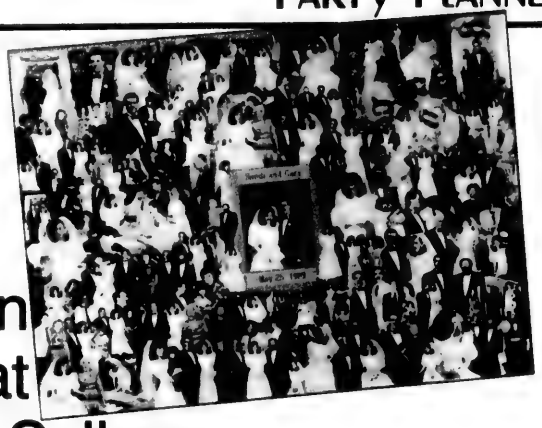

If a picture's worth a thousand words, then a Custom Collage by Sandi Pelly (654-5178) must be worth a million.

"There is really no value that one can attach to their personal collection of family pictures, those special treasures that get passed down from generation to generation," explains Pelly.

Which is exactly how she felt three years ago, when her grandmother passed away, and she and her uncle spent hours looking at old family photos — pictures dating as far back as the 1890s. They shared stories, details and family history and, together, tried to figure out who the subjects of each photograph were. That experience became the impetus for Pelly to create something special out of these personal photographic memories.

It was then that she decided such family treasures belonged not in an old shoe box or in an upstairs attic but hanging on a prominent wall for everyone to appreciate. With hundreds of pictures to frame, the idea of a collage seemed like a perfect solution, inspired by her husband Gary, an Ontario College of Art graduate.

Everyone who saw Pelly's collage — which ended up being an overwhelming 3' x 5' — were so intrigued by it that her own pet project quickly turned into a viable business and she began to create collages for others.

According to Pelly, her custom collages, which can range from 11" x 14" for $89 up to 20' x 30' for $225, make wonderful gifts for special occasions — birthdays, bar and bat mitzvahs, graduations, weddings, retirement and other milestones.

"What I create is a visual family tree — a piece of family history that everyone can share and enjoy. My collages tell a story, and become a conversation piece wherever they are hung — in the home, at a function, in an office," she explains. "My collages provide families with a chance to revisit their past and to ensure that the next generation is familiar with who and where they came from."

For those who are interested in having a collage made, all they need to do is gather up a lot of pictures — anywhere from 100 to 200 depending on the size they want. Pelly recommends using a mix of old and new, black and white and color, large and small photographs because a "smorgasbord" looks best.

"The end result is not just a bunch of pictures thrown together. I mount them carefully and artistically on a mount board, laminate the collage with a protective coating and put it on a pine frame. It's designed to be hands-on so even kids with sticky fingers can touch the pictures as they often love to do," she says.

Pelly, whose professional background lies in research for social and health care related projects, says she's enjoying this new business because it allows her to explore her creative side. Coming from a creative family — her mother Kayla Armel was also an Ontario College of Art graduate — she looks forward to spending more time on this business as demand continues to grow.

Her greatest joy is hearing the reactions of her collage recipients — particularly one client who received a custom collage at his 40th wedding anniversary, stared at it for several minutes and cried. The collages encourage people to take a trip down memory lane — an emotional and joyous ride for most.

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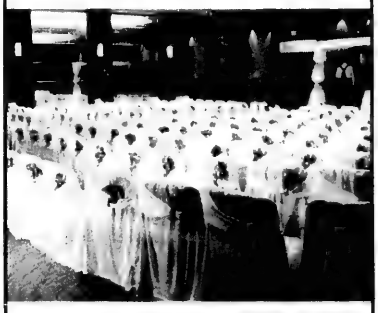

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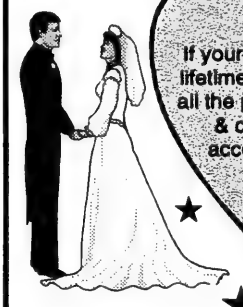
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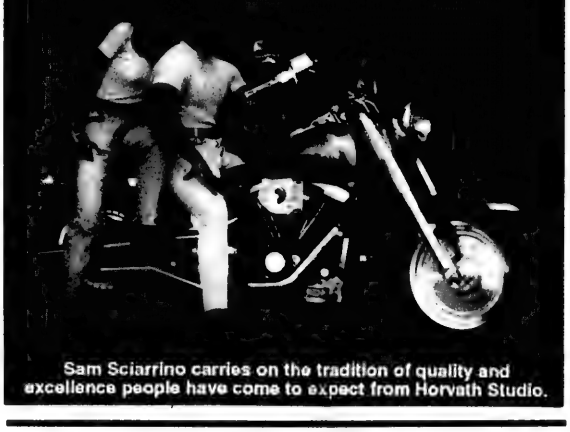
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Consultants soothe the way

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The bride panicked and her mother got hysterical when fuchsia lipstick was smudged on the bridal gown with the wedding ceremony only an hour away.

Then consultant Heidi Gruenspan (905-738-5030) calmly stepped in and quickly removed the offending stain.

"Everything gets very hectic about 45 minutes before the ceremony," Gruenspan said. "If something goes wrong — if somebody gets sick — and it does happen, there has to be someone hands-on to take care of it."

Gruenspan has helped take care of sick children and sewed up bridal gowns at the last minute. "There hasn't been a wedding yet that I haven't sewed at," she said.

Gruenspan's role at a party — birthday, bar or bat mitzvah or wedding — is to ensure the event goes according to plan and to take care of any problems so the family is free to enjoy themselves.

She became a consultant after helping many of her friends with their weddings and discovering that she loved being part of someone else's simchah. "You're seeing people at their happiest point. It's a nice time to be involved with people."

Once clients engage Gruenspan's services she is available by phone "24 hours a day" for advice, counselling or to give them telephone numbers of tradespeople — florists, caterers, rental companies, or even clergy for those who are not marrying in a synagogue. But "sometimes they want just an uinbiased ear to listen to," she said.

Clients can leave all of their party and wedding planning to her. Recently a bride and groom from New York decided to hold their wedding in Toronto, and Gruenspan "did everything from flowers, catering, the rehearsal — the works."

She assists with speech writing, attends the rehearsal and, on the wedding day, arrives first thing in the morning to dress the bride. She comes well-prepared, bringing along a kit that contains everything from panty hose, shoe polish and deodorant to a steamer and curling iron. "Anything that is in your house," she joked, "is in my kit."

Bridal and party consultant Florence Wilder (416-222-2977) is a people person and the calm-in-the-storm at a wedding.

"There is a lot of stress in planning a wedding," she said, "and I'm there to keep everyone calm, relaxed, and enjoying their special day."

At the initial meeting with the family she recommends party professionals along with places for the bridal party to go for bridal accessories. Wilder and the family also discuss the schedule of the wedding day. After that, she is available by telephone as many times as they require. "I'm as close as the phone," she says.

At the rehearsal hall, which she books for the family, Wilder takes the bridal party through their steps. They walk down the aisle while she offers suggestions on pacing and positioning, and she fills them in on the wedding-day schedule, as well as details of the ceremony.

On the wedding day, Wilder comes equipped with her "Mary Poppins" bag that contains everything from needles and thread, a steam iron and candy and toys for children. She arrives an hour before the photographer to help the bride dress, coordinates the day's event, and stays until the bride throws her bouquet.

Wilder has acted as a consultant at many bar and bat mitzvahs and at parties of every kind, including a Toronto surprise party for a family who lives in Winnipeg. What a surprise it was!

Wilder's consultant services are available for parties of all sizes. "Nothing is too big or too small for me to handle," she said. "I enjoy seeing people happy and planning a beautiful wedding, and that's what you'll get from me."

Other companies that supply consulting services are:
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Floral displays co-ordinate a room

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

How do you change the mood of a room in one easy step? Add some flowers, of course.

"One flower arrangement can totally change a room. It can brighten it up, complement it and tie everything together," says Frances Di Sibio, owner of FD Florists (638-1690).

She stresses that a florist can do up a room beautifully on the smallest budget. "Come in, tell us how much you can spend and we can put something together. We can use from one to a series of arrangements using, for example, the lower-priced mini-carnations. That way, we stick to a budget and the room still looks great."

Angela Surdi, owner of The Toronto Florist Shop Inc. ((905) 764-6332), says budget is a top priority when planning the flowers for a party and concurs that something beautiful can be done on any budget. "We've done a wedding with a floral budget of $225. For that amount they received the bride's bouquet, four attendants' bouquets, the flower girl's bouquet, nine boutonneres and seven coursages.

"A lot of people have a phobia about carnations because they think they are a budget flower," Surdi continues, "but the right color carnation, such as burgundy, can look fabulous. At one shower we used burgundy carnations and people thought they were roses."

Cheryl Bernknopf of Flowers with Flair (498-8205) advises people to comparison shop before they pick a florist. "Get recommendations and go out and look at another job. It helps to have some idea of what you want before you go in, so you won't be talked into something you don't want or can't afford."

Surdi says that she always does sample centrepieces so nothing comes as a surprise. "It is difficult to visualize a centre-piece, even from a photograph. I want my customers to know exactly what they're getting.

"It also helps to come in at least six months in advance before the function, especially for a large wedding so you can digest all the information and really see what you're getting before you make a choice. You do not want to have to go into a florist and choose immediately because you are pressed for time," Surdi says.

The party's color scheme can play a large role in deciding what flowers to use. At a recent gold and white wedding, Surdi used white flowers exclusively. "We used lilies and orchids and the look was spectacular. For a burgundy color scheme we could use rubrum lilies and for deep orange or deep yellow we could use orange lilies or yellow roses. The flowers bring out the other colors in the room magnificently."

As for deciding between silk and fresh flowers, Di Sibio says that some people prefer silk if they are afraid the weather is too hot or cold for the fresh flowers to stand up well.

"For an indoor party, however, unless there are allergies, fresh flowers work well. Silk flowers are more expensive, but they do last forever and for those on a budget, the silk flowers can be taken down and returned to the store."

Di Sibio says that those who want a lasting memory of their party can preserve some flowers by drying them. "Hang the flowers upside down in a dark room until all the water has dripped out, then dip them in glycerine and even add some fragrance if desired. You've got flowers forever."

Bernknopf says that florists never stop learning. "There are always design and continuing education courses to take to make sure we are up-to-date on everything. Customers want a florist that is current on all the latest information."

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Expressive Photography

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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When making a simchah or party, "Choosing your photographer is one of the most important decisions you have to make as you will be recording the most special occasions in your life," says Howard Levitt of Howard Levitt Photography (636-8999).

Levitt says "photography has not only been my career for 28 years but my passion," and emphasizes that experience is important when choosing a photographer.

"There are no special chances, no opportunity to re-stage the event or re-enact the feelings," he says.

Levitt's portrait studio specializes in weddings and bar and bat mitzvah parties. He believes that even in these difficult economic times "there are no short cuts to quality" but like most professional photographers, he continues to create high quality photographs at the most competitive prices.

George Evashuk of A La Carte Photography (961-1048) has been a newspaper, commercial and advertising photographer for three decades. In 1979 he began his own business. Along with portraits, which he says are his love, he began to specialize in wedding photography.

He recently introduced a new package called the "simchah special" which is aimed at bar and bat mitzvah and anniversary parties. His specialty is to cover the celebration in a newspaper style. Using a small camera, he takes candid action shots. "I believe that this more accurately covers an event."

Evashuk has taken black-and-white portraits of photographer Yousuf Karsh, Nobel Prize winner Dr. John Polanyi, and writer Mordechai Richler. They will soon be published in a coffee table book.

Mark Stern of Mark Stern Photography (771-0081) believes personality is a deciding factor in choosing a photographer. Stern, who also specializes in bar and bat mitzvah, wedding pictures and portraits of children and families, opened a studio three and a half years ago, but has been a professional photographer for more than 14 years.

Stern says it is important to take time to get to know the client and their tastes: "Then it is a mix between my professional style and the client's expectations." When photographing children, you must be able to communicate at their level.

It is obvious, when interviewing these three professional phtographers, that they enjoy their work. As Stern says, "I enjoy watching my clients enjoying the final product and the realization that they are ecstatic about the results.

Levitt says photographs are "freeze frames" of memorable moments in a lifetime. "They are a tangible record of the passages of a family, to be shared over and over, evoking poignant memories and favorite stories."

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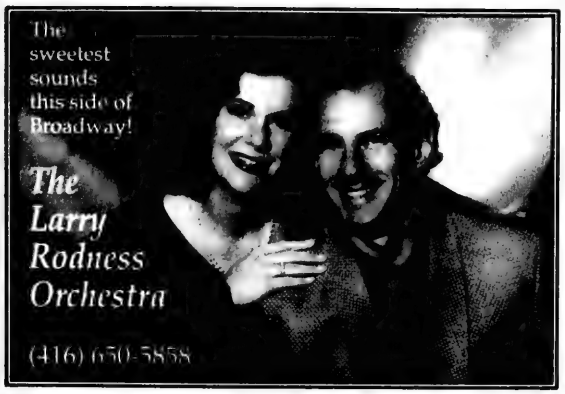

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Inviting PARTY Invitations

Invitation by Muroff Impressions Ltd.

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

The invitation is the guest's first impression of a party, setting the tone for the event.

Muroff Impressions Ltd., Stationery Plus, and A & D Invitations all offer custom stationery that helps make that first impression the one you choose.

Bea and Barry Muroff of Muroff Impressions Ltd. (416-633-4491) can take care of all stationery needs for your simchah, from the invitation envelopes to the response cards. They print invitations, seating cards, thank you notes, and just about anything else needed for a simchah.

Barry explains that their business thrives with a combination of good price, service and knowledge.

"People know that if they want something different, they can come to me, I've got it. If we make a promise, it's going to be kept," he says.

They have a large selection of catalogues and imported stocks to choose from. Shower cards are specifically designed for different types of bridal showers. (Whether the theme of the shower is ABC, time, room, Jack and Jill or traditional, there's something for everyone.)

The Muroffs typeset seating cards and envelopes in a calligraphy font. Using a plotter, the customer chooses from 51 different colors to match a color scheme. The plotter automatically centres the type, which is good for balance. This is a skill that only a seasoned calligrapher can do freehand.

Some invitations are designed to accompany windowed envelopes, which indicate to the guest immediately what the card is for. The Muroffs brought this stationery feature to Toronto.

Their repertoire of Judaica in print is excellent. They can provide different Jewish symbols or Hebrew script for invitations, as well as personalized kippot for a wedding or bar mitzvah. Kippot are available in a wide range of materials such as embossed suede and leather, satin, cotton, velvet or corduroy, and come in a complete palette of colors.

In addition to the traditional invitations, black or grey type on a white background, they offer something a little different. Bar and bat mitzvah seating cards come cut in shapes to reflect the child's interests. Baseballs, basketballs, spaceships, boats are a few from a large selection. If a youngster always dreamed of being a singer, mock CD jackets bearing his or her photo can be made up as invitations. Seating cards are disguised as sports cards for a bar mitzvah, complete with the bar mitzvah boy's photo on it, and even his "stats."

The same sports card can also be used as a business card for someone who works closely with the sports industry or is a die-hard sports fan. Gilda Lefton of Stationery Plus has produced just such business cards. Lefton (905-881-5588) has done a lot of innovative things in her 15 years working in the stationery industry. Stationery Plus really is stationery, plus a whole lot more. In addition to social stationery, she provides for the commercial and promotional markets. She has printed letterheads, envelopes and business cards. Accessory items for businesses are one of her specialties, items like embossed calculators, matches or decks of cards are some which companies will give out to clients.

Lefton knows the importance of a smart invitation. "It's one of the few, if not the only, tangible thing from a party," she remarks. Party favors and accessories are another of her fortes; she produces T-shirts with unique designs, incorporating the theme of the function. Personalized containers or mugs double as centrepieces and party favors. She will even arrange to have each guest take home a photo gift book, containing snaps taken at the event

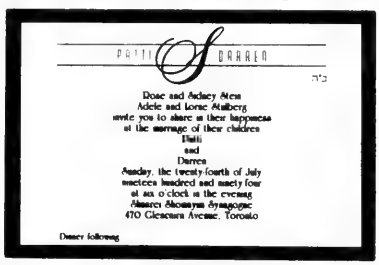
Stationery Plus carries an exclusive line of seating cards and can arrange for a sign-in card as a memento of an affair, one that is mounted in such a way that it doesn't get damaged throughout the party.

The wording of an invitation is an aspect that Lefton spends a lot of time on, ensuring that the tone and language used are appropriate.

"That's something that shouldn't be underestimated," she says.

Some of the more unusual and beautiful invitations that Stationery Plus has produced have had film overlays done in gold moiree, custom-painted ribbon or custom-made Japanese boxes to encase the invitations. Something a little different is often what is desired. Lefton is quick to note though, "We don't have to sacrifice quality for price: we come in under budget often too."

It was something different that originally got Mark of A & D Invitations (905-731-5864) interested in the stationery business. When looking for invitations for his own wedding, he found it difficult to find someone who could provide an invitation that was both in English and Yiddish. Printing in a second language is not so uncommon today. A & D Invitations offers a full selection of bar and bat mitzvah, wedding and anniversary invitations, and cards for any occasion, with the emphasis on customer service.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Caterers follow the latest trends

Food for thought

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Guests at a wedding, bar mitzvah or large party do not often realize how much caterers actually do beyond preparing and serving the food.

"We can help plan the whole affair, from booking the venue to finding florists, musicians and photographers. The caterer can be involved as much or as little as the customer wants. If desired, they can serve as a one-stop shop," says Lisa Wagman of Peter Graben Caterers (510-1818), who cater to house parties as well as at such places as Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Tzedec, Estates of Sunnybrook, Casa Loma, Art Gallery of Ontario and the Royal Ontario Museum and Planetarium.

Joe Elmaleh of Tri-Elm Caterers (631-7322) concurs that caterers can design the entire function. As caterer to the B'nai Brith Building and the newly renovated Borochov Centre, Elmaleh says that helping to arrange for the necessary professionals such as florists and musicians is a great time saver for the customer.

"We know who is on the market — who is good, reliable and good value for the money so our customers do not have to waste valuable time shopping around. At the party itself a representative is present from beginning to end to make sure everything is running smoothly. We can organize the entire evening — coordinate the speeches, guide the musicians and take care of any problems that may pop up. Our job is to make everything flow so the hosts have no worries.

"As for house parties, we bring everything to the customer's home including serving staff, tables and chairs, linens, cutlery and decorations. All the food is warmed in our own warmers so we do not have to use their kitchen. The only thing the host has to worry about is who to invite to the party."

When planning the menu it is important to sit down with the caterer and discuss the budget as well as what they think the guests would enjoy eating. Leslie Firestone, catering manager for Sam Firestone Caterers (782-8022) who cater at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, has begun to plan simplified menus, offering customers the latest food trends and a broader range of price options.

"Most families have moved from traditional Jewish menus to a more upscale modern kosher. Children's menus once dominated by hot dogs and fries have graduated to fajitas and Chinese food. Creating original menus does not necessarily mean fancy names or spectacular presentations — just a fresh twist to preparing favorite foods."

Wagman says that it is essential for caterers to keep up with the trend towards low fat, high fibre diets.

"Side dishes such as three types of rice with leeks; sauteed snowpeas, water chestnuts and beansprouts; wild rice and potato croquettes or sauteed sugar snap peas and peppers are light yet innovative dishes. Those that want chicken can order lemon chicken, orange chicken in phyllo or chicken breast stuffed with spinach and elephant garlic. Fish dishes include halibut wontons as an hors-d'oeuvre or grilled sesame salmon as a main course."

Vegetarian wedding

At a vegetarian wedding, Tri-Elm Caterers included such items as mushroom-vegetable turnovers, hummos and creamy eggplant salads and stir fried vegetables and rice. "Individual guests have to be catered to as well, so if one guest is vegetarian or needs a low salt diet, we are prepared for that as well. Customers have to remember to convey all special requests."

Most important of all, says Firestone, is for caterers to please their customers. "Making people happy is our biggest reward. If we can put smiles on our customers' faces, we've done our job."

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PARTY PLANNER

Some friends, some beer and the mighty Q

By JOSEPH SERGE
Special to The CJN

Sometimes throwing a party doesn't mean hiring an expensive band, renting a hall, consulting with a party consultant and using the services of an underwear coordinator. Sometimes, a phonecall to some close friends, a trip to the beerstore and a cacophonous dose for the Mighty Q is all it takes.

Rocking hard for almost 20 years, Q107 FM is the Number 1 rock station for 18- to 49-year-olds. Its success lies in a versatile mixture of classic rock and so-called alternative rock.

"Basically it's anything from Alice in Chains to Led Zeppelin," says Q107 assistant program director and afternoon host Joey Vendetta, 29, an eight-year veteran of the radio station. "You'll hear The Who, The Beatles, Nirvana and the Smashing Pumpkins."

Q107 has a number of programs to appeal to its diverse audience. Psychedelic Sundays, heard every Sunday afternoon, is one of its most popular. Using the term "psychedelic" rather loosely, this format allows for anything from the late '60s to the mid-70s. Anything from Buffalo Springfield and King Crimson to Pink Floyd and the recently reunited Traffic.

Blues fans always thrill to the station's weekly Blues Show, heard every Sunday evening from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Metalheads can slam their heads to the Metal show hosted by Vendetta himself Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to midnight. And the more current fans can listen to the countdown every Saturday morning and evening. They can also vote for their favorite contemporary tunes on The Top Ten at Ten heard every weekday at 10 p.m.

Joey Vendetta

Even unheard-of bands get their time on Q107 every Tuesday from 11 p.m. to midnight on Discovery, a show dedicated to independent acts. And every day at 6 p.m., Vendetta and John Derringer co-host the Six O'Clock Report, a loose, news-style information hour where anything can and will happen.

As assistant program director, Vendetta is one of the people who decide just what songs and what bands get on the air. "We have a music meeting every Tuesday and listen to all the current music," Vendetta says of the decision-making process. "It's a combination of sales, chart position and the formatic appropriateness of the song; whether it sounds great on the radio."

Vendetta insists personal tastes don't influence their decisions. "We still play it whether we like it or not. We play what we think our audience will like." But he agrees his tastes are similar to those of his audience. "I'm 29. I am our audience."

Critics have sometimes accused the station of being a bandwagon station, picking up acts only after they've achieved some popularity. The normally sedate, wrongly-named Vendetta gets animated when his beloved station comes under attack.

"I disagree completely," he says, his bass voice quivering in anger. "The Metal Show played them (alternative bands like Nirvana and Soundgarden) before they were popular." The Six O'clock Report, he says, always debuts new bands. "If it's good we'll play it. We were the first station to play Guns 'N' Roses and the Black Crowes.

"Critics can say what they like, but in the end we're a commercial radio station and we're in the business to make money."

Q107's homegrown contest is a testimony to the station's search for new talent. Held annually, the contest invites unsigned bands to send tapes; the best bands, in addition to winning prizes, get a song released on the homegrown album. Bands like Honeymoon Suite, Harum Scarum, Rick Santers, Wild T & The Spirit have been among those featured in the past 15 years.

New bands like Stone Temple Pilots are also heard regularly on Q107. They and countless others can be seen at nightclubs mushrooming across the city. "The Toronto nightclub scene is one of the best in North America," Vendetta says. "It seems like there's a club opening up every five minutes."

Q107 DJs are at these nightclubs regularly, hosting fun-filled nights of pounding music, big hair, leather and sweat. Some of these Q107-hosted events include Saturdays at RPM, Mondays at the Phoenix and Tuesdays at Casablanca. "They're nights of fun; we play music, people dance and party, and we give out tons of prizes," says Vendetta.

Vendetta uses these events to gauge the popularity of current tunes on the Q107 playlist. "We try stuff out and see what reaction we get, whether or not they get up and dance."

Vendetta has interviewed many rock 'n' roll legends throughout his career at Q107, and lists Robbie Robertson, the erstwhile Band member, as one of his favorite interviews. "He's just a really nice guy, real easy to talk to." He also cites Aerosmith ("Really entertaining"), Black Crowes ("They speak their mind"); and Van Halen ("They're just plain kooky!") as some of his other favorites.

"Basically the bigger the stars are, the nicer they are," he says.

Like anyone else, he's had a few embarrasing moments on the job, like the time when Slash, the hatted guitar player of Guns 'N' Roses, swore during an interview. "There's nothing you can do about that apart from trying to beep the swear words out. Even CBC has people swear sometimes."

Occasionally, he says, you get dead air when commercials don't play, or the annoying squeal of a skipping CD but, "nothing has ever happened to me on the air that's made me want to quit my job."

Vendetta began his career as a volunteer when he was 20, helping out and occasionally reviewing concerts live from the site. He climbed up the ladder quickly, becoming assistant music director, music director and interm program director when Q107 icon Bob Mackowicz left to pursue other interests.

Being assistant program director suits him fine as it allows him to host the afternoon show (daily at 2 p.m.). "I prefer hosting [to administrative tasks], it's a lot more fun."

To future DJs he has this warning: Be ready to work for nothing. "It's not all glamor," he says. "There's not much money at the start and it's a long ride to the top."

He believes the future bodes well for the Q. Its format continues to appeal to a growing generation of teenagers. He cites, for example, Pink Floyd's recent three-night gig at Exhibition Stadium with 180,000 concert goers, mostly teens, as proof that classic rock is here to stay.

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"Aside from the exclusivity of our rooms, the physical structure of the castle makes Casa Loma a very unusual place to have a party. The 60-foot oak beam ceilings, large fireplace, gargoyles, and dark mahogany trim make it a very grand atmosphere to celebrate in."

Built between 1911 and 1914 by Canadian industrialist and financier Sir Henry Pellatt, the building captures many architectural elements of the Norman, Gothic and Romanesque styles. "The furnishings, fabrics and artwork are among the best that money could buy," says O'Grady.

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At Casa Loma, there is one in-house caterer and five other approved caterers to choose from, depending on your function, style and tastes.

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"In a castle setting, people let their imagination go. We've had some pretty interesting themes, including a couple who got married as Maid Marion and the knight. At Casa Loma, anything goes . . . within reason," explains O'Grady.

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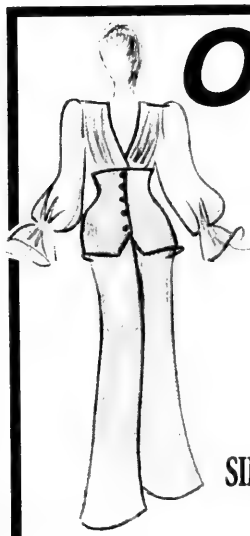

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Interaction is the name of the DJ game

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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On a warm summer evening in August employees from a multinational advertising company — some dressed in elaborate costumes — are dancing to reggae and calypso music in the ballroom of the swank Boulevard Club. The ballroom, has been transformed into a Caribbean island, complete with palm trees, and tropical flowers.

Mike Heindl, owner of A Spectrum of Sound (416-754-3600), is the DJ for the evening. But he's providing more than the music. He's organizing the evening's entertainment, most of which will be in keeping with the Caribbean theme.

When people line up for the buffet, Heindl starts asking them trivia questions to stagger the line-up. Later, he has groups of people up on stage playing Name that Caribbean Tune. And once the dancing starts, he tries to get as many people involved as he can: there's a conga line, a limbo dance, and costume and dance contests.

DJs should be interactive; they should be involved with the guests, Heindl says. "My philosophy is you don't want the DJ to be up there as the star. We want the guests to be the stars." He says his goal is to make people relax and enjoy themselves.

At bar and bat mitzvahs or other parties with a lot of younger people Heindl says he organizes contests — he can even set up a karoake machine — to keep the children interested and involved, and to break the ice between the boys and the girls so they'll dance with each other.

He says he can tell if a party is going well by the number of people left at the end of the evening. "If you start with 120 people and 100 people are still at the party at 10 to 1 a.m., you know you've done your job — people have stayed."

Heindl, 44, has been a DJ since 1967. His experience is an advantage, he says, because he's familiar with a wider range of music, and he can read a crowd and make adjustments if the dance floor is empty.

He has 14 DJs working for him, all of whom have been trained to be interactive. The price he charges for the DJs will vary with their experience: $450 for DJs who have worked one or two years, and $650 for DJs with over 10 years of experience. But he doesn't hire teenagers, he says, because he doesn't think they have the maturity to run an adult party.

At the Caribbean party some of the guests take a breather in the lobby. Sam Welch, a guest, says he likes the way the DJ interacts with the crowd. "It's almost like watching a live show with the level of interaction."

Shane Cross praises Heindl. "It's a fabulous time. He (the DJ) really reads the crowd well. He seems to know what an audience wants."

Ed McMurtry, the owner of Mister Disc Jockey (905-886-4488) and Edwin Allen Productions, like Heindl, requires his DJs to have a certain level of maturity and experience. He says the age of his DJs is important to the clients he serves. "We do a lot of private parties in Forest Hill and Post Road, where they don't want a kid showing up."

The ages of the six DJs in his company range from 27 to 40. McMurtry, 34, has been in this business for 15 years as have many of his DJs. Prices at Mister Disc Jockey start at $849.

He says his DJs are performers, but they're accessible to the guests. They use state-of-the-art equipment and they can do light and laser shows, he says. The company also does major productions for big corporate parties and conventions, which take weeks of preparation and a team of extra staff to carry out.

McMurtry says his DJs have a reputation as entertainers. Large corporations operating on smaller budgets are cutting back on live music and booking DJs from his company to fill that gap, he says. "They don't have the budget for a live band, but they don't want your garden variety DJ either. We fall between."

McMurtry's DJs have a reputation for being very interactive, but being interactive does not just pertain to microphone work; it's having the guests perform for the crowd, he says.

"Our idea of interactive is bringing people up on stage. . . . We choreograph a routine for them (the guests) to perform. Often the people who are most apprehensive about going up on stage are the one who don't want to get off."

McMurtry says he was recently booked at a very traditional Jewish wedding at a synagogue — the bride wanted him, but her mother wanted a live band.

"She [the mother] turned out to be one of the most active participants on stage. At the end of the evening she shook my hand and said, 'My daughter was right. A band would not have done what you did. You were involved with everybody.' "

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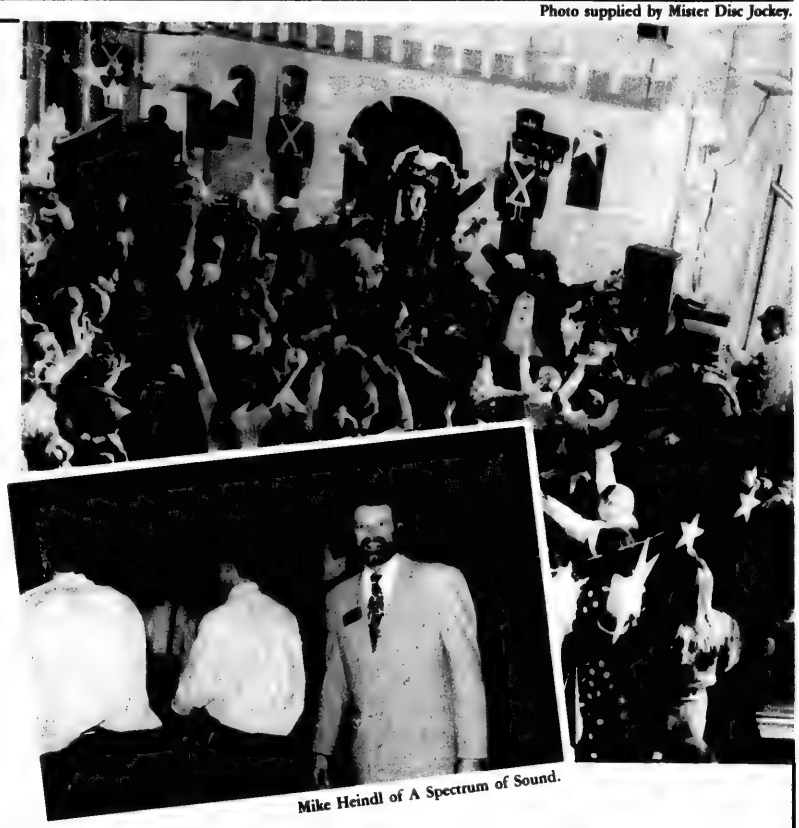

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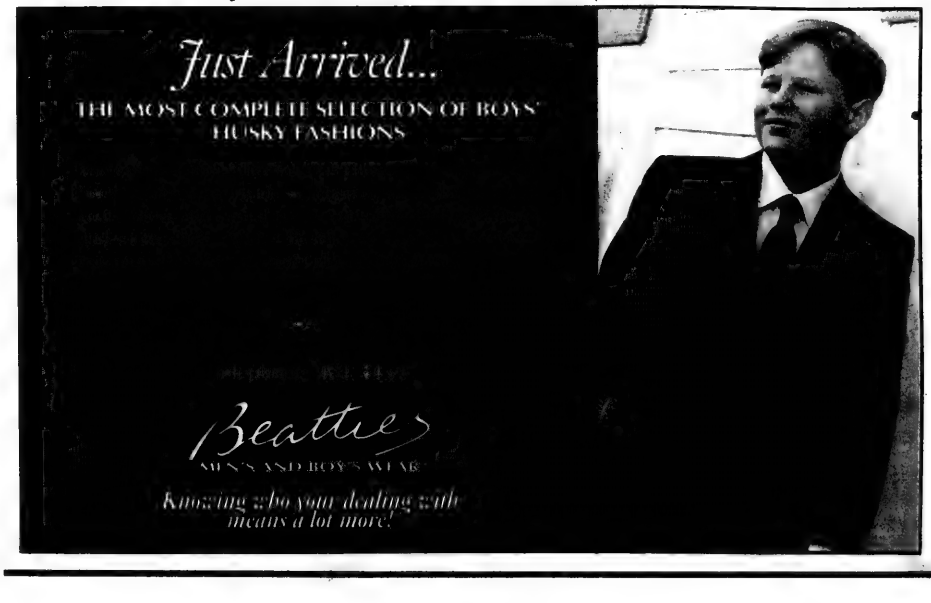
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PARTY PLANNER

Entertainment...

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Family and friends recently gathered to celebrate Louisa Hostick's birthday. In the middle of the party a stranger in a top hat and tails, was ushered into the room.

It was Arnie the ham, the singing telegram man.

He kibitzed with Hostick, presenting her with balloons and a red silk rose. And then he serenaded her in a rich tenor voice, with the birthday telegram he had written especially for her. To the tune of *New York, New York* he sang about Hostick's grandchildren, her shopping sprees, her trips to Vegas, and her love of Black Jack.

"He knows everything about me," she said laughing.

"He was a lot of fun," Hostick later told *The CJN*.

Her husband Milton agreed. "He's very funny and very unusual," he said, displaying a handful of Arnie's business cards. "I'm going to hand these out to my friends."

Arny Wiskin said he loves doing singing telegrams. "It's a raw form of entertainment. It really appeals to me. You go into an office or a party and do a show with nothing but yourself." He also prides himself on the visual esthetics of the telegram.

Wiskin writes the lyrics for the telegram from information given to him by family or friends. Then he hand-prints the telegram and decorates it with colored markers.

"That's what makes mine extra personal," he said. "I like to say that my telegrams are more than just a telegram. They're a work of art."

Wiskin has been singing in the Toronto area for more than 30 years. When he was in high school, the National Council of Jewish Women gave him a grant to study music. He played in some local theatre productions and then began singing at weddings and bar mitzvahs with a number of different local bands. He does a solo act now at smaller parties.

Wiskin has also done some songwriting and he recorded a record album and several singles in the 1970s. He wrote *Kineina Hora*, one of the songs he recorded with the Stan Hiltz Orchestra, on their *Kosher Style* album. The *Kineina Hora* is still played by many DJs at bar mitzvahs, he said.

Wiskin answered an ad for a singing telegram performer 14 years ago while he was still singing in a band. Eventually he gave up the band to do telegrams full-time and he's been doing them ever since.

Arnie the Ham, the Singing Telegram Man.

Last year he opened his own company, calling it, Arnie the Ham the Singing Telegram Man (635-6925). He charges $60 for delivering telegrams in a top hat and tails and an additional $10 to come as a gorilla in a tux costume.

Wiskin said singing telegrams — most people video them — are popular for birthdays and anniversaries as well as weddings. He is asked to do the wedding telegram when everybody sits down for the meal, usually after the first blessing.

"It's very romantic for a groom to send a singing telegram to his bride," he said.

He has also delivered telegrams at bar mitzvahs, and for newborns in hospitals. He has even done wedding proposals.

Wiskin said one man asked him to deliver the proposal at the corner of Bloor and Yonge, the place he first met his girl friend.

"As I'm singing, he gets down on his knee and puts a ring on her finger. She's crying," he said.

Another man who hired him to do the proposal in the gorilla costume had him do a repeat performance at the wedding reception. "He told the guests, 'I want you to see the unusual way I proposed to my bride,' " Wiskin said. "The audience loved it. They really laughed."

And humor is what makes singing telegrams entertaining, he said. "A singing telegram is 80 per cent comedy-kibitzing and 20 per cent voice."

He said making people laugh is very rewarding. "I love making people laugh. Singing telegrams are a great way to make them laugh. I sparkle-up and I brighten their day, and it makes my day."

MIND MAGIC!

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Tessa, a psychic entertainer, was not quite ready to give up her day job 10 years ago. She was a legal secretary during the day and she was part of a magic act in the evenings.

When she and her partner Jeff Evanson were offered a lucrative contract with the Ministry of Energy — three weeks of full-time work performing magic at the CNE — Tessa had to choose between her jobs.

"I was scared," she said. "I had three days to make up my mind."

She decided to quit the secretarial job. The CNE contract was too good an opportunity to pass up, she said. "I felt I had to take the chance to see where it would lead me." It led her to a career as an entertainer.

Tessa became interested in magic after meeting Evanson and they have been performing together since they met in 1983.

Evanson started doing magic when he was a teenager. He got his first job performing magic 21 years ago when he was

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Tessa, the psychic entertainer with partner Jeff Evanson.

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14 and his grandfather had him do a show at a Shriner's event.

When Evanson and Tessa first started working together, they were illusionists with a magic act. But they switched to psychic entertainment in 1987.

Today they refer to themselves as mentalists, a term which applies to any performer using the mind as a medium for entertainment. Evanson and Tessa do a mind-reading act as well as one-on-one psychic readings.

The mind reading is a vaudeville act which they have revived. It was originally developed by Tommy and Liz Tucker, who performed the act towards the end of vaudeville. "They're the inspiration for what we are doing today," Tessa said.

She and Evanson discovered the act in 1987. They were working on a cruise ship when they first heard the Tucker performance on an audio cassette.

"We could picture in our minds what they were doing," Evanson said. "We thought it was unbelievable."

He and Tessa contacted the Tuckers who had retired and were living north of Boston. They had wanted to pass the act on by teaching it to somebody, but "no one could pick it up," Evanson said.

The Tuckers became Tessa and Evanson's mentors, giving them instruction by correspondence. They spoke on the phone, they wrote letters, and they sent videos back and forth. "Without them we would not have been able to figure it out," Tessa said.

Tommy Tucker died suddenly in 1991 — he was in his late 80s — several months before Tessa and Evanson were scheduled to visit him. They did meet Liz Tucker who was 20 years Tommy's junior, and they continue to be close friends.

Tessa and Evanson said their act was an instant success on the cruise ships because it's very interactive. "It was just incredible. People talked about nothing else," Evanson said. "People get involved. They're part of the show. Magic is strictly visual."

They have appeared on several local television shows like the *Dini Petty Show* and *Eye on Toronto*. Petty has invited them to her show four times.

"She wants to keep having us until she figures out how we do it," Evanson said. "Before Christmas we asked her [Petty] to think about what she wanted for Christmas. Tessa guessed what Dini wanted — a telescope. She couldn't believe it."

"I was able to tell her what it was by concentrating on it and it worked," Tessa said.

A lot of people book them because the act is very different, Evanson said. "They're not going to see it anywhere else." To supplement the mind-reading act, he and Tessa also do psychic readings — she does palmistry and Taro cards and he does numerology. "It's always the most popular thing of the evening no matter where we perform," she said.

The couple said their act lends itself to any venue and a wide age range. They have performed at many corporate and personal parties, conventions, weddings and bar mitzvahs.

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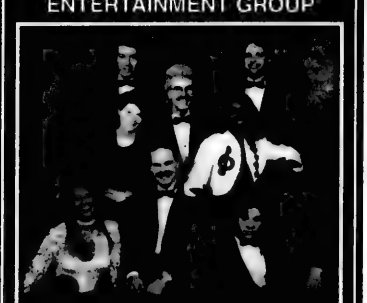

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Life-like caricatures

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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Going to visit Rae Goldman (250-8672), the popular portrait and caricature artist, is like taking a trip to an art gallery. Her home is filled with art.

Oil and acrylic paintings, pastel and charcoal drawings hang on all the available wall space, while dozens of pictures are propped up against the wall on the floor.

There is also a lot of hand-painted clothing: the ties are displayed on the coffee table, and the T-shirts and sweatshirts hang on a rack in the sun room. And then there are the greeting cards . . .

Goldman, a mother of three, and grandmother of seven, has been painting and drawing since she was three years old. "I do it morning to night," she told *The CJN*. She sells her paintings to local galleries, and the O'Keefe Centre.

But she is best known for her portraits. She is often hired to do portraits and caricatures — she is paid by the hour — at corporate functions, birthday and anniversary parties, and simchahs.

People sometimes give portraits as gifts. She pointed to a caricature of a man, done in pastels, which will be presented to him at his 80th birthday party. She said she is often asked to do caricatures of the bar or bat mitzvah boy or girl, or of wedding couples; these are later signed by all the guests.

Goldman said she has always been fascinated by faces and she loves drawing them. "When I'm away on holidays somewhere and I don't do it I miss it," she said. "So I do the waiters. Not for the money. I just want to do it."

Goldman did her art as a hobby — she did portraits on weekends — until 25 years ago when she left her job as a stenographer to become a full-time artist. The company she had been working for paid her to do portraits at a store opening. She loved the work so much she quit her job shortly after, she said.

Goldman started knocking on doors to find work doing portraits. She had to muster up the courage to approach people, she said. "You want it so bad you do it." She has done portraits in many places, which include Simpsons, Ontario Place and the Inn on the Park.

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Rabbi Sidney Shoham (left) recites a prayer to those who gathered last week outside the Federation CJA building in Montreal to protest the abduction of Israeli soldier Nachson Waxman. [Howard Kay photo]

Montreal Jews mourn slain Israeli soldiers

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — With only a few hours notice, more than 1,000 Montreal Jews crowded into the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue last Saturday night to memorialize Nachshon Waxman and Nir Poraz.

Poraz was the Israeli commando who led the failed raid intended to free Waxman, who had been kidnapped by Hamas.

Among the seven speakers was Rabbi Chananya Berzon of the Young Israel Synagogue of Chomedey, whose family were former neighbors of the Waxmans in the Jerusalem suburb of Ramot.

"How much longer can Jewish blood, innocent blood, be spilt?," asked Rabbi Berzon. "All we want is the peace of a Shabbos and the world will not let us have it."

Rabbi Berzon remembered the family as having had its fair share of tribulations.

Waxman's father, Yehuda, suffers from chronic kidney disease, and had his previous prayers for his son answered, Rabbi Berzon said. But not this time, and Yehuda does not know why.

"They are a soft-spoken family. All they ever wanted was to lead their own lives," he told *The CJN* last week before the raid.

Other speakers delivered messages expressing anger, sadness, and forbearance during the 45-minute service.

Thomas Hecht, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee-Quebec (CIC-Q), charged that Nachshon was killed because he shouldered the "guilt of being a Jew."

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He said the killing of Nachshon was more evidence of the "longest uninterrupted hatred since the beginning of mankind." He said PLO chief Yasser Arafat "must choose between peace with Israel and peace with Hamas."

Federation CJA president Lester Lazarus, for his part, said that while Jews "mourn for the civilized world and for ourselves who felt Israel was secure . . . the striving for peace must go on, or [it will] give victory to Hamas."

Beth Israel Rabbi Reuben Poupko spearheaded the organization of both the memorial service and the two vigils for Waxman held earlier in the week at Hillel House and Federation CJA.

Although Jewish communities outside Israel bask in the Jewish state's glories and achievements, they must forever remain in awe of Israel because it is Israel which actually sacrifices its children, Rabbi Poupko said.

When Islamic extremists believe shedding Jewish blood to be a "ticket to heaven," where can one find a "common moral vocabulary?" he asked.

Despite the tragedy, Israeli consul Aviva Raz vowed Israel will "never yield to terroism. That is our promise to our fallen soldiers."

It was the Hamas kidnappers, she said, who chose to kill Waxman "in cold blood" a few minutes into the commando raid.

Other speakers at the memorial service included Rabbis Mordecai Zeitz, of Congregation Beth Tikvah, and Gavriel Newman, of Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Synagogue.

The service was sponsored by the CIC-Q under the auspices of the Israeli consulate.

Nobel Prize announcement gets mixed reviews

TORONTO — Jewish organizations had mixed reactions to last week's awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

In a statement, B'nai Brith Canada said it was "heartened" that the Nobel Prize committee has recognized the importance of peace in the Middle East.

"However, we see the prize as an award for risks taken rather than for peace achieved ... It is hard to praise Yasser Arafat as a 'peace maker' when he has not yet eliminiated the commitment to destroy Israel from the PLO covenant, and we can still recall the horror of terrorism targeted against civilians."

Canadian Jewish Congress extended congratulations to both Rabin and Arafat.

Arafat "should demonstrate his commitment to the principles embodied in the Nobel Peace Prize by vigorously denouncing and combatting" those responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldier Nachson Waxman.

The Nobel's committee decision "is tragic and flawed," said the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. The award to Arafat "also demeans those world leaders who have spent their entire careers" promoting peace. The PLO chairman "without a doubt is a greater expert on terrorism than world peace," the centre said.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien is scheduled this week to send letters of congratulations to Rabin, Peres and Arafat.

Israel and Jordan initial peace pact

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan initialed a peace treaty Monday and announced that a full signing ceremony will take place next week after both governments approve the agreement.

The treaty, hammered out during an all-night negotiating session, was initialed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordanian Prime Minister Faiz Tarwana at King Hussein's palace in Amman.

Afterwards, Rabin repeatedly praised King Hussein for his courage. The prime minister said the two sides had achieved "a peace with dignity.

"The agreement will serve as a cornerstone for a new Middle East in which peace, development and cooperation replace animosity, hatred, violence and war," Rabin said. "[It is] a source of inspiration, an example that peace is attainable."

The agreement is the first full peace treaty signed since the 1991 Madrid peace conference was convened.

King Hussein said he felt a great "sense of relief" about reaching the agreement with Israel after so many years of war. "This is a new beginning for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East," he said.

"The agreement is a gift I send to the people of Jordan. If we safeguard it, we will be able to enjoy the fruits of peace for generations to come."

King Hussein

Yitzhak Rabin

The two main stumbling blocks to an accord — demarcating the border and dividing water resources — were resolved during a marathon session between Rabin and King Hussein that ran till 3 a.m. Monday. This capped off months of negotiations following the Washington Declaration in July, at which both states agreed to end the state of war between them.

Rabin said the Jordanian-Israeli border would be based on the international boundary that divided Jordan from Mandatory Palestine, with some small adjustments. "Neither side wins or loses," Rabin said. He had earlier assured Israeli farmers in the Jordan Valley and Arava that they would not have to abandon their land as a result of the agreement.

Regarding the sensitive issue of water, Rabin said Israel had agreed to provide Jordan with 50 million cubic litres of water a year from the Yarmuk River, the Sea of Galilee and the National Water Carrier to answer Jordan's immediate water shortage. The agreement also outlines a long-term regional water solution which calls for the construction of an internationally financed, $150-million facility to increase water resources, likely through desalination.

Monday's treaty must still be approved by the Israeli and Jordanian parliaments. A full signing ceremony is to be held at the end of next week along the Israeli-Jordanian border. U.S. President Bill Clinton is expected to attend.

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Yiddish conference delegates take unique tour

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Hang a left here, driver, and be careful going around the traffic circle."

So said guide Phil Givens, the former mayor of Toronto, as he led delegates to the Second International Conference of Yiddish Clubs on a bus tour of the Toronto Jewish community.

"I won't say there is no anti-Semitism in Toronto," Givens said as the bus wound its way north on Bathurst Street. "But thank G-d it's not the way it was when I was a kid, and other kids held up three fingers and said 'You killed Jesus.' We don't have the tzuris we had years ago."

In the space of his lifetime, Givens said, the Toronto community has grown to 160,000; almost half of Canada's Jews live in this area. When the bus rolled by the area where the Reichmann family lives, the ex-mayor, who is fluent in Yiddish, said: "My house is like their garage."

The delegates came from as far away as Buenos Aires, Halle (Germany) and Israel, and from dozens of cities in Canada and the United States. They revelled in the unvarnished account Givens gave.

As the tour drew near the building where most of the Jewish agencies are located, Givens said: "This building is a memorial to Lipa Green, a man who started life as a carpenter and chimney cleaner. He was a Yiddisher Yid, steeped in Yiddish. He couldn't believe that his sons would put up a building on stilts."

When the bus neared St. Clair Avenue, the ex-mayor said, "When I was a boy, from here on north was all fields. Even when I was old enough to date, the street car only ran this far and so I didn't date many girls in Forest Hill — it was too long a walk."

When the bus passed Beth Tzedec Synagogue, he commented, "There are 300 millionaires in its membership. It's so big you need a spy glass to see the rabbi."

As the bus toured the five acres on which Baycrest Geriatric Centre stands, Givens praised the diversity of the community and its concern for less affluent members. Many delegates on the bus asked how much it cost to be a patient or resident there. "It's a sliding scale, depending on the means of the family," he replied. "The FBI isn't any better on determining how much income is available."

The Beth Tzedec Museum exhibit, One Hundred Years of Yiddish, was thrown open so delegates could get a peek before its official opening in November. One poster attracting attention was from YIVO, in New York, showing a mother breast feeding her baby, with the Yiddish caption: "For a Long Life, Drink Mother's Milk."

When the bus passed Honest Ed's emporium, Givens praised Ed Mirvish's contibutions to the cultural life of Toronto and noted that his wife Anne, a conference delegate, at times still makes cabbage rolls for Ed's restaurants.

Academic speakers

At the conference itself, the assertion by one speaker that the Yiddish language is known as mameloshen because mothers rocked their babies while singing, "I shall be a sacrifice for your bones," took some delegates by surprise.

"It's not true that it was called mameloshen because if the mother opened her mouth the father had nothing to say," said Dr. Moshe Wolfe, once head of a psychiatric clinic in Moscow, amid laughter. "It was the mothers who taught the children Torah," he said.

At the Bloor Street JCC where part of the four-day conference was held, a Yiddish sign over the closing luncheon buffet advised "Chicken flickers, the feathers have already been singed."

The 200 delegates, in pursuit of the conference's motto, Undzer Yidish Hemshekh (Our Yiddish Continuity) heard a blue-ribbon list of academic speakers. They included Prof. Eugene Orenstein, chair of Yiddish Studies at McGill University, Chava Rosenfarb of Montreal, giving the keynote address on the renowned Canadian Jewish author J.I. Segal, and Montrealer Liba Augenfeld speaking on the life of her friend, the late poet Peretz Miransky of Toronto.

The Beth Tikvah choir, conducted by Srul Glick, and David Newman, Cantor Louis Danto, Nathan Garnick and Vivian Reis also took part in the tribute to Miransky.

A gala concert, funded by Metro Toronto, represented by Controller Howard Moscoe, attracted 450 to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, conducted by David Buchbinder, performed, as did Claire Klein Osipov, accompanied by Wendy Stuart, Allen Farkas, Michael Lebovic, Gloria Valentine, Murray Ellis and Nina Shapelsky. Will the OISE auditorium ever recover from the rousing, swingy Klezmer rendition of *Der Rebbe Elimelech* led by Alan Merovitz, with the delegates joining in?

The symbolism inherent in the famous Yiddish folk song *Roszhinkes Mid Mandlen* was a lively topic in the workshop led by Naomi Bell. While some contended it was intended as a signal to the Jewish people to go to Israel, others said it was simply a mother's lullaby for her child.

Oyfn Pripetshik, another folk song, was criticized by one woman who said it depicted a rabbi as a gentle teacher, while in her experience the rabbis were anything but. Bell explained that later stanzas of the original poem, seldom read, corrected the picture.

Many of the workshops were lively and well attended, including one on creating Yiddish theatre led by Nathan Garnick in which David Abramowitz, Blema Steinman and Sarah Brickner of Toronto, Thelma Feller of Phoenix, Hilda Rubin of Washington, Sunny Landsman of Tamarac and Bonnie Sohn of New York took part.

In Washington members of the local Yiddish Club tell children the names of animals in Yiddish in a project called "Jewish Zooish."

Delegates heaped praise on coordinator Bess Shockett and Eda Zimler-Schiff, president of Toronto's Friends of Yiddish, and their committee, for the high calibre of the program, and at the close, the out-of-town delegates were sent on their way with a rousing Yiddish send-off: A Zay Gezunt Un Fur Gezunt (Stay healthy and travel safely).

Phil Givens (centre), former mayor of Toronto, talks with participants at the recent Yiddish conference (from left) Dr. Moshe Wolf, formerly of Moscow, one of the speakers; and Yiddish author Simcha Simchovitch. [Morris Miller photo]

Women urged to work with 'feminist' men

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Women wanting to break into the male-dominated Canadian power structure must work through "feminist" males, according to a local MP.

Vancouver Liberal MP Dr. Hedy Fry, a former president of the British Columbia Medical Association, told a recent Hadasah-WIZO brunch here that feminist men are those who agree with feminist aims and encourage women to achieve their goals.

She said Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Solicitor-General Herb Gray fit into this category. "They encourage the women members of Parliament and have invited them to the table."

She said Chretien has appointed a number of strong, capable women to important posts, several as parliamentary secretaries. (Fry is parliamentary secretary to the minister of health.)

In caucus, she added, women MPs are encouraged to speak up. "The PM has given his women MPs the opportunity to show they're capable."

Even though the gates to the power structure may be locked, with the men inside, "women can get through those gates," Fry declared. "It's essential they make the breakthrough to give young girls the confidence they need to face the future."

Fry said she developed her confidence from her feminist father who told her "you can do and be anything you want to."

The MP said earlier in the century, when women were considered chattel, the women's movement staged protest rallies, marches and was loudly aggressive. But "from revolution has come evolution — and we've come a long way. We now show gently, by example, what we are capable of doing and that we have an important role to play."

Fry said Canadian women set an example for women in developing countries. "We must show them how to open the door in their own way to get into positions of power."

Fry's speech marked the opening in Vancouver of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's Women For Women campaign to raise funds to help abused women in Israel. The Vancouver meeting honored three communal leaders: Lois Appelbaum, Bea Libby and Regina Feldman.

'Window' for peace seen as a limited opportunity

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The peace process must go on and will go on despite terrorist killings and kidnappings, one of Israel's leading experts on Jordan, King Hussein and Israeli-Jordanian relations, said here recently.

A "moral imperative" of Israeli leadership is to pursue peace, even if it fails, in order to try to save the lives of those who would be killed in future wars, Professor Asher Susser said.

He warned that the "window of opportunity" for peace negotiations with some Arab states will be open for only a limited time.

Susser, who accompanied Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to Washington for talks with Jordan's leaders, spoke at Holy Blossom Temple at a meeting attended by 300, co-sponsored by the temple and Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Most Israelis want the peace talks to continue despite the shocking attacks by terrorists recently, said Susser, head of the Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University, who has two sons serving with the Israel Defence Force.

Though there has been a shift in Israel's favor in the political balance of power in the Middle East, in the long run Israel must beware of a serious threat from Iraq, which, he predicted, will have a revival in five to 10 years.

Israel can defeat any military threat from its Arab neighbors, Susser said, but the policy of the Israeli government must be to avoid such wars.

A "ferocious debate"has developed in Israel over the peace process but most Israelis are willing to accept territorial compromise to bring peace, he asserted.

Predicting that a "Palestinian state of sorts" will emerge, Susser said it is in the interests of both Israel and the Palestinians to reach that goal as soon as possible.

"A lot of Israelis do not like it, but they can live with it."

Israel has no solution for Palestinians, beyond Gaza and the West Bank, and in "no way" can Israel accept the millions of Palestinians outside its borders, he said.

"Perhaps the solution is a confederation of Jordan and the Palestinians," he said. "The confederation idea is a useful one because nobody knows what it means."

There is progress in negotiations with Syria. "The equation with Israel is clear, full peace for full withdrawal. But the Syrians have not done enough to convince Israel what full peace means." The army has put forward a proposal for nearly a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights, he disclosed, in the absence of a viable alternative.

On the Jerusalem situation, he said, "we will not surrender one inch of what is crucial to us."

Regarding the settlers issue, Susser said "it is not right that less than two per cent of our population should hijack Israel's foreign policy." Settlers can't stay in Gaza and the West Bank "at a cost of billions of dollars."

The tenor of questions asked in the discussion period revealed that most in the audience were in agreement with the speaker's views.

Chair David DeWitt, York University, said it is hoped to establish a Visiting Professorship between York University and Tel Aviv University. Marty Goldberg, president, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, thanked the speaker.

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Chair of Jewish Studies to be launched at U of T

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As a result of a dream of the late community leader Ray D. Wolfe that began 15 years ago, a Chair of Jewish Studies is to be established at the University of Toronto in 1995 or 1996.

A major gift from Richard Shiff, chair of Penta Capital Corp., and his wife Dorothy, brought the total raised for the purpose to $2 million, only $500,000 short of the goal.

"I couldn't be more pleased; this will change the whole face of Jewish education," said Rose Wolfe, chancellor of the University.

The process of finding a suitable candidate to fill the chair is expected to take a year or two.

"Everyone is excited about this development; it gives an extra impetus to everything in Jewish and Yiddish education," Wolfe said.

The $2 million was raised in a well-run campaign by members of the Chair of Jewish Studies campaign headed by volunteers Marty Goldberg and Lionel Schipper. It brought to fruition the efforts made by Ray D. Wolfe to establish the chair, beginning in 1980.

Rose Wolfe

In addition to making a major donation, Richard Shiff was very helpful to the committee in i fundraising, Wolfe said.

Professor Michael Marrus, head of the university's Academic Board, said the chair will allow the existing Jewish Studies Program to attract a leading scholar in the field and greatly raise both the program's and the University's international profile.

The Shiff contribution was announced at a reception held at the residence of University of Toronto President Robert Prichard on Sept. 25.

There are currently chairs of Jewish Studies at McGill University in Montreal and Queen's University in Kingston.

The Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto offers 60 courses in religion, languages, literature, history and philosophy, said Professor Libby Garshowitz, director. The program has 20 professors and three lecturers. Last year 847 students took courses in the program.

In a related development, Milton Shier, chair of OSS Inc., donated $1 million for a visiting professorship in Jewish Studies, in memory of his late wife, Shoshana Shier, a 1973 Woodsworth College graduate.

Professor Dov Noy of the Hebrew University will give the first lecture under this professorship on Nov. 1 at the George Ignatieff Theatre at 8 p.m. The subject will be Rose (Shoshanna) in Universal and Jewish Folklore.

Emotions run high on the set as Jay Feinberg visits Shirley Show

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The *Shirley Show* couldn't have planned it better if they had tried.

During the taping of the Oct. 17 show, Audey Stanleigh, a bone marrow transplant recipient, was introduced to Steve Cheifetz, the donor.

In a spontaneous gesture, Stanleigh's 10-year-old sister, Shira, ran up to Cheifetz, and, sobbing uncontrollably, gave him an enthusiastic hug.

When host Shirley Solomon asked her why she was crying, Shira replied "because I'm so happy. He saved my best friend."

There wasn't a dry eye on the set, including the audience, television staff, Solomon herself and the makeup artist, who went around handing out fistfuls of Kleenex to everybody.

The focus of the show was 26-year-old Jay Feinberg, the New Jersey man who is desperately seeking a bone marrow transplant for himself.

In a dramatic moment, Feinberg announced that he has just been told he has only a few months to live — unless he, too, finds a donor.

Ironically, Cheifetz was originally tested for Feinberg.

(Everyone who is tested is automatically entered on the Canadian and international bone marrow registries.)

Cheifetz, who was called a tzaddik, a righteous person, by Audey's father Jerry, told the audience that he hopes other people follow his lead and are tested, and, if asked, donate marrow.

"It doesn't hurt," he said in reply to a question from the audience. "I had the operation [to remove the marrow] under general anesthetic on Thursday morning at 8, and on Friday at 9 I was at a meeting."

The idea for the show was suggested by Toronto teacher and lecturer Lori Palatnik. "Once you meet them [Jay and Arlene Feinberg] you just have to do something," she told Solomon.

Palatnik later told *The CJN* that she felt a television talk show would reach a whole segment of the population who might miss newspaper accounts of the situation.

The show did not deal only with Feinberg, Sharing the stage was Ricky Ramkeesoon, a 28-year-old Toronto man, of East Indian descent,

Shirley Solomon (far left) with Jay and Arlene Feinberg. [Stephen Epstein photo]

who also needs a bone marrow transplant.

Others were in the audience, a mother with a 17-month old sick baby; and Amanda Leigh Clements, a beautiful, blue-eyed 7-year-old from Cambridge, rendered bald from chemotherapy, leaning weakly against her mother, Sue.

Her father, Bob, explained to *The CJN* that part of the difficulty in finding a match for Amanda is that she is of mixed white and North American Indian descent.

The family has begun to seek out native communities, including those in Brantford and Kitchener. "They have been anxious to help," he said, "but so far we haven't found a match."

It is not easy for the family, or for Amanda, to be so much in the public eye.

"You just put one foot on the ground, then the next foot. I'm as tired as she is. When she whimpers in the night, I wake up."

Feinberg, Amanda and Ramkeesoon are all of "ethnic" backgrounds, which tend to be underrepresented in the bone marrow registries.

Doctors feel that the best hope for a successful transplant comes from someone of the same ethnic origin as the person needing it.

There is a great need, also, for funding for the blood screening drives, as each test costs $50 US (about $75 Canadian). Drives for all the erstwhile recipients, including Feinberg, have had to be scaled back — at a time when the need is most acute.

Immediately after the show, 55 people including Solomon were in fact tested by volunteers from Dynacare Labs.

Stanleigh told *The CJN* that he intends to keep working for Feinberg and other bone marrow drives — "I have to. It's just right."

Arlene Feinberg noted that the unveiling for Alison Atlas, the young woman whose brave, yet ultimately futile quest for a donor was chronicled in this newspaper and other media, will be this month.

"Her family, her brother Larry and her sister Robin, still help us out in our drives," Arlene Feinberg said.

She said that she had hoped Solomon would ask her how Jay feels about others getting successful transplants from his drives, while he has not had the same luck.

"You should see how happy he is every time he hears good news for someone else. He says it keeps him buoyant."

But the poignancy of Jay Feinberg's closing plea on the show for help for all those needing transplants was heart-wrenchingly simple: "Please help save us."

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Finestone urges women to join reform debate

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Sheila Finestone, secretary of state for multiculturalism and the status of women, has called on Canadian Hadassah-WIZO to participate in the debate to reform Canada's social security programs.

"Women and children have more at stake in this reform process than anyone else," said Finestone, keynote speaker at the gala dinner in Winnipeg which launched Hadassah-WIZO Month across Canada and the organization's new Women for Women campaign.

"There is a direct link between child poverty and women in poverty. The faces of poverty are women," she said.

Abuse against women has become the issue of the '90s, according to Judy Mandleman of Vancouver, Hadassah-WIZO national president. Mandleman described a visit last year to a Hadassah-WIZO shelter in Israel, where she was introduced to a Russian immigrant who had been beaten by her husband.

She had been battered in Russia but thought everything would be better in Israel. However, her situation worsened. Now that she is in the shelter, she and her children are safe, Mandleman said.

"The chair of Hadassah-WIZO in Israel asked us for help," Mandleman said. "I spoke to my officers and we adopted the Women for Women program. We are seeking special donations for a hotline in Israel for battered women. We are talking about the issue and trying to raise people's awareness. Many Canadian women are abused. Hadassah-WIZO is now part of the movement to end that abuse."

Finestone said that the issue of battered women is one that transcends national borders. She referred to a recent Statistics Canada study that found at least half the women in Canada had experienced violence at least once after age 16, yet only 14 per cent of the incidents had been reported to the police.

"I have been in the women's movement for 25 years and I couldn't believe those numbers," she said.

"Abuse against women takes many forms," she noted. "The most obvious is physical. The fear may be of strange men lurking in bushes, but a survey indicated that 2.6 million Canadian women have been battered by their spouses or ex-spouses — those who are supposed to love and care for them."

More dangerous, she observed, is emotional or psychological abuse. There are no scars but the victim loses her sense of self-worth and autonomy and physical and mental health.

"The goal is to eliminate all violence against women," Finestone stated. "The larger goal is for women to be recognized as equal in society and that won't come about until there is a tacit acceptance that violence against women will not be tolerated."

Finestone said she sees some encouraging signs. There are now over 400 shelters in Canada, including one for Orthodox Jewish women and another run by the National Council of Jewish Women in her Montreal Mount Royal riding; there were only 18 shelters 20 years ago. She also praised a Windsor shelter's efforts to change the attitudes of the abusers.

Sheila Finestone (third from left) addressed the recent Hadassah-WIZO meeting. With her (from left) is Judy Mandleman, national president, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO; Pearl McGonigal, Hadassah-WIZO Woman of the Year; Finestone; and Lenore Kagan, Hadassah-WIZO month chair.

Finestone, speaking about the feminist movement, noted that women have accomplished a great deal in this century. She praised the evening's honoree, Pearl McGonigal, Hadassah-WIZO's Woman of the Year, as an ideal role model and an example of what women can accomplish.

McGonigal, hailing from Melville, Sask., was the first woman to be deputy mayor of Winnipeg and the first woman to be named lieutenant-governor of Manitoba. Since leaving Government House, she has played a leading role as a volunteer in several organizations.

McGonigal, in her response, addressed "landsleit" in the audience from Melville (which used to have a substantial Jewish population) and welcomed the naming of a room in her honor at the Rose Kanee Community Centre in Tel Aviv. The Kanee Family was also from Melville.

McGonigal praised Hadassah-WIZO for its work and thanked the organization for the honor but with a caveat. "I accept this honor on behalf of all volunteers in Canada," she said. "It is the spirit of volunteerism that makes this country the blessed and special place it is."

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Holocaust's uniqueness stressed

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — More difficult to combat than the racists and eccentrics who deny the Holocaust are those people of "good conscience" who are not convinced of its uniqueness or suggest modern-day tragedies — like Bosnia and Rwanda — deserve more attention, delegates to an international conference of Jewish child survivors and hidden children during World War II were told.

Yehudi Lindeman, director of a McGill University project that videotapes survivors' testimonies, said that this trend can be found even in the Jewish day schools among educators who believe the Holocaust is given too much emphasis.

"They believe the Holocaust gloom imposed on Jewish children is replacing the traditional emphasis on Jewish learning and celebration...that enough is enough," Lindeman said at the closing plenary of the four-day conference.

"The fact these people are of good conscience makes them that much harder to dismiss...Just when we are starting to feel secure about our past we must defend the Holocaust again," said Lindeman, who was hidden with non-Jews as a young child in Holland and founded the Montreal child survivor group.

Much of that final session was devoted to discussion of how child survivors — the last eyewitnesses of the Holocaust — can transmit that legacy and whether the so-called second and third generations have a special role.

The conference was attended by 610 delegates from throughout North America, Israel, Australia and Europe, including Poland and Germany. Similar conferences have been held annually since the first in 1988 in Lancaster, Pa.

Keynote speaker Gerda Bikales of Washington, a child survivor, put it even more forcefully than Lindeman saying "the furor unleashed against us was like no other in history and none can ever equal it."

More than genocide

Moreover, the Holocaust was more than genocide, she argued, because the Jews never sought any territorial or national independence in Europe, she said, which are the root of today's bloodshed in Bosnia and Rwanda.

Nor can the suffering of other groups during the WWII, such as the Poles, be equated with that of the Jews, she said. "Not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims."

Bikales is disturbed by what she sees as the U.S Holocaust Memorial Museum's drifting to a policy of commemorating the "generic victim" of Nazism, that is putting the persecution of Jews on the same level as that directed at homosexuals, political dissidents, the handicapped and even Jehovah's Witnesses.

And with Jewish academics like Irving Horowitz of Rutgers University who has suggested, she said, that it is "unbecoming of victims of mindless killing to squabble over whose experience was worst," not the least because she believes the Nazis were extremely deliberate in their extermination plan.

Fellow panelist Thomas Schnurmacher, a Montreal journalist and child of survivors, felt Bikales was missing the point. "Throughout this weekend, people have been establishing hierarchies of pain: 'My pain is worse than yours.' But pain is pain whoever suffers it. Whether a mother sees her child killed in Lodz or Rwanda, it's pain."

Holocaust remembrance should be more than horror stories, he said. "I don't want to only hear about the deaths of my relatives; I want to hear what they were like when they were alive."

Another panelist Leah Kaufman, child survivor and teacher at Jewish People's and Peretz Schools, agreed that Jewish education should "minimize the oys and maximize the joys."

Yet another, Paul Zador, who lived as a child in a protected house in Budapest, stated: "Let victims of all genocides unite; there is strength in numbers."

Michael Wagner, whose father was a survivor, showed the impatience and ambivalence many in the second generation feel. He advised survivors to "heal themselves" and not rely on their children to somehow make things better.

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CIC's new leader prepares to deal with political changes

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Three years ago, who'd have believed it? Longtime enemies of the Jewish State are becoming good neighbors, and nations that have shunned the country for years are climbing on the bandwagon, reopening diplomatic relations. There have even been reports of negotiations with arch-nemesis Iraq.

Does this mean that Israel's advocates around the world, including Canada, can put away their rolodex files, end their contacts with prominent diplomats and political figures, shut down their offices and begin worrying about something else?

Not quite yet. Even though the Jewish state is realizing its longstanding goal of acceptance by many of its Middle Eastern neighbors, the period ahead will not necessarily be free of perils and pitfalls. And its friends in Canada will have to continue their task of cultivating political support among Canadian policy-makers, the newly-elected head of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) recently told *The CJN*.

Ottawa lawyer Stephen Victor, who took over stewardship of the CIC from Vancouver business executive Daniel Pekarsky, said the changing political and diplomatic landscape in the Middle East is presenting the pro-Israel lobby group with many new challenges.

"There is a growing attempt by Arab governments to revise Middle East history and question Israel's attachment to Jerusalem," said Victor, 52. "Israel views Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the Jewish people. Statements are being made to separate Jerusalem from Israel. Canadians might see that as a minor issue," so the CIC must explain Jewry's 3,000-year attachment to Jerusalem, he said.

Israel's security concerns, particularly the dangers posed by Muslim fundamentalism, are also high on the CIC's agenda, Victor continued. "Canadian Jews have a role to ensure that our government and the public understand Israel's perspective on the peace process and the related security issues."

Outlining a multi-track policy, Victor said, "Our goal is to continue to enhance the strong bilateral ties in the political and cultural fields, and also in the economic field. We have to enhance trade ties, possibly with a free trade agreement, and end Canada's embargo on arms [sales to Israel]."

Expanding on the CIC's plans,

Stephen Victor

Victor said, "There's a whole new Middle East opening up and it's the CIC's responsibility to ensure that there is significant improvement in bilateral trade, through pushing for free trade and for increased trade."

Although the CIC is changing its focus to keep pace with changing realities, it will continue to rely on the programs and strategies that have become its stock in trade. High on that list is the annual parliamentary dinner held every March that brings together about 1,500 participants, including the political leaders of Israel and Canada.

Career highlight

Victor, who chaired the 1993 dinner, recalls it as one of the highlights of his career as a community volunteer. The atmosphere generated by former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, a good friend of Israel, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made it "a really magical evening," he said.

While the parliamentary dinner is the highest profile event in the CIC's annual calendar, most of the organization's work is done behind closed doors. During the course of the year CIC staffers meet with government ministers, ambassadors, External Affairs bureaucrats, and media editorial boards, advising them on Israel's positions on a variety of issues, Victor said.

CIC staff also host Canadian parliamentarians, including those not considered friendly to Israel, on visits to the Jewish state so they can witness first-hand the security problems facing Israel, Victor said.

In addition, the CIC's Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal offices serve as resource centres for the Jewish community, providing background information to those holding rallies or public mobilization campaigns.

In the past, it sometimes appeared that organizations like Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith were stepping on the CIC's toes when it came to pro-Israel advocacy.

Now, all the organizations which are partners in the CIC — Congress, B'nai Brith, the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF), Federation CJA (Montreal), the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) and the United Israel Appeal — have approved the CIC's role as the policy-making organization for pro-Israel advocacy, Victor said.

To help make pro-Israel advocacy more efficient, and to prevent parliamentarians from being bombarded with six different voices on Israel, the parties have agreed that the CIC will be the principal spokesman on matters involving the Jewish state, he said.

The CIC must also be consulted in advance if Canada-Israel relations are on the agenda during meetings of other groups with government officials, he added.

The CIC's new constitution, passed in June, establishes a 24-member board. B'nai Brith, Congress, CZF, Federation CJA and JFGT each provide two board members. The remaining 12 board positions are allocated on an "ad personam" basis to people who need not be affiliated with the six organizations, he said.

The intent of that approach is to give the broader community a voice in the CIC, Victor said.

Married with two children, Victor has held numerous community positions in recent years.

Among his many community associations, he served as president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa from 1987-89, as general chair of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa in 1984 and as chair of the Canada-Israel/community relations committee of Ottawa from 1985-87.

Supreme Court to hear Malcolm Ross appeal

TORONTO — The Supreme Court of Canada will hear the case of former Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross.

The High Court last week granted leave to appeal a decision of the New Brunswick Court of Appeal which could pave the way for Ross' return to the classroom.

Ross vaulted to national notoriety by authoring books and letters which claim that an international Jewish conspiracy exists to undermine Western civilization.

Acting on a complaint from David Attis, a Jewish parent in Moncton who is affiliated with Canadian Jewish Congress, a human rights commission ordered Ross out of the classroom. The Court of Appeal overturned that decision.

Congress greeted the Supreme Court's announcement with satisfaction. "Anti-Semitic writings and publications by Ross only serve to undermine the values of tolerance and understanding which the classroom should foster," said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Congress.

Congress has been a party to the proceedings from the outset and will participate in the final appeal. B'nai Brith Canada announced it intends to apply for intervener status.

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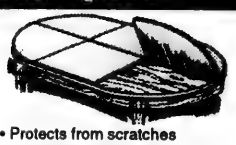

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Anti-racism consultant denies saying Holocaust not a racist act

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An anti-racism consultant denies published reports that allege he told a group of Crown attorneys the Holocaust was not a racist act.

Arnold Minors told *The CJN* that quotations attributed to him in a Toronto *Sun* article are "inaccurate. . . The Holocaust is a racist act."

Reports of Minors' alleged statements prompted Ontario Premier Bob Rae to order an inquiry. Minors, a member of the Metro Police Services Board and a possible successor to Susan Eng as chair, said he met last week with representatives of the Attorney General's department as part of their investigation.

Minors allegedly made the comments before a group of provincial Crown attorneys during a two-day seminar on anti-racism. He had received a $108,500 government contract to teach a series of anti-racism classes.

The report of Minors' seminar, carried in a column by Toronto *Sun* writer Christie Blatchford, angered Rae.

"I'm not just a supporter of the Jewish community, I'm married into the Jewish community, I'm part of the Jewish community. My children are being raised in the Jewish religion," Rae said.

"So, you can imagine how strongly I feel about the need for us to demonstrate not just sensitivity, but understanding of what's at stake here. That's why I've asked for a full report," he said.

Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, said he had sent a letter to Minors asking him to clarify the statements attributed to him. Lenkinski said Congress participated in an advisory committee on racism for the Ontario government and that Minors' statements, if true, contradict that committee's policies.

"If that's the case, we'll ask the government not to use him in anti-racism [programs]," Lenkinski said.

B'nai Brith Canada said it was "dismayed at the intolerant and narrow-minded remarks [attributed to] Minors."

Minors said the focus of his seminars is Canada and that "the dominant values are [those] of white, able-bodied, heterosexual, Christian men. The way in which race has been used in North America, typically, has been about color."

Minors, who is from Bermuda, said the recent *Sun* reports are part of a larger pattern. The newspaper is unfair and fails to be objective when it comes to reporting about people of African origin, he asserted.

Minors said he would be seeking legal advice.

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10:30 A.M.
YOUTH PROGRAM (see Box at right)

1:30 P.M.
JACK KUPER, author of *After the Smoke Cleared* will speak on **A War Orphan in Canada Finds His Father 30 Years Later**. Sponsored by Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. Free

1:30 P.M.
YOUTH PROGRAM (see Box at right)

3:30 P.M.
Readings by contributors to Parchment 94-5, Canada's national journal of creative Jewish writing featuring
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8:00 P.M.
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BARRY SELTZER, co-author of *It Takes 2 Judges to Try a Cow and Other Strange Legal Twists* will speak on **All About Love, Marriage and the Law**. Sponsored by Jewish Dateline. $5.00

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10:30 A.M.
DR. DAVID POSEN, author of *Always Change a Losing Game* will speak on **Change is the Solution, not the Problem**. Sponsored by Secular Jewish Association. Free

1:30 P.M.
SIMCHA SIMCHOVITCH, author of *Stepchild on the Vistula*, will speak on **A Jewish Town in Poland before the Onset of the Holocaust**. Sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Free

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:30 P.M.
YOUTH PROGRAM (see Box at right)

8:00 P.M.
ELINOR BRECHER, author of *Schindler's Legacy: True Stories of the List Survivors* will speak on **Encounters with Schindler: The List of Life**. Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto and Holocaust Remembrance Committee , J.F.G.T. $5.00

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10:30 A.M
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11:00 A.M.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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ELINOR BRECHER, author of *Schindler's Legacy, True Stories of the List Survivors* travelled through the U. S. in search of the people whose experiences formed the basis of the film, *Schindler's List*. These 75 survivors tell unforgettable stories of their first encounters with Schindler, how they came to be on the List, their experiences after the war and their emotional reunions with Schindler.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
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Economic conference a first for Middle East

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — An unprecedented international conference on the economic development of the Middle East will take place from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 in Casablanca.

Some 2,000 companies, businessmen and industrialists from the four corners of the globe will participate in the forum, which will be opened with an address by conference host King Hassan II of Morocco.

U.S. President Bill Clinton and his Russian counterpart, Boris Yeltsin, are honorary patrons of the conference, organized under the aegis of the World Economic Council of Davos and the American Council of International Relations.

It was Shimon Peres, Israeli foreign minister and one of the conference's principal architects, who suggested the forum take place in Morocco. A strong supporter of Israeli-Arab rapprochement, King Hassan II welcomed the proposition with enthusiasm.

According to Peres, the conference "should allow for the channelling of huge investments towards the financing of large projects which particularly affect infrastructures." He told the *Jerusalem Post* that tourism, water, transportation, energy, agriculture, finance and media projects will likely attract foreign capital.

The forum is an important first in the annals of Middle East history. In official Israeli circles, it is hinted that Jordan may organize a similar forum next year in Amman if the Casablanca conference is a success.

"Nobody could have foreseen, a year ago, that a conference on economic development in our area could be held," Peres said.

Why was Morocco chosen as host country? The Muslim country and its monarch have, since the 1960s, openly favored a constructive and peaceful dialogue between Jews and Arabs; and Morocco and Israel have always been on especially good terms.

Canada will also be participating in the conference. Moroccan ambassador to Canada Tajeddinne Baddou told *The CJN* that the Chretien government has promised to send a senior official. "Moreover, 100 of the most important Canadian companies have also been invited to participate in the conference," Baddou said.

Among those invited to take part are Bell Canada, Hydro-Quebec, Northern Telecom, Canadian Pacific and Alcan.

Baddou also said "this historic conference could be the tangible prelude to a new era of peace and prosperity in the Middle East."

He is convinced the conference could create a psychological climate favorable to an ongoing, profitable dialogue between Israel and her Arab neighbors. "His Majesty the king is convinced that the economic reconstruction of the Middle-East, which must be the concern of all countries that want peace, will contribute significantly to improving the chances for a peaceful and equitable settlement of Israeli-Arab disputes," Baddou said.

This is a translation of an article that appeared in French in the Montreal edition of The CJN *(Oct. 6).*

Israel opens consulate in Chinese city of Shanghai

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SHANGHAI — Reflecting an effort to increase economic ties with China, Israel recently opened a consulate in this bustling eastern Chinese city of 13 million.

"The government of Israel believes Shanghai is of very great economic importance," said Press Consul Avi Nir. "This is the main reason Israel decided to open the consulate general in Shanghai."

The newly established consulate, Nir said, will focus on economic matters, facilitating commercial cooperation between China and Israel.

Nir said it might be hard for Israel to compete with big firms because of the abundance of foreign companies here.

Still, he said, "It will be easier for us to compete in the fields where we have unique knowledge, such as telecommunications and medical equipment. The Chinese are really interested in these fields right now."

The Shanghai consulate becomes the second Israeli diplomatic office in China after the Israeli embassy in Beijing. Israel and China established diplomatic relations in January 1992.

Moshe Ram is serving as consul general.

Nir, who majored in Chinese studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said maintaining Jewish life is difficult in Shanghai because there is no Jewish community. He said he knows of 20 to 30 other Jews, including children, and that most of them went out of town for the High Holidays — to Hong Kong or Singapore.

Nir said the fact that Shanghai allowed an influx of Jewish refugees from the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s has provided a basis for good relations today between Jews and the Chinese.

"No other place in the world was ready to accept Jews," Nir said. "The Chinese are proud to remember those days, and they have a right to be proud of what they did."

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Israeli soldier's murder forces Arafat to make tough choices

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldier Corporal Nachshon Waxman was a painful blow to Israel. But the incident has also sent shock waves through the Palestinian community, and placed Yasser Arafat in a quandary.

"Choose peace or choose Hamas," was the ultimatum issued to the PLO chairman by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the wake of the abduction. The Hamas kidnappers did not hold the Israeli soldier in the Gaza Strip, but they received their orders from there.

Rabin expects Arafat to clamp down on the Hamas Gaza-based terror network. And the prime minister is not alone in his demand.

"The Israeli public knows that Arafat does not have control over Hamas, but as the self-proclaimed leader of the entire Palestinian people, we expect him to make an effort to prevent Hamas from continuing its terrorist activities against Jews," wrote the daily *Ha'aretz*.

For Arafat the choice is not so easy. "We can't declare war on Hamas because that means declaring war on a third of our people," explained Sufian Abu Zeida, a member of the Palestinian Authority.

Indeed the arrest of some 400 Hamas activists in the last few days galvanized thousands of the organization's supporters to demonstrate against Arafat in Gaza City. A leaflet issued by Hamas' military wing, Izzadin Kassam, warned it would "trigger a civil war if the Palestinian police continued making arrests."

But Palestinian Authority (PA) information minister Yasser Abed Rabbo, said the PA would "continue taking measures to ensure national security."

Until now Arafat has been able to look the other way when Hamas has engaged in terrorist activities. But he can no longer afford to do that. His own authority is at stake.

"Hamas must understand that the Palestinian government will not allow any other body to call the shots here," warned Abu-Zeida. "It's true that at the beginning, the Palestinian Authority adopted a certain way of dealing with Hamas. But Hamas interpreted that as weakness and thought that it could do anything it wanted. Now we have no choice but to adopt a new way of dealing with them."

"The feeling among the Palestinian leadership is that Hamas crossed a line they never should have crossed," said Israeli deputy defense minister, Motta Gur.

But clamping down on Hamas supporters is sure to trigger opposition among Palestinians already suspicious of Arafat's commitment to democracy . . . Earlier this year Arafat's failure to include any Hamas representatives in the Gaza administrative council provoked sharp criticism even among Palestinians unaffiliated with Hamas.

"We don't want to eliminate Hamas," explained Aba Zeida. "We want to make it a part of the democratic process. Repressing Hamas as a whole — like Israel is demanding — may bring us to the brink of civil war."

"The challenge for Arafat is to weed out the small group of hard-core Hamas terrorists from the larger pool of political supporters," says Ronny Shaked, co-author of a recent book on Hamas.

Shaked notes that the military and political wings of the movement are completely separate. "He doesn't have to fight the entire Hamas — just its military branch."

Some people question whether Arafat can do in months what the Israeli army failed to do in years: crush the Hamas military wing.

"I think Arafat can do it," says Shaked, "especially with the help of the Israeli army. The question is not whether he can control Hamas, but whether he wants to."

Israeli leaders will be watching carefully. Among the key issues to be raised at upcoming negotiations are early empowerment and redeployment of Israeli troops in the rest of the West Bank.

"There is no point giving Arafat more power if he can't exert control over the areas already under his jurisdiction," maintains MK Ori Orr, head of the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee. "Arafat has to come out against Hamas. It is too late to save Nachshon. But it is not too late to save the political process."

Negotiations for peace to resume

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Despite the tragic conclusion to last week's attempt to free kidnapped Israeli soldier Cpl. Nachshon Waxman from his Hamas captors, the Israeli cabinet has decided to persevere in its peace initiative with the Palestinians.

Following what was the worst crisis in Israeli-Palestinian dealings since the start of Palestinian self-rule in May, the cabinet agreed last Sunday to resume negotiations with the Palestinians and to lift a closure that had been imposed on the Gaza Strip earlier.

Talks between Israeli and PLO negotiators over future Palestinian elections are scheduled to resume in Cairo this week.

The night before the cabinet session, tens of thousands of Israelis attended the funeral of Waxman, who was killed by his Hamas captors during a commando raid launched by the Israel Defence Force last Friday evening.

The funeral marked the end to a week-long ordeal that began with Waxman's kidnapping Oct. 9 and had gripped the entire nation.

The streets leading up to Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Military Cemetery flowed with people from all segments of society — secular, religious and Waxman's fellow soldiers — who came to pay their last respects.

Waxman, 19, lived in Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood. He was the third of five children of Yehuda and Esther Waxman, Orthodox emigrants from the United States.

On Sunday, burial services were held in the military section of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery for Capt. Nir Poraz of Ramat Hasharon. Poraz was killed while leading the commando unit that tried to storm the West Bank safe house where Waxman was held.

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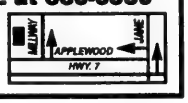

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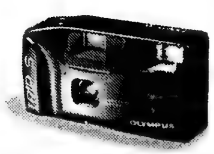
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World

Syrian minister's message gets 'cool' response

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — When Israel Television broadcast an exclusive interview with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara on Oct. 7, viewers were offered a word of advice: "Listen to the music, not the lyrics," urged Ehud Ya'ari, the Middle East affairs reporter who conducted the interview.

But to most Israelis, Farouk Shara's tone was anything but music to the ears.

"He cooled what little enthusiasm I had for the idea of trading land for peace with Syria," said Ittai Eren, a Tel Aviv computer programmer.

"Cool" describes the response of many Israelis to the first interview with the Israeli media by a high-level Syrian official. In a radio poll conducted two days after the broadcast, 75 per cent of callers said that Shara's appeal had not appeased their fears concerning Syria, and had even reinforced them. Only 25 per cent of the 4,800 respondents said the interview had deepened their trust in Syria.

One of those was Tel Avivian Devora Har-Sinai. "I was impressed by the fact that the Syrian foreign minister agreed to a one-on-one interview with an Israeli journalist," said Har-Sinai. "That sort of gesture is a great departure from Syrian policy. To me it suggests that they are serious about peace."

That was also the view of Israel's ambassador to the U.S. Itamar Rabinovitch.

'Rewriting of history'

"The medium is the message," asserted Rabinovitch, who heads the Israeli negotiations with Syria, and was instrumental in setting up the interview.

"A welcome change in policy that was the result of American pressure," said Syrian expert Dr. Yossi Olmert.

But even those who praised the Syrian decision to appear on Israel Television, could not ignore the "lyrics."

Shara's claim that Syria had never shelled civilian targets in Israel was regarded as outrageous and did little to enhance his credibility. Even left-wing government members, like Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid (of Meretz) were quick to attack Shara's "rewriting of history," as they recalled the repeated Syrian shelling of settlements in the Hula Valley.

"We don't have to wait and see whether the Syrians will dupe us in the future," said Amos Mizrahi of Rishon LeZion. "They already did it the other night when they made that baseless claim."

Many Israelis also bristled at Shara's contention that Israel has great influence on the Western media. This explains why Arab states are wrongly regarded as aggressive, he maintained.

Shara's view that the first act of aggression in the Arab-Israeli conflict was the establishment of Israel also did little to appease viewers' fears.

His insistence that Israel withdraw from the entire Golan Heights, his reluctance to elaborate on Syria's vision of peace, and his flat refusal to consider a summit between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad (until after Israel has committed itself to a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights) also reinforced the sense that Damascus is offering nothing new.

Farouk Shara

That view was aptly expressed in a recent *Jerusalem Post* cartoon showing the Syrian minister promising that in return for a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, he would grant Israel Television a second "exclusive" interview.

"I'd like to see the day when Shimon Peres can talk freely to the Syrian people on Syrian television," said Uri Heitner, one of the Golan activists who held a hunger strike earlier this month.

Those already convinced of Syria's good intentions needed no more convincing. Meretz leader Shulamith Aloni called Shara's words "so significant that they provide a real basis for moving forward."

But among the undecided, the Syrian minister did not win many hearts and minds.

"I would consider returning part of the Golan Heights for a secure peace with Syria," said Ittai Eren of Tel Aviv. "But in denying that Syria ever attacked Israel, Shara was just repeating the same old propaganda. As far as I'm concerned the Syrians can go on making those claims every week on Israel Television. But in the meantime, until they change their tune, we shouldn't budge from the Golan Heights."

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Christopher brings new ideas for peace from Syria's Assad

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, arriving in Jerusalem last Wednesday night, brought back "new ideas on all the different components" of Israel-Syrian peace, including Golan demilitarization, from Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Israeli sources said.

A source said the four-hour talks in Damascus focused on demilitarization.

"There is new creative Syrian thinking that is designed to advance the negotiations," chief negotiator with Syria Itamar Rabinovich said. "We can say the peace talks are alive and breathing."

Christopher met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Thursday morning, before heading back to Damascus later in the day.

Israeli sources said that prior to leaving Jerusalem earlier last week, Christopher urged Rabin to give a "contingent, affirmative response" to an issue on the negotiating table, provided he received the same favorable reply in Damascus. No other details are known.

"In some areas, we can begin to see a narrowing and in other areas, we still see that the gaps remain pretty much the way they were," a senior U.S. official said after Christopher's meeting with Assad. Christopher emerged from the meeting saying he was more encouraged than before that both Rabin and Assad are serious about peace.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher

Christopher acknowledged that "gaps do remain." But he said: "I feel that they're moving in the right direction."

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South American Jews push for bombing inquiry results

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — Following the arrests earlier this month of three new suspects in the July 18 bombing of the Jewish community centre here, leaders of several South American Jewish communities joined in an effort to step up the pressure on Argentina to resolve the attack.

Jewish organizations from neighboring Brazil, Chile and Uruguay joined Argentine protesters at the now-weekly Monday morning gathering outside Buenos Aires' Central Courthouse to press for a resolution of the attack, and of the March 1992 explosion of the Israeli embassy here.

The attack on the community centre claimed 99 lives, and the one on the embassy killed 30.

While the protests had been silent until now, participants last week vented their frustration at investigators' lack of progress.

"In the country of the full stop, due obedience and pardon, it is logical that these crimes go unpunished," said human rights activist Hermann Schiller.

He referred to laws that closed investigations and eventually pardoned military leaders accused of the torture and murder of at least 9,000 alleged leftist subversives during Argentina's last military regime, from 1976 to 1983.

Schiller said law-enforcement officials should redouble their efforts to find local residents who may have collaborated with foreign terrorists.

"We are not denying the murderers may belong to Hezbollah," the pro-Iranian terrorist organization, he said. "However, we cannot be sure that the Nazis had nothing to do with this criminal act."

Argentina is home to a large German expatriate community, some of whom are suspected former Nazis.

Over last weekend, police arrested Ali al-Hasan, identified as Lebanese or Syrian, and two Argentineans of Syrian descent, Ernesto Tanuz and his son, Julio. The latter two were reportedly Hasan's landlords.

Police reportedly found eight pounds of explosives, false documents from the Syrian embassy and clippings about the bombing in Hasan's home in the Buenos Aires suburb of Castelar.

Staff at the office of Federal Judge Susana Morris Douglas, who questioned the suspects last week, were unable to confirm the findings.

Interior Minister Carlos Ruckauf reportedly said the arrests were only leads in the investigation. "Each of the leads has to be followed, but nobody should get excited about that. They are only leads. I am very cautious."

About a dozen people have been arrested since the investigation began, although only the most recent suspects, and an Argentine who sold the vehicle used in the bombing, remain in detention. The two men of Syrian descent arrested are expected to be released shortly.

In August, after interviewing a self-proclaimed Iranian defector in Venezuela, Galeano said Iranian diplomats had supported the attack.

The charges provoked Tehran and Buenos Aires into withdrawing their ambassadors for consultation, and Argentina's Supreme Court ruled Galeano had collected sufficient proof for an investigation into Iran's involvement.

KOSHER INSPECTION: Kosher food inspectors check steel containers at Bethlehem Steel's U.S. plant. Manufacturers have substituted vegetable-based oils for non-kosher tallow-derived material in the making of steel food containers. [RNS Photo]

Lubavitch students at Oxford chastised for Rabin invitation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — The Lubavitch Foundation in Britain has denounced its Oxford-based student society for planning to co-sponsor a visit by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose stance on territorial compromise with the PLO is vigorously opposed by the Chabad Lubavitch movement.

Rabbi Shmuel Boteach of the Oxford L'Chaim Society said last week that he had been summoned to a disciplinary hearing after refusing to revoke his group's involvement in the visit.

The Lubavitch Foundation's U.K. director, Rabbi Faivish Vogel, said the group should not have sponsored the Rabin visit out of respect for Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the spiritual leader of the Lubavitch worldwide movement, who died earlier this year.

Late Rebbe disagreed with PM

"The views of the late Lubavitcher rebbe on territorial issues and compromise are well-known," Rabbi Vogel said in a statement.

"The rebbe maintained that the way to a full and lasting peace is by retaining all territories under Israeli control," he said. "The rebbe's views are not shared by Prime Minister Rabin, and it is therefore felt it would not be appropriate for the Lubavitch Oxford University L'Chaim Society to co-host the visit of the prime minister."

To do so, the statement suggested, would be "disrespectful" to the rebbe's memory.

Rabbi Boteach, noting that he was "shocked" by the statement, said in an interview, "The rebbe was the inspiration of my life, and the greatest Jewish leader of the millennium.

"He was distinguished primarily by his love for every Jew, and I cannot imagine he would want us to humiliate the prime minister of Israel, by withdrawing our participation, especially since the order to do so came after I had met Mr. Rabin and the visit was confirmed."

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Haiti Force Leaves

TEL AVIV — A 30-member Israeli police contingent left here earlier this month to join the international peacekeeping force intended to restore law and order in Haiti.

The 28 men and two women who volunteered to assist in the restoration of stability in Haiti left Israel Oct. 6, two days after the High Court of Justice ruled that sending an Israeli police force on an overseas mission did not contravene the country's laws.

Israel's cabinet approved the mission a week earlier.

The contingent arrived at New York's Kennedy Airport and traveled from there to Puerto Rico, where they were to undergo training before being dispatched to Haiti.

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Shahak New IDF Chief of Staff

JERUSALEM — Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak has been chosen the next Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Force.

At its weekly session last Sunday, the cabinet unanimously approved Shahak's nomination by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who also serves as defence minister.

Shahak, currently deputy chief of staff, will replace Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, whose four-year term expires in January.

Shahak, who will serve as the country's 15th IDF Chief of Staff, was Israel's top negotiator in the seven months of talks with the PLO leading to Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

During his Army career, Shahak has held a number of key posts, including commander of the West Bank and chief of military intelligence until his appointment as deputy IDF chief of staff in 1991.

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Beilin: Amend Law of Return

JERUSALEM — Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin has called for the Law of Return to be amended to meet changing circumstances in Israel and around the world.

"The problem is that there are those who are exploiting the Law, because it is open to a non-Jew who might be the spouse of the son or grandson of a Jew and so on, which allows them to come to Israel and earn all the rights to which a Jew is entitled," Beilin said last week.

"The time therefore has come, in my opinion, to make changes (in the Law of Return) because Israel is a very attractive country. It's not surprising that there are more and more elements in the world calling themselves Jews."

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Jews Deliver Warnings Over Shas

JERUSALEM — Leaders of the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel met last Tuesday with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and warned that the coalition agreement with Shas would trigger a rift with the Diaspora similar to that which occurred when world Jewry mobilized to fight the "Who is a Jew" amendment.

Uri Regev, head of the Reform Israel Religious Action Centre, said, "World Jewry will not accept or tolerate the submission to Shas's demands at the cost of abandoning the non-Orthodox streams of Judaism which are predominant in world Jewry."

He said the wooing of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party into Rabin's coalition government "could lead to a serious breach with Diaspora Jewry."

Rabin listened but made no promises, Regev said.

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Omani FM Meets Peres

WASHINGTON — In a continuing sign that the Arab world is warming to Israel, the Omani foreign minister met with his Israeli counterpart for the first time last week.

Originally slated as a closed meeting, Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf Bin Alawi agreed at the last minute to allow photographers into his session here with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last Tuesday.

An Israeli delegation visited the Persian Gulf nation last April to participate in the Middle East multilateral talks on water rights. The meeting between Peres and Alawi, however, marked the highest public contact between the two states.

While no concrete decisions were reached at the meeting here, the two ministers agreed to continue the dialogue with the goal of exchanging economic liaison officers in the future, an Israeli Embassy official said.

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Ties With Rwanda Restored

JERUSALEM — Israel's diplomatic ties with Rwanda were restored last Tuesday in New York in a signing ceremony between United Nations Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi and Rwanda's UN Ambassador, Marzi Baku-Ramutsa.

Rwanda broke relations with Israel after the Yom Kippur War.

Baku-Ramutsa said Rwanda was very interested in working with Israel on security and technology projects.

The vice-president of Rwanda is planning to visit Israel in the near future to discuss details.

Israel sent a fully-equipped field hospital and several dozen medical and support staff to Zaire over the summer to treat refugees from Rwanda's bloody civil war.

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Ties With Palau Established

TEL AVIV — A day after it declared independence, the tiny Pacific island-nation of Palau established full diplomatic relations with Israel.

A mutual-recognition agreement was signed Oct. 2 by Israel's ambassador to Fiji, Shmulik Moyal, and Palau's foreign minister, Andre Uherbelau.

Formerly a part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which is administered by the United States, Palau is located east of the Philippines and north of Papua New Guinea.

Comprising an archipelago of 340 islands and atolls, only ten of which are inhabited, Palau has a total population of 16,000.

Palau is the 14th country from the Pacific island region of Oceania, and the 147th nation in the world, to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

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Jewish Gravestones Destroyed

JERUSALEM — About 20 Jewish gravestones on the Mount of Olives were destroyed recently, Jerusalem police discovered last Tuesday.

A police spokesman said Arab youths were believed to be responsible. No arrests have been made.

Police in recent months have beefed up patrols on the Mount of Olives, following increased instances of desecration.

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Dutch Royals To Visit

JERUSALEM — Holland's Queen Beatrix and her husband Prince Claus are to pay a state visit from March 27-29. They will be the guests of President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma.

This is the first time a ruling Dutch monarch will visit, and the trip will strengthen the strong ties between the two peoples and their countries, a presidential spokesman said.

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Lilith Marks 18th Birthday

NEW YORK — *Lilith*, the independent Jewish feminist magazine, is marking its 18th anniversary this month with a celebratory issue.

With a press run of 10,000 copies and a readership estimated at 25,000, the quarterly magazine highlights issues such as the ordination of women as rabbis, "JAP"-stereotyping on campus and women-centred ways of celebrating Jewish tradition.

"Certainly the polarity between Judaism and feminism that seemed irreconcilable 18 years ago no longer pulls women apart with the same ferocious intensity it once did, and *Lilith* takes some measure of pride in — and responsibility for — this integration," says editor-in-chief Susan Weidman Schneider, a Winnipeg native and one of *Lilith*'s founders.

Continent-wide celebrations of the magazine's anniversary will be held throughout the 1994-95 year, including "salons" for Jewish women in a number of cities.

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ABC Nixes Roseanne's Chanukah Show

NEW YORK — Television Christmas specials are so popular that even Jews have been known to host them. But an effort by TV megastar Roseanne to get a Chanukah special onto the airwaves has been nixed by ABC network brass.

According to an ABC Television spokesperson, there wasn't enough time to produce the show in time for Chanukah because the holiday falls so early this year.

A recent article in *New York Newsday* reported that the network hated the proposed guests, jokes and even the whole idea of turning the Jewish holiday into a comedy routine.

Roseanne did not return telephone calls from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. *Newsday* reported that the ribald comedian's response was so spicy, it could not be reprinted in a family newspaper.

According to ABC Television spokesperson Eileen Kurtz, the network hopes to air a Chanukah special in the future. Asked if one was being planned for next year, she said, "in this business you can't plan more than two weeks in advance."

Proposed guests for Roseanne's Chanukah show included Neil Diamond, who last year hosted his own network television Christmas special.

Roseanne apparently feels deeply connected to her Jewish heritage and has been working since 1991 on the idea for a Chanukah special to rival the glittering Christmas extravaganzas the networks roll out each year.

Front Line

Israel, Syria move toward peace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Despite major differences in their respective negotiating positions, Israel and Syria appear to be moving inexorably toward a peace agreement.

And as the momentum for a diplomatic breakthrough gathers strength, both sides are preparing their people for change.

At first glance, it would seem that Israel and Syria are just too far apart to sign an accord on the final disposition of the Golan Heights.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is adamant that Israel cannot afford to give up the Golan in its entirety, while President Hafez al-Assad is insistent that every square foot must be relinquished.

More specifically, Israel and Syria disagree over several related issues — the timing of a phased Israeli withdrawal, its linkage with security arrangements and the extent of normalization.

"The gaps are wide and very deep," observed Rabin on Oct. 4.

"There is still a good deal of work to be done," said Dennis Ross, President Bill Clinton's special envoy to the Middle East, following a meeting with Assad in Damascus in late September.

The impasse was starkly illustrated last month when Israel unveiled a proposal designed to inject life into the peace process.

Under Rabin's plan, Israel and Syria would establish normal diplomatic relations in exchange for a partial Israeli pullback from the Golan. During a three-year interim period, Israel would test security arrangements and relations with Syria, after which a final agreement would be worked out. Rabin compared the proposal to one which Israel and Egypt hammered out at Camp David in 1978.

But Israel's current proposal is unacceptable to the Syrians. "We cannot accept a partial withdrawal because this wouldn't lead to real peace," Farouk al-Shaara, Syria's foreign minister, said recently. "We want full withdrawal for full peace."

Despite these divergencies, there has been forward movement, slow though it has been.

Last week, on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's sixth visit to the region in four months, Israel's chief negotiator and ambassador to the United States, Itamar Rabinovich, reported a measure of progress "in terms of substance and procedure."

After repeatedly calling for an immediate and unconditional Israeli withdrawal, Syria has agreed to the principle of a phased withdrawal, preferably over one year, in return for a peace treaty.

Moreover, Syria now seems willing to consider Israeli ideas for the demilitarization of the Golan. Syria had insisted on an equal Syrian and Israeli pullback from the Golan. Since then, Syria has taken into consideration Israel's view that its smaller size dictates balanced arrangements.

In the meantime, Rabin is preparing Israeli public opinion for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, captured by the Israeli army during the Six Day War when he was chief of staff.

Rabin, who has promised to call a referendum before undertaking a significant withdrawal, recently delivered an important speech stressing the theme that Syria is ready for peace.

Declaring that Israel would not adopt a passive approach to peace, Rabin said he would seize the day, exploiting every opportunity to settle Israel's problems with Syria.

In a revealing historical aside, Rabin criticized a former Israeli government, headed by Golda Meir, for not sufficiently exploring the possibilities for making peace with the Arabs. He said he would not commit the same mistake, implying that she and her defence minister, Moshe Dayan, could have avoided the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

With this statement, Rabin thereby associated himself with a group of Israeli revisionist journalists and historians who maintain that Israel has missed chances for peace.

Israel's foreign minister, Shimon Peres, has also broken with the shibboleths of the past. Recently, he asserted that "peace with Syria affords us more security than the entire Golan does."

The Israeli army more or less concurs with that assessment. The usually reliable Tel Aviv daily *Ha'aretz* reports that, in the opinion of the high command, Israel need not retain more than a narrow strip of the Golan in the context of peace and normalization with Syria.

But according to a recent poll published by *Yediot Achronot*, Israel's largest newspaper, Israelis are deeply divided over the matter, with only 35 per cent of adult Israelis favoring a complete pullback from the Golan under conditions of genuine peace. A Gallup poll conducted for the *Jerusalem Post* last week revealed that 57 per cent of Israelis would oppose such an evacuation.

And needless to say, virtually all of the 13,000 Jewish settlers on the Golan — who were originally encouraged to settle there by a succession of Labor party governments after the Six Day War — want to remain. To this end, they have launched a vocal public relations campaign. Much to Rabin's chagrin, at least six members of the Labor party Knesset faction, spearheaded by Avigdor Kahalani, support the settlers.

Kahalani, a hero on the Golan during the Yom Kippur War, says he will submit legislation requiring approval by 65 per cent of the nation in a plebiscite on withdrawal. Rabin has attacked the settlers, claiming they are putting their narrow concerns above Israel's national interests.

As the debate in Israel over the Golan rages, Syria is moderating its policy in a bid to win over skeptical Israelis.

Assad, who was defence minister when Syria lost the Golan in 1967, has stated that peace is in Syria's strategic interest, and that he will accept "the objective requirements of peace."

Taking a conciliatory tone toward Jerusalem, Sha'ara has spoken of "a warm peace" between Israel and Syria, while noting that a Rabin-Assad summit is "inevitable."

Since the 1991 Madrid peace conference, there have been gradual changes in Syria's heretofore harsh approach to Israel.

The official Syrian press no longer refers to Israel as the "Zionist entity." Syrian television broadcast segments of the ceremony in Washington last July in which Israel and Jordan ended their state of war. In October, during a visit to the United States, Sha'ara, for the first time, consented to be interviewed by an Israeli reporter. Last January, by contrast, Syrian officials vetoed the participation of Israeli reporters at the Clinon-Assad summit meeting.

In another sign of changing attitudes, billboards on the road from Damascus to the airport proclaim Syria's commitment to a "just and comprehensive peace" and declare that "peace is a noble goal."

Syria, too, is making overtures to the Jewish community in the United States.

Since January, delegations representing the American Friends of Peace Now and Project Nishma have stopped in Damascus for talks with high-ranking Syrian officials.

In August, several past presidents of the American Jewish Congress [AJC] went to Syria under the auspices of the New York-based Council of Foreign Relations, whose U.S./Mideast project is headed by Henry Siegman, AJC's former executive director.

And last week in Washington, Sha'ara held discussions with leaders of Jewish organizations in the United States.

Clearly, there is movement on the Syrian diplomatic front. But whether it can be translated into a peace agreement within a year, as is currently speculated, remains to be seen.

Dennis Ross, the U.S., special envoy to the Mideast (left), shakes hands with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Adjacent to Rabin is Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's chief negotiator with Syria.

Two former enemies form friendship

By STEVE RODAN
The Jerusalem Post

Far from the glare of camera lights and the White House lawn, Aharon Levran and Jordan's Mohammad Shiyyab have proved that two former military commanders from enemy countries can quietly talk peace and become friends.

Before the breakthrough on July 25, when the two countries announced they would set up border crossings and explore joint projects, Levran and Shiyyab began a study of issues that needed to be resolved before a peace treaty could be signed between Amman and Jerusalem.

For both men, the experience resulted in friendship as well as awareness of the other side's concerns. Levran, a former brigadier-general, served as assistant for operational intelligence in the Israel Defence Force intelligence branch, and was Israel's defence attache in Tokyo and Seoul. Today, he does research on strategic issues.

Shiyyab is a former deputy commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force and a founding member of the staff of the Jordanian Armed Forces War College. He retired from the military in 1992 and has since been involved in research projects relating to the Middle East.

The Levran-Shiyyab study, completed in June and released recently, was sponsored by the Initiative for Peace and Cooperation in the Middle East, a project of the Washington-based Search for Common Ground.

The paper enumerates the unresolved issues that still divide Jordan and Israel and says these will require much time and effort to resolve.

"There are three main issues," Shiyyab says, speaking from his home in Amman. "One of them relates to borders. The other is the water issue. And the last is the bilateral security — to develop a mutual understanding of how best each party can address security needs. Our study was an excellent way to foresee what would happen [in the subsequent Jordan-Israel negotiations]."

In the study, both men list their countries' interests and the response of the other. Their disagreements reflect the state of the current negotiations.

Shiyyab stressed to Levran that Jordan would not budge on the central questions of land, water, security and refugees. The result is that Levran regards reports of progress made on these issues to be the result of Israeli concessions.

"The Israelis are conceding on two things: on borders and water," Levran says. "On water, the Israelis could agree to some concessions while reaching an understanding on expanding water resources. You can't do that in a border dispute."

But the study raises other concerns. As Levran sees it, Israel wants Jordan to avoid alliances with extremist states, to ban deployment of foreign soldiers on its soil, and to agree not to acquire large amounts of Western weapons.

In the paper, Shiyyab responds that Jordan has always insisted that it will never allow its country or airspace to be used as a battleground, and that it has successfully contained terrorist attacks against Israel. Jordan, however, needs to upgrade its military equipment.

The two academics also disagree on arms control. Jordan opposes what Shiyyab says is Israel's nuclear arsenal while Levran argues that it would be impractical "and even immoral" to strip Israel of its power, even in a peaceful Middle East.

Levran touches perhaps the rawest nerve of all when he raises the issue of Jordanian-Palestinian relations.

"Israel is concerned about a confederate solution with the Palestinians as this will inevitably end the Hashemite kingdom," he writes. "Eventually, it will create a large armed Palestinian state on both sides of the Jordan River."

Shiyyab's response is vague: "Jordan, however, maintains that such arguments are unsound and that it is premature to even discuss this issue."

In the end, Shiyyab expects U.S. guarantees to help resolve the water and border disputes. Indeed, during a recent meeting between Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Crown Price Hassan of Jordan and President Bill Clinton, the United States pledged to help obtain financing from the World Bank for the construction of two dams along the Yarmuk and Jordan rivers, meant to increase the amount of water supplied to the kingdom by 100 million cubic meters annually.

Israeli officials estimate the cost of this project, defined as a short-term solution to ease the water shortage, at more than $100 million. A long-term solution, which would seek to resolve the water problems of Syria and Lebanon as well, is estimated to require $13 billion over the next decade.

Shiyyab says that progress in the talks depends on U.S. pledges of aid. "There must be Israeli commitments and American commitments to delineate the border, and for Jordan to receive our fair share of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers," he says."

The idea for a Jordanian-Israeli study grew out of a quiet dialogue between Israeli and Arab academics, started in 1991 by the Initiative for Peace and Cooperation in the Middle East. Its first meeting was held in September of that year in Rome, several weeks before the Middle East peace talks were launched in Madrid. Both men claim they did not seek any input from their governments; nor is there evidence that the study has had any impact on the negotiations.

Still, Shiyyab, as a recently retired senior officer who represents Jordan at many international academic forums, appears closer to his country's leadership than Levran is to his. Though it is not reflected in the study, Levran is highly critical of the policies of the Rabin government and its handling of the talks with Jordan.

"Israel is going about this in a very unintelligent way," he says. "What kind of logic is this, conceding every centimeter of land? We are setting yet a second precedent for returning all disputed lands to the Arabs in the course of a peace settlement, which will affect future negotiations."

Levran and Shiyyab say their work on the joint project resulted in mutual respect. Levran calls his Jordanian colleague "first-rate and a gentleman. I understood the concerns of Jordan much better."

"I must admit it was tough," Shiyyab says. "But as we got to know each other, I think we developed what we might call a very good friendship. Many people, when you first talk to them, you feel you're not getting anywhere. But after dialogue, you can manage. It just takes goodwill."

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Deja Vu

By all appearances, Saddam Hussein, the ruler of Iraq, is his own worst enemy.

In the past 14 years, he has driven his potentially wealthy nation into misconceived adventures. By doing so, he has recklessly sacrificed the youth of his nation, isolated Iraq and plunged it into unmitigated disaster.

In 1980, Iraq invaded Iran, its ancient foe, hoping to supplant Teheran as the dominant power in the region. Saddam Hussein believed he could achieve his goal in a matter of weeks, if not months. But he miscalculated, and the costly war dragged on for eight years.

Ten years later, Iraq stormed into Kuwait, and annexed and ravaged what had been a friendly state. Inexplicably, he anticipated no foreign intervention, not even from Kuwait's chief ally, the United States. Warned on pain of bombardment to withdraw, he stonewalled. For his obduracy he paid dearly: Iraq was partially defanged and its oil-based economy was devastated.

Last week, unbelievably enough, an apparently unchastened Saddam Hussein was at it again — massing troops perilously close to Kuwait's frontier and conjuring up deja vu images of the 1990-91 confrontation in the Persian Gulf. Analysts believe that he resorted to crude military means in order to pressure the United Nations into lifting crippling sanctions imposed on Iraq four years ago.

Yet, as he well knows, force will not work. Indeed, the sanctions will remain in place until Iraq fully complies with UN Security Council resolution 687. While Iraq has grudgingly complied with some of its conditions, Baghdad stubbornly refuses to recognize Kuwait's sovereignty, the issue at the heart of the matter.

The United States has wisely responded to Iraq's brinkmanship with a show of might, the only language Saddam Hussein really understands. But what comes next? Conceivably, he could dispatch his army to the Kuwait border again once the current standoff ebbs. Given the obvious uncertainties, it is incumbent on the UN to create a military exclusion zone in southern Iraq, patterned after the no-fly zone south of the 35th parallel and designed to keep Iraq at bay.

This will not put an end to Saddam Hussein's cruel Ba'athist regime, which has terrorized Iraq and its neighbors. But at least it will remind him that aggression does not pay.

Nobel prizes

The awards given last week by the Stockholm Nobel committee to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres are well-deserved; the two leaders have worked indefatigably for decades to bring peace to the Middle East.

Rabin and Peres were part of a long line of Israelis who met in public and in private over the years with Arab and Palestinian adversaries and with third party mediators, in order to prepare the path for a modus vivendi with the Pelestinians.

It was the impetus given by Rabin and Peres to the Oslo negotiations a year and a half ago that put the finishing touches on the successful peace agreement with the PLO. Few will deny that the results have produced the first real chance for a genuine peace in the strife-ridden Palestinian-Israel imbroglio.

However, the lustre of the Stockholm awards has been significantly diminished by the tragic death of corporal Nachshon Waxman, murdered by Hamas extremists during a daring raid by Israeli troops to free him — on the same day that the Nobel prize announcement was made.

The awards are further tarnished by the inclusion of Yasser Arafat as one of the Nobel recipients. Kare Kristiansen spoke for many when he, as a member of the Nobel committee, resigned in protest at an award given to a man who has yet to prove himself as a fighter for peace.

Kristiansen's point is well taken: the Nobel committee's decision in designating Arafat is premature. During his adult life, Arafat has planned and participated in terrorist actions against Jews and Israelis.

It took 40 years for the Nobel committee to sift through the scientific contributions of former McMaster University professor Bertram Brockhouse before deciding to award him the Nobel prize in physics last week. That is the kind of waiting period that the Nobel committee should have used before honoring Arafat. Its haste in awarding the PLO leader the prize points up the unfortunate political maneuvering which motivated the decision.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

HELP NEEDY FIRST

Recently I attended a general meeting at the Bloor JCC, the purpose of which was to discuss the situation, options and plans available to the membership in light of the current fiscal dilemma facing the Y.

One suggestion from the floor was that UJA funds earmarked for Israel (approximately 50 per cent of total funds raised) *not* be sent to Israel but rather reallocated to pay off the approximately $15 million of JCC debt.

This suggestion was roundly applauded.

Later that week I was told that at another meeting of the Valley JCC, it was suggested that persons withhold their entire UJA contribution and instead earmark their monies in order again to eliminate the JCC debt.

The community is undoubtedly shocked by recent events at the JCC. Even more shocking, however, is the community's reaction to these events.

Shall we cast adrift our brethren both here in Toronto and abroad so that the JCC (and our own considerable material comforts) remain intact?

Single parents with children living below the poverty line in Downsview or Vaughan or Markham — Jewish refugees fleeing Sarajevo or before them Ethiopia or before them, etc., etc. Shall we abandon them all?

And what if our parents or grandparents had decided at the beginning of the century that life in the new world was "too tough" and that bringing their European relatives from Hitler's onslaught was "inconvenient."

Where would we be? We would not exist.

It is very possible the JCC will ultimately face financial bankruptcy.

But a bankruptcy of will is a far more serious matter.

David Wintre
Toronto

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ROLE OF A JCC

There appears to be some confusion as to the roles and responsibilities of the members of a Jewish community, the JCC, UJA and the Jewish Federation.

Our responsibility as a community is to *first* fully support the Jewish needy in our community, *second* provide "Jewish culture" via our JCC to all Jews and their families in our community, and *finally*, with remaining resources, support Jews and others outside our community.

A Jewish Community Centre needs to be egalitarian and Jewishly pluralistic, where Jews and their families can, without religious or sectarian bias or coercion, educate themselves about Jewish history and culture, express their Jewishness each in their own way and experience all aspects of the Jewish arts, and provide a modern, accessible Jewish library and reading/learning centre.

Such a JCC must be fully supported by the Jewish governing and fundraising bodies in priority to supporting programs outside our community. Money collected from the general Jewish community must go back to supporting the needs of that general Jewish community.

Athletic clubs, private religious day or afternoon/weekend schools, synagogues and religious institutions and services of all sects must be fully supported by its users or benefactors.

How can we reconcile the recent Federation approval of $1.2 million for Jewish continuity (administration) with its withdrawal of support from or closing down of those very institutions that guarantee continuity?

Eva Goldfinger
Toronto

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BITTERSWEET ENDING

Your front page article, "Fight for Syrian Jewry coming to happy end" (*The CJN*, Oct. 13), requires some additions and clarifications.

The Chief Rabbi of Syria came to Toronto, and spoke from the pulpit at Beth Tzedec Congregation to over 1,200 people on Shabbat, specifically to thank the Toronto and Canadian Jewish communities for the most necessary financial support and assistance for 23 years.

As well, the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands no longer sends religious books and supplies to the remaining Jews of Syria. It fulfills other urgent needs of those still there and those who have left.

While Jews in Syria face many restrictions, they can vote in "elections," contrary to what the article stated.

Finally, the headline was somewhat misleading. While from one standpoint, the campaign for Syrian Jewry is coming to a "happy end," the plight of those who have come out is not always so. Emigres have left their homes, businesses and magnificent synagogues behind. They face hardship in their new homes, be it financially, cultural or employment-related. And for those who stay behind, the situation is especially sad. The word "bittersweet" would have been more appropriate.

Judy Feld Carr
Toronto

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Dry Bones

IF THEY LOOK LIKE SOLDIERS AND DRESS LIKE SOLDIERS AND ACT LIKE SOLDIERS THEN WHAT ARE THEY?!
SOLDIERS?
WRONG!! THEY'RE THE PALESTINIAN POLICE
WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING DEAR?
IT'S THE "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS" QUIZ SHOW
... AND IT SEEMS TO BE ON EVERY CHANNEL!
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CATCHING WAR CRIMINALS

It is the vogue currently in the daily press and in newsmagazines to ask if the war criminals in Rwanda will ever be brought to justice.

The simple answer is no, because as in Canada, there is no political will to prosecute war criminals. Canada has enabling legislation enacted in 1987, Royal Canadian Mounted Police with a reputation for always getting their man, a sophisticated judicial system and a war crimes section of the Ministry of Justice.

In seven years, four charges were laid, three have been withdrawn and one accused was acquitted. Hundreds of others discovered by a Royal Commission have not even been identified let alone charged. What possible hope is there in a country like Rwanda which lies in shambles with no infrastructure, judicial or otherwise? None!

To entertain that the United Nations would undertake such a task is tragically laughable. Would they start with Cambodia, Iraq or the former Yugoslavia? Commissions of inquiry will provide jobs for thousands, and millions of dollars will be expended, but not one perpetrator will ever be brought before a tribunal.

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The problems of the Jewish Centre in Toronto

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

During these last weeks I have been repeatedly urged to write a column about the Jewish Community Centre in Toronto, its difficulties and the proposed solutions.

I found very little public agreement on the major issues that beset this unhappy situation. A prime Jewish institution in the country's largest city, having incurred a debt said to be around $15 million — which it was unable to pay — sought help from the Toronto Jewish Federation, banks and private interests.

Ordinarily one would think that this is the kind of matter that could be settled intelligently and calmly by people who have had experience in community work and/or have been enormously successful in business. But it turns out that a lot of emotion beclouds the matter which has developed into an unfortunate controversy and has divided much of the community.

Different groups have accused each other of presenting the facts wrongly, of shading the past and introducing personalities into a solution which is either wholeheartedly supported or vigorously opposed. Much depends on the person or persons to whom you listen. I've tried to sort out the facts as best as I could, but I must admit that I do not have enough knowledge about the entire tangle (perhaps more accurately described as mess) that has brought a well-beloved institution to its knees and has so sharply increased animosities in the community.

Rabbi Plaut

A key issue was the dismissal of 32 employees of the centre and the Leah Posluns Theatre. (Some have now been reinstated.) Another question centred on the demise of the Institute for Jewish Learning. Steps have recently been taken to make each of the three branches of the JCC an independent entity; and the Bathurst branch is operating under a new name, with a new board to operate the facility for the receiver.

What still worries me above all, however, is the division that has occurred in the community — a division which I think is not only unnecessary but most unfortunate. As indicated, I do not know all the facts and therefore will abstain from any kind of public judgment, but the time is right for appointing an independent person or group of persons to sort out what needs to be clarified and to inform the community objectively what took place and what still needs to be done.

When that occurs, I believe the community at large will regain its confidence in communal institutions that need support. Without this, the future of many other institutions would be in serious doubt.

For instance, some people urge others to reduce their pledges to the Jewish Federation in its annual UJA campaign. That would be throwing out the baby with the bathwater and in the end, neither the community with all its other educational and social programs, nor the recipient institutions in Israel, would be helped. Everyone would lose, and I think the centre probably would lose most of all.

I therefore ask my readers to put their judgments temporarily on hold until the facts are clear, and meanwhile go on with the business of doing the right thing by the United Jewish Appeal and its current campaign, which sorely needs money for a great variety of causes. They now know that the centre is in operation, offering most of its programs, and when more information about the financial reconstruction is at hand, as suggested above, an independent group of persons should give us all the story as they see it. This is the only way to calm the troubled waters and it is none too early to proceed with some such plan.

I take it for granted that the future of the dismissed employees, many of them having served the Jewish centre for a number of decades, will also be reconsidered. Individuals, in my book, are more important than institutions and some solution that is equitable and satisfies the demands of justice, must be found — and I think it will.

Future remains uncertain in Ukraine

By LISA GLAZER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Emigration is increasing, yet Jewish life beginning to flourish as schools grow

For the Jewish community of Ukraine, one of the world's largest, the future looms like an ominous question mark. The dreams, desires, anxieties and uncertainties can be reduced to a single query: To stay or to go?

Emigration to Israel is accelerating so rapidly that Ukraine now has the fastest-growing emigration rates in the former Soviet Union, according to officials with the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Yet at the same time, Jewish life is beginning to flourish, with schools, camps, Yiddish clubs, newspapers, cultural groups and religious organizations expanding by leaps and bounds.

Not surprisingly, planning ahead is difficult, especially since the national political situation is tense and unclear.

"I have no sense of what's going to happen," said Rabbi Ya'akov Bleich, the chief rabbi of Ukraine's approximately 500,000 Jews. "I don't think everyone is going to move out in the next three or five years, but then again, I wouldn't advise building a new synagogue."

"The more people go, the more people come. This is our paradox," said Kira Verkhovskaya, a Jewish leader from Odessa, referring to the simultaneous trends of emigration and new affiliation with the Jewish community.

For those boarding planes to Tel Aviv, financial problems appear to be a primary motivation. While average wages are stuck at about $20 a month, consumer items like clothing and appliances cost about the same as they do in the West. Industrial production is plummeting, market reform is only hiccuping along and hyperinflation means that Ukraine's currency, the coupon, now runs at more than 45,000 to the dollar.

"For the most part, Jews are leaving for economic reasons," according to Zvi Rom, who oversees the Jewish Agency office in Kiev.

"It's not really aliyah, it's repatriation, because it's not for ideological reasons," he said. "As an Israeli, I would like to see Jews leave Ukraine because they have come to the conclusion that Jews should live in Israel, but that is not what is happening."

Still, a growing proportion of Ukrainian Jews have decided to move to Israel after attending the new Sunday schools for adults and sending their children to Jewish day schools.

Others are leaving to be with loved ones. Nearly every member of the Jewish community here has close friends or relatives living in Israel who are urging them to make the move.

Another push is anti-Semitism. While the new president, Leonid Kuchma, is following the friendly policies toward Jews that have become the norm since independence, the country's sputtering economy is straining his staying power.

But Jew-hating has not disappeared. Interviewed at a Jewish summer camp in Odessa, Igor Bloch, 16, recalled a recent performance of the Jewish theater group he belongs to in the eastern Ukrainian city of Makeyevka.

"Some people cried out, "Avram, go away to Israel' and other things I don't want to say," Bloch said. "Our leader said, 'Don't worry, we will go!' "

The number of Ukrainian Jews choosing Israel is constantly increasing. While emigration statistics are dropping slightly in Russia, where the economic and political mayhem has stabilized somewhat, Ukrainian emigration has nearly doubled in the past year, from 1,300 a month to 2,300 each month, according to Chaim Chesler, who oversees the Jewish Agency in the former Soviet Union.

Despite the many departures, Jewish life continues its vigorous revival in the land that produced Chasidic Judaism, populist Zionism and dozens of gifted Yiddish writers before the dark years of Soviet repression.

Today Ukraine has not one, but two umbrella Jewish organizations.

Kiev, the capital city, is home to three religious congregations and a welfare society serving 6,000 poor and elderly Jews. Active communities also exist in Odessa, Kharkov and dozens of smaller cities and towns.

"Ukraine has a very lively Jewish community," Rabbi Bleich said. "The Jews here are more connected to their Judaism than those in Russia because it wasn't long ago they lived in shtetls. They have an emotional connection, while in Russia, people's relationship with Judaism is more philosophical."

Arkady Monastirski, 33, the vice president of the Jewish Council of Ukraine, calls himself an optimist when it comes to the future for Jews here.

"People are working with us, helping us," he said. "Some people say Jews are history, their problems are old problems, but these people don't understand."

One of the organizations providing assistance to Jews here is the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which has offices in Kiev and Odessa.

"There is a future here, if only because there will be hundreds and thousands of Jews here for the next five or 10 years, barring any unforeseen catastrophe," according to Charles Hoffman, a former journalist who oversees the JDC office in Kiev.

"There is no reason why they should be deprived of the basic means and facilities to redevelop a Jewish life for themselves," he said.

Those who remain and redevelop this Jewish life must grapple with the country's troubled past, which includes the Chmielnitsky massacres of Jews in 1648, the Petlyura pogroms of 1919 and 1920 and Babi Yar, where 33,771 Jews were shot and buried in September 1941.

"In Ukraine, anti-Semitism is a tradition: negative views of the Jewish people have been passed down from generation to generation," said Monastirski of the Jewish Council.

"But now many Ukrainians have married Jews and their children are now half-Jews," he said, adding that such intermarriage can serve as a basis for reconciliation.

Zinaida Fourmanova, a screenwriter in Kiev who recently completed a film examining the myths about the relationship between Ukrainians and Jews, believes that while Jewish history in Ukraine "has been very difficult, very tragic," the Jewish connection here is "still very deep."

It's that connection, she said, that keeps her here to continue her work while the rest of her family has moved to Israel. "I feel it myself," she said.

Talk at Sunday school proves revealing

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Recently, I was the guest speaker at an adult Sunday school class at a rural Methodist church. I was given an hour on their agenda, one hour, in which to explain myself and my religion. It was an interesting and slightly nerve-wracking experience.

When I arrived, I was escorted into the church dining hall where members of the congregation were sharing coffee, orange juice and doughnuts before classes and services. Children ran around, weaving through the adults; every adult knew every child by name. Little girls in bright dresses looked at me wide-eyed over their doughnuts. I was not sure they had ever seen anyone Jewish before, at least, not anyone they knew was Jewish.

Last year, I spoke to a class of fourth and fifth graders at this same church, so I saw a few familiar, but shy, children. I didn't know any of the adults except my mother's friend who had invited me both times to visit her church and to speak.

I am accustomed to public speaking, but most of my audiences are either classrooms of small children or luncheon groups of Jewish ladies. The Peace on Earth Sunday School Class was a new experience for me.

And, I think, I was a new experience for them.

The class began by singing hymns. Lacking a decent singing voice, a knowledge of the lyrics, and any internal commitment to the content of the songs, I was happy to listen, and to try to gather my thoughts. The singing was followed by an update from the volunteer chair, a comfortable lady in a sprigged dress and sensible shoes. She offered a tally of recent fundraising, a list of those who were ailing and should be prayed for, and a gracious welcome.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

As I stood up, the church's minister came in to the class and sat down. My nervousness ratcheted up a couple more notches.

I had been asked to discuss Jewish customs and traditions. Instead of offering a litany of holidays, I tried to describe behaviors that bring the religion home, that make it part of our everyday lives, at least in the modern Orthodox world: studying Torah, keeping kosher and observing Sabbath.

I began by explaining that I could speak only for myself, not for Judaism, not for Orthodoxy, not for anyone else. I told them, "I know 100 people, not counting a score of rabbis, who could do this task better than I can, but I am the one who is here, and so I will try."

They listened carefully, politely. Most of them were older than I am, though a few were fortysomething like me. They were taken by the items I had brought: a prayer book with commentary, a Chumash (Torah) with commentary, a mezuzah, and a jar of olives I had picked up at the convenience store on the way over, so that I could show them the U in the circle on the label, a little spot of kosher-confirmation right on their block.

When we got around to questions, the minister asked me to explain the symbolism of the items on the seder plate. I could do that. One lady asked if I had been this caught up in my religion my whole life. No, I hadn't. I grew up Conservative, spent my early professional life in a Reform congregation, and became more observant when I got married. An older man asked about sin: "What do you do," he queried, "about sin?"

I managed not to make any jokes (like, "I try to avoid it"). He meant what did Judaism offer for forgiveness and repentance, so I described both the daily prayers' request for atonement and the solemnity of Yom Kippur.

And then they asked about their messiah, who was he to me. This is always the hard question, the dividing line question, and I always try to answer honestly, but without offence. This time, I had the right story to offer.

I have a dear college friend in North Carolina. Mary is a talented writer, a dedicated mother, and a very religious person. She has been working on a biblical time line of the "Old and New Testaments." She had finished her "Old Testament" project and was considering whether to send it to a publisher now or to wait until she completed the "New Testament" section to go with it.

"I'm wondering," she told me on the phone, "if the 'Old Testament' stands on its own?"

"Well," I told her, with a smile in my voice, "I always thought so."

And we laughed together.

It was good to laugh with her, and with the Sunday school class, as we went out into the bright, cordial morning, content with our differences.

Features

Relations with Austria never better

Reporting from Vienna, Sheldon Kirshner looks at Austria's changing relations with Israel.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yosef Govrin, Israel's ambassador to Austria for the past year, is normally reticent, as befits a diplomat of his stature. But when he describes the current state of Israel's bilateral relations with Austria, he positively gushes.

"They're excellent. They've never been better."

Kurt Hengl, deputy head of the Middle East department in the Foreign Ministry and Austria's former envoy in Israel, is in full agreement with Govrin's assessment. "Things have never been smoother and so devoid of problems."

Walter Schwimmer, a member of parliament and president of the Austria-Israel Friendship Society, is just as upbeat. "All the clouds have disappeared, and the situation is better than normal."

That Austria and Israel have started "a new chapter" in their previously acrimonious relationship, as Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres recently put it, is anything but hype.

"The period of ill-feeling has definitely ended," observes Andreas Unterberger, foreign editor of *Die Presse*, Vienna's august daily.

Relations began to improve dramatically in June 1992, when Israel raised its representation in Vienna from charge d'affaires to ambassador. A year later, Franz Vranitzky became the first Austrian chancellor to visit Israel, solemnly acknowledging that Austria shared "a moral responsibility" for crimes committed against Jews in Austria during the Nazi period.

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky (left) seen with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a trip to Israel in 1993.

Not long afterward, the vice-chancellor, Erhard Busek, and the president of the Austrian parliament, Heinz Fischer, as well as a parade of cabinet ministers, went to Israel.

And on Nov. 7, Thomas Klestil will be welcomed in Jerusalem, the first Austrian president to set foot on Israeli soil. (He has already made state visits to Jordan and Syria.)

Visible improvements in Israel's links with Austria took shape as the six-year presidential term of Kurt Waldheim wound down.

Waldheim, the former secretary-general of the United Nations, tried to conceal his role as a German intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II. According to the U.S. Justice Department and the World Jewish Congress, Waldheim was involved in actions against civilians.

The disclosures, publicized on the eve of the 1986 presidential election, caused an international storm and prompted Yitzhak Shamir, the-then Israeli foreign minister, to comment that a Waldheim victory would be "a real tragedy."

With Waldheim's triumph at the polls, Israel recalled its ambassador in Vienna, Michael Elizur, who did not return. He was eventually replaced by a lower ranking charge d'affaires.

It was not the first time Israel's ties with Austria had been buffeted. From 1970 until 1983, when the leadership of Austria was in the hands of Bruno Kreisky, a Socialist of Jewish descent, there were often recriminations between the two nations.

The reasons for the tension were clear. Kreisky adopted an activist Mideast policy, championing the rights of the Palestinians, recognizing the PLO, [illegible] ments in the territories and, during the Likud era after May 1977, harshly lambasting Menachem Begin's policies and character and Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Austria — whose foreign policy was based on strict neutrality between East and West — lowered its rhetoric on Middle East affairs in the wake of Kreisky's resignation and his replacement by Fred Sinowatz. As a result, there was a perceptible improvement in Israeli-Austrian relations. But with the emergence of the Waldheim controversy, Israel and Austria squared off again.

Yet even during this tense period, Vienna continued to serve as a transit point for Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel and the West. Furthermore, Austria played a much-appreciated role in United Nations peacekeeping on the Golan Heights and in the Sinai Peninsula, and was at the centre of a number of Arab-Israeli prisoner-of-war exchanges.

Although Israel remained bitter about Waldheim's ascendancy, high-level contacts were never broken off. "Neither side," says Unterberger, a keen analyst of Middle Eastern affairs, "had a vested interest in exaggerating the conflict."

The process of normalization was gradual, explains Hengl, who was Austria's charge d'affaires in Tel Aviv from 1989 and ambassador from 1992 until last spring. (He was the cultural attache from 1971-74, and his son was born in Israel).

In June 1992, at around the time Austria and Israel exchanged ambassadors once again, Klestil, then secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry, visited Israel. Ostensibly there for the birthday party of Teddy Kollek — the then mayor of Jerusalem and a native son of Vienna — Klestil used the opportunity to engage in talks with leaders of Israel's new Labor party government. Upon his return, Klestil pointedly urged Waldheim not to try for a second term in office.

Klestil, Hengl believes, "opened the door" for a marked improvement in relations. Shortly afterward, Peres and Shulamit Aloni became the first Israeli cabinet ministers to visit Vienna, albeit unofficially. Govrin claims that "time constraints" have prevented an official visit by an Israeli minister.

Although the core of its current policy remains unchanged — an Israeli withdrawal from the territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state — Austria has a more balanced approach to the Arab-Israeli dispute, in Hengl's opinion. And, in Govrin's estimation, "the Waldheim and Kreisky eras belong to the past." Austria, he declares, wants "to play a more objective role" in the future.

Hengl, who's scheduled to be Austria's next ambassador to Mexico, feels there is greater Austrian understanding of and appreciation for Israel's security needs, as well as "much less of a willingness to give in to Arab demands." And, he adds, "I'm proud to have contributed to this new perception."

Austria, Unterberger points out, is really more neutral now than in the 1970s and early 1980s. "During the Kreisky years there was a slight anti-Israel touch," he allows.

Austria, too, is not as preoccupied with the Mideast as it was under Kreisky. "With Kreisky, the Middle East seemed to concentrate Austrian attention. But today, Austria is preoccupied with events in Europe in general and with the Balkans [illegible]

Nonetheless, due to its longstanding political and economic interests in the Middle East, Austria's involvement in the Mideast peace process remains undiminished.

Austria is one of some 30 nations taking part in multilateral talks on water resources, economic cooperation, arms control, the environment and refugees. These working groups stem from the 1991 Madrid peace process.

Last May, Israeli parliamentarians and a PLO delegation picked Vienna as the venue for informal talks on the final status of the territories.

More concretely, Austria is studying the idea of setting up an office in the newly autonomous Palestinian areas (the Gaza Strip and Jericho). Meanwhile, it has pledged $21 million (US) for humanitarian projects there.

In line with Vranitzky's pledge to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that Austria will spare no efforts on behalf of Israeli servicemen missing in action in Lebanon, Austria has raised the issue at the highest levels in Iran and Syria. Damascus and Teheran, of course, exert enormous influence with regard to MiAs.

Although Austria has no anti-boycott legislation in place, Israel is pressing for increased mutual trade, hoping to capitalize on the changed political climate in Vienna.

"There is room for greater Israeli exports, particularly in such fields as high technology and textiles," says Schwimmer, who recently held discussions in Israel with Rabin and Peres.

"The potential is enormous," observes Hengl. The current annual volume of trade — amounting to slightly less than $200 million, in Vienna's favor — is expected to rise now that Austria is on the verge of gaining membership in the European Union.

"We want to increase our exports," says Govrin. "To close the gap."

With this objective in mind, Israel, in July, dispatched an economic counsellor to its embassy. And recently, Israel was given permission to bid for military tenders. Austria looms as a potentially rich market for Israeli weaponry. (Austria, though, has a well-developed arms manufacturing sector. In the 1980s, Austrian equipment, ranging from tanks to artillery pieces, was sold to Iraq and Iran. At issue today is whether Austria should allow Saudi Arabia to buy Austrian weaponry.)

Scientific and technical cooperation is high on the agenda now that Israel and Austria have signed an agreement to that end. Several projects, some involving the Technion and the Weizmann Institute, are under consideration.

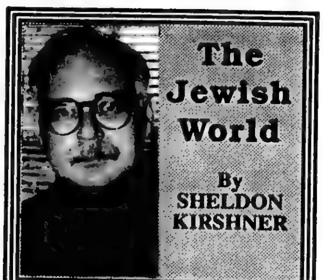
Cultural relations are also on the upswing, though this field is still rather fallow. Austria has financed a chair in Austrian Studies at the Hebrew University, and plans are afoot for similar chairs at other Israeli universities. Innsbruck University and Tel Aviv University are planning a joint project on the development of Israel's relationship with Austria. And Israel has signed an accord with the Austrian Ministry of Education for the supply of Holocaust-related materials.

Amid all these fast-flowing developments on the political, commercial and cultural fronts, there has been a remarkable turnaround in Israel's overall image in Austria.

"The intifadah [the Palestinian uprising, which broke out in December 1987] worsened Israel's image," says Schwimmer. "TV clips of Israeli soldiers firing on Palestinian children elicited sympathy for the Arab side. But since Israel's reconcilation with the PLO last year, public opinion in Austria has changed.

"Austrians now realize that Israelis want peace and are doing a lot to achieve it. This has worked to Israel's advantage."

Yosef Govrin



Leon Zelman builds bridges.

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Zelman, a 67-year-old Holocaust survivor from Poland, runs the Jewish Welcome Service in Vienna, an organization he established in 1979 with the cooperation and support of Vienna's former mayor, Leopold Graz.

Originally founded as a public relations office acting on behalf of the city for the benefit of Jewish visitors, the Jewish Welcome Service has since broadened its mandate.

It is known as the place for arranging contacts between Jews from Austria and abroad, organizing exchange programs for Austrian and Israeli youths, bringing the offspring of former Austrian Jews on visits to the Austrian capital, publishing periodicals on Jewish Vienna and renovating Jewish cemeteries.

It is hard to miss the Jewish Welcome Service, which is in a perfect location opposite St. Stephan Cathedral, Vienna's venerable landmark.

And it's practically impossible not to be impressed by Zelman's indefatigable dedication. He is a bundle of energy, an excitable, talkative individual who usually gets so enmeshed in his visions that he is prone to go off on tangents.

Despite his eccentricities, Zelman — the recipient of a PhD in philosophy from the University of Vienna and a man of many parts — never wavers from his course.

A survivor in Vienna

By promoting Vienna — a city once energized by Jews — to Jewish tourists, Zelman accomplishes two major goals. He generates tourism, and he helps burnish Austria's image, which was badly tarnished by the Kurt Waldheim affair.

In line with these objectives, Zelman publishes the *Jewish Echo*, a German-language annual chock full of articles on Jewish history and culture, particularly as they relate to Austria. Buttressed by ads, the *Jewish Echo* has a circulation ranging from 9,000 to 11,000. The Austrian government buys about 1,000 copies, sending them to its embassies.

He is also the mastermind behind *Jewish Vienna: Heritage and Mission*, a glossy brochure published by the Vienna Tourist Board for the Jewish Welcome Service.

Zelman, who lost his entire family during the war, regularly delivers lectures to Austrian students on the Holocaust and the contributions of Jews to Austrian society.

"Jews played an important role in Viennese history. They wern't strangers here. It's my task to impart this information. It's my mission."

In the past two decades, Zelman has visited more than 100 schools, gratified and encouraged by the response. "They want to know about Jewish history. They are interested in my Holocaust experiences."

At the height of the Waldheim affair, in 1986 and 1987, Zelman was especially busy with his lectures. Describing the incident as "a confrontation with the past," Zelman has nothing but contempt for Waldheim, who was Austria's president until two years ago. "He is a terrible liar. He didn't have the courage to be honest about his [wartime] record."

Zelman's latest project, a cultural centre within a Jewish school in Jerusalem, is expected to be ready next May, in time for the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Financed by private donations, the facility will be a place where Israeli and Austrian students can meet and discuss issues of common interest. As many as 2,000 Austrians are expected to participate in the program annually.

Zelman was raised in Lodz, lived through the rigors of the Lodz ghetto and survived the depravations of Auschwitz and Mauthausen. Finding himself all alone in Vienna after the war, he rebuilt his shattered life. He and his wife — an Israeli — have two daughters, a doctor and an Austrian Airlines stewardess.

Some survivors don't understand why he's chosen Vienna as his home. But he adores the city. And he's optimistic about the Jewish community's future. "Forty years ago, I was told the community was finished. Look at what's happened since."

By RABBI REUBEN POUPKO

No story in our Chumash has captured the attention of people, Jew and gentile alike, like the account of the Binding of Isaac.

Jewish commentators throughout the ages have left their own unique imprint upon the body of accumulated learning focused on the Akeida. No Jewish thinker considered his work complete unless somehow the story of a father tying his son to an altar was interpreted to represent the individual's world view.

Some have focused on Avraham, a man who dreamed so long of an heir to carry on a spiritual mission, who was now called upon by the focus of that mission to destroy any hope that the knowledge of Him would be known to the world.

Some have focused on Yitzhak, imagining what it must have been like to go through life with the image of your father standing over you with a knife. The spiritually aware realized that Yitzhak was forever changed, not so much by his father's knife, but by having been placed on the altar of God.

All agree, however, that the Akeida has served as the prototype for Jewish martyrdom through the centuries. It is the symbol of Jewish self-sacrifice from our earliest history through the Holocaust. Together, with Sinaitic revelation, it stands as one of the primary events in Jewish spiritual life.

A great modern rabbi sought to contrast the Akeida with the primary event of the Christian faith. He explained that in Christianity, God comes down from heaven to sacrifice Himself for people; in Judaism, man ascends a mountain to offer a sacrifice for God. The differences speak volumes about the way we view this world and the way others see it.

There is one question about the Akeida which receives relatively scant attention. Why is it God Himself who commands Avraham to bind Yitzhak upon the altar, but only an angel who rescinds the command? Why is it God who demands the sacrifice of a life, while it is the angel who spares that life?

The Rambam maintains that one of the reasons for the Akeida is to demonstrate faith in prophecy: Avraham believes that what he hears is the clear and unadulterated word of God, and is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, based upon a prophecy.

One could therefore postulate that while the command to sacrifice was a demonstration of the confidence a prophet has in his own prophecy, the obeyance of the command to spare Yitzhak was a demonstration of how all Jews must respond to an authentic messenger of God. The command came from an angel and not from God, in order to clearly reveal the greatness of Avraham. Avraham was not only able to act on a prophecy, but was able to discern an authentic messenger of God and follow the word of that messenger.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko is the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation of Cote St. Luc.

JTS receives major donation to launch graduate school

NEW YORK — The world's largest and, organizers say, most comprehensive graduate school of Jewish education will open its doors at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in September 1996, thanks to a record $15 million (U.S.) gift from William M. Davidson, the Detroit businessman and majority owner of the Detroit Pistons basketball team.

The new school, to be named the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education, is expected to play a major role in the battle for Jewish continuity in North America, a statement from JTS says.

A spokesman for the seminary, the 108-year old religious and academic center of Conservative Judaism worldwide, said the $15 million gift is likely the largest ever given to a single institution of Jewish education.

The school's mission will be threefold: to overcome what JTS says is a disturbing scarcity of professional Jewish educators in North America and around the world by developing a new generation of teaching and administrative personnel; to support local Jewish education efforts through the development of new teaching curricula and materials; and to conduct the most extensive academic research yet in the field of Jewish education.

"This is a historic day for the seminary, for Jewish education and for the future of American Jewry," said JTS Chancellor Rabbi Ismar Schorsch. "A major Jewish philanthropist has decided to give a gift, on the scale usually reserved for universities and hospitals, to an institution of higher Jewish studies. More important, the money will go entirely for the single most urgent need in North American Jewish life: the field of education."

Will offer doctorate of education

The new school will offer a fully accredited doctorate of education in religious studies, in addition to PhD and master's programs.

The entire amount of the gift will form an endowment devoted exclusively to support programming. Specifically, it will be used to retain current and add additional faculty, provide scholarships and fellowships to the most outstanding students, and fund research into improved methods of Jewish education. No part of the gift will be used for additions or improvements to the physical plant, JTS says.

Founded in 1886, JTS is a university-level institution housing the Rabbinical School, the Cantors Institute/Seminary College of Jewish Music, the graduate school, which offers degrees through the doctoral level, and the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies.

JTS affiliates include the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, the Bet Midrash/Seminary of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem and the Jewish Museum in New York City.

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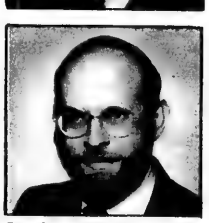

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Richmond Hill councillor favors tax reassessment

Municipal Decision '94

David Cohen

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

RICHMOND HILL — The Town of Richmond Hill's only Jewish candidate in the Nov. 14 municipal election is determined to raise the issue of market value assessment if he's re-elected.

Although David Cohen, incumbent councillor for Ward 3, was the only council member to vote in favor of market value assessment last term, he is undeterred.

A 40-year-old collection officer for Revenue Canada, Cohen believes market value assessment could reduce municipal taxes in his ward by 10 to 25 per cent.

Taxes are proportionally higher here than in Metro Toronto, he explains, because most of the homes in his ward were built in recent years, after land became more expensive.

"We've frozen taxes for the last three years. That is the main issue in Richmond Hill," said Cohen, who was first elected in 1988 and now chairs the town's finance and administration committee.

Among Cohen's challenges will be ensuring "the sensible development of the Langstaff Jail Farm lands [north of Highway 7 between Yonge and Bayview]," he said. An application for high-density housing on the land has caused the issue to be a major concern for Ward 3 residents, he explained.

Although his ward's geographic size has been reduced by about one-third for this election, it is still the second largest ward in Richmond Hill. Now bounded by Bayview Avenue, Highway 7, Highway 404 and Major Mackenzie Drive, the ward once extended as far west as Yonge Street.

The 14,000 voters are about 15 per cent Jewish and 45 per cent Chinese, said Cohen. It's a mostly affluent bedroom community, with the majority owning homes or condominiums.

Among his accomplishments as councillor, Cohen lists the organization of a race relations committee. He was also involved in the creation of the new Central Library (the largest library in York Region) at Yonge and Major Mackenzie, and the Bayview Hill Swimming Pool.

"I enjoy working [as councillor], and I find it very challenging," Cohen said.

Running against Cohen for ward councillor is Mervat Rashwan.

Blood screening clinic being planned at BJC to find donor for Jay Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As the condition of Jay Feinberg deteriorates, attempts to find a compatible bone marrow donor for him are becoming more urgent.

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Lake Ontario region, is holding a mass blood screening clinic on Thursday, Oct. 20, in the lobby of the Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Because his situation is getting so serious — Feinberg, who suffers from a virulent form of leukemia, announced on the *Shirley Show* this week he has only a few months to live unless he gets a transplant — this clinic will test youngsters under the age of 17, as long as they have written consent of a parent or guardian.

Ordinarily, the Red Cross insists that candidates for bone marrow donation be between 17 and 50.

Those wishing to be tested must be in general good health. Blood type does not matter.

Those previously tested for Feinberg, Alison Atlas or for others who need bone marrow transplants need not be retested.

The clinic has the approval of the Feinberg family.

BBYO will have booths selling cake, pop and chips to raise money to pay for the testing, and there will be a donation table as well.

Each test costs about $75 (Cdn).

For more information, call BBYO, (416) 635-9411.

Another clinic was scheduled for Oct. 18 at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation (470 Glencairn Ave.), from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Holocaust Education Week planned

TORONTO — More than 50 exciting and insightful programs will mark the 14th Annual Holocaust Education Week to be held Nov. 3 to 15.

Holocaust Education Week is presented by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

This community-wide event "attempts to reach people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions" said organizer Lilian Schachter.

On Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., Dr. Michael Berenbaum, director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Research Institute, will speak at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Other speakers include Dr. Rachel Feldhay Brenner of the Department of Hebrew & Semitic Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Dr. Franklin [illegible], professor of religion at Temple University; history professor Susan Zuccotti of Barnard College, Columbia University; Dr. Esther Delisle of McGill University; Ruth Ellen Gruber, freelance writer and former chief UPI correspondent in Vienna, Warsaw and Belgrade; Prof. Randolph Braham of the Rosenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, City University of New York; and Prof. Michael Marrus of the University of Toronto.

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Women at Beth Tzedec get expanded role

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Women at Beth Tzedec Congregation have a newly defined role at services following the recent release of an 18-page responsum by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, senior rabbi of the congregation.

The board of governors of the synagogue had asked the rabbi, as a condition of his being hired last year, to help define "what a full role could be" for women in the synagogue service. In 1992, the board passed a resolution endorsing women's participation in services and eligibility for Torah honors.

Although the Rabbinical Assembly's committee on Jewish law and standards determines parameters of Jewish law for the Conservative movement, congregational rabbis in Conservative congregations make halachic decisions for their own synagogues.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's responsum has opened the door for women at Beth Tzedec to be called for aliyot (as long as men are also called), to carry the Torah, lift it for Hagbah, roll the Torah scroll and tie the Torah sash for Glilah, and to open the ark to remove or replace the Torah.

Previously women at Beth Tzedec — the largest Conservative congregation in North America — were permitted aliyot only under certain conditions. Women who had had a bat mitzvah, for example, were permitted to have an aliyah on the occasion of their child's bar or bat mitzvah.

"We had a definite inconsistency," says Judy Feld Carr, the only woman to have served as president of the congregation. Unlike her male counterparts, she was not offered an aliyah on becoming president in 1982. (Instead, the offer was made to her husband, who declined.) Three months later, however, Carr was offered an aliyah on the occasion of her daughter's bat mitzvah.

In a community where women pray together with men, said Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, "halachic scholars must avoid prohibiting women from participating in aspects of public liturgy which are theoretically permissible."

The belief that women are prohibited from physical contact with the Torah during their menstrual cycle is "in direct contradiction to Talmudic law which rules that 'words of Torah are not susceptible to ritual impurity,' " he noted.

The new policies, which went into effect at Rosh Hashanah, should not be misconstrued as egalitarianism regarding inclusion in a minyan for public prayer or leading prayer services, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl emphasized.

"The community should not misunderstand the justifiable inclusion of women for Torah honors with the abandonment of rabbinic law or gender distinctiveness," he said.

There is Talmudic and rabbinic justification for giving women Torah honors, he noted.

The rabbi's conclusions regarding women's participation are only part of "a comprehensive picture" of making everyone at services feel welcome and spiritually fulfilled, he said.

Other changes at the shul as a result of the responsum are a return to reading the full Torah parshah each Shabbat and to allotting the first two aliyot to male kohanim and levi'im.

Beth Tzedec's immediate past president John Pollock, an admitted traditionalist, lauds the responsum as "courageous, timely and a theological breakthrough in Toronto." Pollock believes the changes will be "invigorating" and will bring "a greater sense of piety" to the congregation.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Maxine Gallander Wintre, who opened the ark on Kol Nidre night in Beth Tzedec's main sanctuary, said that the honor provided "a signal to my daughters that they could continue to participate in Torah services past their bat mitzvah."

"If you don't get the women involved today, down the line you won't have a synagogue," said a longtime Beth Tzedec member who didn't want his name to appear in print. "Once the mothers are interested, the kids will come. I think the rabbi's going about it the right way."

"By and large the people who have spoken to me [about the responsum] have been positive," Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said. For those who have difficulty with the changes, he pointed out that Beth Tzedec ritual has not been "significantly altered [from a halachic standpoint], in that women have received aliyot at Beth Tzedec in the immediate past.

"My concern is that people listen to each other, respect each other and find ways to live with each other. This is not a win-lose situation.

"Understanding each other is such a difficult task. We will have to work hard to ensure that everyone feels there is a place for him or her at Beth Tzedec."

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Peace Now spokesman urges Israeli sacrifices for peace

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Israeli-Arab peace negotiations may be moving quickly, but peace will only be achieved if Israel makes some real sacrifices, said Tzaly Reshef, a spokeman for Peace Now (Israel).

Reshef was speaking to an audience of some 200 on Making Peace Work: Realities and Challenges, at the recent annual meeting of Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

A member of the Central Policy Commission of the Labor Party, Reshef said the swift pace of the peace process took him by surprise. In a conversation he had with Shimon Peres in May 1993 when they met to discuss "a possible solution to the conflict," Reshef said Peres had suggested giving Jericho and the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians.

"[Peres] already knew that negotiations were taking place. But to me it sounded like a fantasy," Reshef said, adding that at the time, he did not think Peres could convince Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to go along with the plan.

While the peace negotiations exceeded his expectations, Reshef said there are still some thorny issues — the status of the Golan Heights, the West Bank, and Jerusalem — that must be resolved before "a more complete peace" in the region can be achieved.

He said long term peace with Jordan and the Palestinians would be contingent on Israel's relationship with Syria, because of the power that country wields in the region. However, "peace with Syria has its price," he said. "There is no way to reach an agreement with Syria without returning the whole Golan Heights."

He explained that such an accord would require public approval — Rabin will hold a national referendum. Peace Now is committed to peace with Syria, Reshef said. "It's in Israel's interest. It justifies making a real sacrifice like returning the Golan Heights."

He predicted a bitter struggle in Israel over the return of the Golan Heights as well as the West Bank. Reshef wants the government to financially compensate settlers willing to leave the West Bank, because 80 per cent moved there to get cheap housing, he said.

Reshef also criticized Rabin for not moving the 5,000 Israeli settlers out of Gaza after it was turned over to the Palestinians because such a move would have set a precedent for the relocation of the 100,000 settlers in the West Bank. "Without removing the settlers there will be no agreement," he said.

But the solution for Jerusalem — the political centre for both the Palestinians and the Israelis — will have to be a compromise because it's impossible to draw a border through the city, he said.

Reshef's proposals are controversial inside and outside of Israel. His speech was disrupted by a member of the Jewish Defence League (JDL) who was quickly escorted out of the meeting by a police officer.

Anticipating trouble from the JDL, Mintzy Clement, administrative assistant for Canadian Friends of Peace Now, had contacted the police. JDL members had disrupted a meeting last year and become abusive of one of Peace Now's speakers.

But Clement stressed that people with opposing views are encouraged to contribute to the debate.

Reshef also said he welcomes provocative questions. "I think it's only fair for this audience to hear the challenge."

Dr. Michael Wilschanski, a resident of the West Bank temporarily living in Toronto, rejected Reshef's proposal for West Bank settlers, declaring that those who wished to stay should be allowed to stay.

But Reshef responded that only right wing extremists would choose to remain for ideological reasons, and leaving this group in the middle of the Arab territory is a "recipe for bloodshed between Jews and Arabs."

Jacqueline Swartz, media chair of Peace Now told *The CJN* she felt the speech "was a very incisive rundown on the successes of the Peace Movement and the challenges it faces."

Describing himself as a pragmatist Reshef said peace is in Israel's best interest. "My aim is not to please the Palestinians. I believe this [peace] is a better solution for Israel."

Peace Now's Mel Shipman stepping down after 12 years

TORONTO — The president of Canadian Friends of Peace Now, Mel Shipman, is retiring after 12 years with the organization he founded.

Shipman will be honored at a Tribute Dinner Oct. 27 at the Primrose Club. Guest speaker Gary Rubin, executive director of Americans for Peace Now, will present the U.S. view of the peace process.

Shipman founded Canadian Friends of Peace Now in 1982. He is director of the Intergenerational Education program at Ryerson Polytechnic University as well as director of United Generations Ontario.

He will be replaced as president by Israeli-born psychologist Dr. Ester Cole and Simon Rosenblum, chief of staff to Ontario's finance minister.

Canadian Friends of Peace Now has branches in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, London and Hamilton.

Tickets for the Tribute Dinner are $55 with a $30 tax receipt. Proceeds will support the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Information Centre, a joint organization representing a full partnership between Peace Now and the Palestinian peace organization Gesher.

For information, please call (905) 764-3997.

Mel Shipman

Correction

There were some errors in the article Manic depression disorder characterized by extreme states (*CJN*, Oct. 8).

Neasa Martin and Earl Mandle are executive director and a volunteer respectively with the Manic Depresive Association of Metropolitan Toronto.

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Municipal Decision '94

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Whither York?

Is there a City of York, a place with its own identity, sense of community and future, or would the residents of the mid-town area be better off as part of the City of Toronto?

While local matters such as garbage pickup, policing and traffic flow continue to be the bread-and-butter issues for civic politicians, two of the challengers vying for a council seat in Ward 1 are raising the larger issue of York's future and identity.

Roz Mendelson

Lawyer Ron Frank and freelance journalist Gil Kezwer argue that York is overdue for major changes. Frank, a resident of the region's Humewood area, says "no one refers to the City of York. People don't recognize an identity to the City of York. It's a community that's been without vision and a sense of identity."

Kezwer, who lives in the Cedarvale area of Ward 1, is running on a platform that calls for a community referendum in 1997 to determine whether to merge with the City of Toronto.

With a population of about 140,000, "the city is too small to be viable on its own," Kezwer said. Pointing to "the highest taxes in Metro Toronto," Kezwer claims "our services are the worst" because of the small tax base.

Incumbent councillor Roz Mendelson, who has served a three-year term after defeating longtime representative Ben Nobleman, says council has encouraged economic development in the city. With that development will come an increased tax base and better services, she added.

Mendelson, who lives in the easternmost reaches of Ward 1, adjacent to the City of Toronto, told *The CJN* council has convinced Metro "on the need for a subway extension from the Eglinton West station to Black Creek."

The extension will promote small business and other commercial development, she said.

Mendelson acknowledged that "there's no question the City of York has the highest mil rate and that's why we're going after commercial development."

Ron Frank

Candidates contacted by *The CJN* agreed that Ward 1 is primarily a bedroom community with little indigenous commercial resources. There are a few businesses on Vaughan Road and on the south side of Eglinton, west of Bathurst. But the heavily commercial north side of St. Clair is part of the City of Toronto.

The north part of the ward, known as Cedarvale, is home to 15,000 residents, many of them Jewish. The Beth Tzedec Congregation and the Holy Blossom Temple are inside the ward's boundaries. A third, Beth Sholom on Eglinton Avenue, is just outside the ward.

The Humewood area, west of Bathurst, north of St. Clair and south of Cedarvale Park, is home to a mixed population that includes a number of young Jewish couples, as well as pockets of blacks and Hispanics, Frank said.

A 36-year-old father of two, Frank believes city politics have been tainted by corruption scandals involving some York politicians.

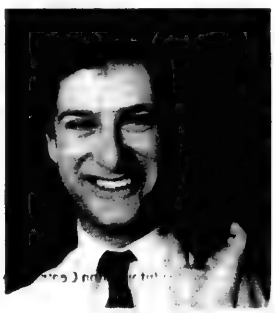
"I think councillors have to express leadership in the community and have a vision of where they'd like to go and set out a broad set of priorities," he said.

Frank said he got involved in local politics when he joined the Oakwood Vaughan second plan steering committee, which reviewed the development plan for the area. His involvement there helped develop his belief in relying on grassroots input into decisions affecting the community.

If elected, Frank said he will hold monthly town hall meetings. "You've got to be out there having dialogue. We've got disparate groups out there. You have to get them together and [take advantage] of the resources that are out there."

Kezwer, a lifelong resident of Cedarvale save for a five-year period in Israel, said there has been an underlying current of dissatisfaction in York ever since 1967 when the province created the current Metro structure.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of amalgamation with Toronto. That would lead to lower taxes and fewer duplication of jobs by city bureacrats, he argued. "One board of education, one library system, one parks department, one works department. Less government means more value for your tax dollar," his campaign material urges.



Gil Kezwer

While Kezwer, 39, acknowledges that amalgamation is the prime plank in his platform, he also takes aim at more immediate concerns, like beautification schemes to plant trees and install benches on the south side of Eglinton.

Although he does not call for amalgamation, Frank believes York residents have traditionally looked to the City of Toronto for services. Residents use Toronto libraries and enroll their children in Toronto sports programs, he points out.

The city could be improved by making better use of the few facilities available. York could offer a minor hockey program at Phil White Arena in Cedarvale Park.

Mendelson, who got her start in politics by working for Liberals John Roberts and Chaviva Hosek, said the city has started streetscaping by planting trees on Raglan Avenue (one block west of Bathurst). A new council, she said, would "go after" the parks department for tree planting on Vaughan Road.

She discounts Kezwer's call for a referendum on amalgamation, saying it is a provincial decision. At any rate, she said, if there were a merger, parts of York would join Toronto, but other areas would join Etobicoke or North York.

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Organizations and People

Father and son meet after 51-year separation

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On a cold January day 51 years ago Leon Eidelberg smuggled his unnamed one-day-old son out of the Lvov ghetto in a knapsack under his coat, and left him in the care of a Polish Catholic family.

Through the help of the Red Cross, Eidelberg and his son Jerzy Wencki were reunited recently at Pearson International Airport. "I remember how he looked in that house in the ghetto and now he is here," said Eidelberg. "It is something more than a miracle."

The 81-year-old Toronto resident had searched unsuccessfully for his son for years and almost gave up hope, but two years ago he registered with a Red Cross program for reuniting families. With the end of the Cold War, the Red Cross got access to the archives of the former Soviet Union and its satellites, and this time Eidelberg was in luck.

Late in June, Eidelberg and his second wife Nusia, 70, arrived home to find a message from Wencki on their answering machine. Letters and weekly long-distance phone calls led to the airport reunion, which included the Eidelbergs' two sons, Steven, 40, and Jackson, 45.

Eidelberg had never wanted to discuss the past — most of his family perished in the Holocaust — until that first telephone call from Wencki unleashed a flood of painful memories and he opened up. "This stirred a lot of emotions and he started talking about things," said Jackson, who learned of Wencki's existence from a relative for the first time when he was 20.

In 1942, Eidelberg and his pregnant wife Mira lost their 3-year-old daughter when she was snatched from under his wife's coat by soldiers on a street in the Lvov ghetto.

Clara Wencki and her family, who lived behind the fur factory where the Eidelbergs worked, agreed to hide their second child, a son born in January 1943. "She said to us that they will take in the baby — hold it until we are free," Eidelberg remembered. Wencki called the baby Jerzy, and his parents saw him every day for the next few months, until the middle of the summer, when the Nazis liquidated the ghetto.

Eidelberg, with his wife and other Jews fled to the woods, where he hid for the next year and a half. They slept outdoors, and when they ran out of money for food, they begged from farmers. The group was in constant danger from attack by Nazis, other soldiers and bandits, he said, and many were killed, among them Jerzy's mother.

After the Russian liberation of Poland in 1944, Eidelberg returned to Lvov and his son. The Wenckis still lived behind the fur factory, which hired Eidelberg again. "They said, 'You haven't a wife, a place to live,' " he recalled. "They said, 'It will be better if he stays with us.' And they were right." He rented a room in the building, to be close to his son.

In 1945, Polish nationals were relocated within the new borders of Poland — Lvov became Lviv, now in Ukraine — and the Wenckis promised Eidelberg that he would accompany them.

However, after spending a weekend away in the summer of 1945, he returned to find that the Polish family had disappeared without leaving a forwarding address. He then searched for his son in vain.

Eidelberg left Poland on foot for Italy, where he met his second wife Nusia. They came to Canada in 1948, settling in Montreal, and continued the search for his lost son through a relative of Nusia's living in Warsaw. After many years the couple gave up in despair.

But when Eidelberg learned about the Red Cross family reunification program through Kelly MacGregor, a family friend who had heard about it on the radio, he was prepared to try again. "In his heart, Leon always knew his lost son was alive," said Jackson.

When Jerzy Wencki received a letter from the Red Cross earlier this year, the puzzle that was his heritage began to fall into place.

Baptized and raised Roman Catholic, he had been told that he was the illegitimate son of one of Clara Wencki's daughters, although he always suspected that something was amiss because he was so different from the Wenckis.

From left: Steven Eidelberg, Jerzy Wencki, Leon Eidelberg and Jackson Eidelberg.

"Mentally and physically I did not resemble them." Wencki said in Polish, with his father acting as translator.

Seventeen years ago, when he was 34, one of his Polish aunts informed him that his parents had been killed during the war and she divulged his birth family's surname. The aunt denied that his birth family was Jewish, but Jerzy was skeptical because he thought Eidelberg was a Jewish name. This year Jerzy went to examine the records for himself and he confirmed that he is Jewish.

In less than a week, Jackson and his brother Steven came to feel very close to Wencki in spite of their minimal Polish.

"My sons are so close to him that you can feel the closeness and love," said Nusia.

Although Jerzy flies back home at the end of October, an ocean will not keep the family apart. Wencki's wife and his 16-year-old son plan to visit Toronto in the next few months and the Eidelbergs plan a trip to Poland in the future. "We will be a family," vows Eidelberg.

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Jewish community to commemorate anniversary of liberation from Nazis

TORONTO — A two-day event to mark the Jewish community's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Europe from Nazi oppression and Holocaust Remembrance has been organized for April 30 and May 1, 1995.

Co-sponsors Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto called for communal participation in the event, which will include a program at Queen's Park, the annual Yom Hashoah Commemoration, plenary sessions and workshops at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), and a Commemorative Dinner at Adath Israel Congregation.

Gerda Friedberg, a Holocaust survivor and chair of CJC, Ontario region, said: "The event is being planned in order to give the entire community the opportunity to recognize the sacrifice of the Canadian Armed Forces in the liberation of Europe; to recall the partisans and the ghetto fighters who battled Nazi oppression; to remember the victims of the Holocaust; and to pay tribute to the courage of the survivors.

In urging participation by communal organizations, synagogues and schools, Eleanor Getzler, chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and a child of survivors, observed that "as the generation of survivors and those who directly took part and witnessed the events in Europe 50 years ago advances in age, it is more important than ever that there are those in our community who continue to carry the torch."

The focus of the Queen's Park event, to be attended by government leaders and other elected officials, diplomats, members of the Canadian military, and veterans, will be the indispensable role played by the Canadian Armed Forces, including its Jewish men and women, in the battle against Nazism and the subsequent liberation.

The Queen's Park program will be followed by the traditional Yom Hashoah Commemoration at Convocation Hall. Frieberg will deliver the keynote address.

The OISE sessions will include a program for the second generation (children of survivors). Dr. Yaffa Eliach, scholar and author of *Chassidic Tales of the Holocaust*, will give the keynote address and participate in workshops.

The complete program of the 50th Anniversary of Liberation and Holocaust Remembrance — A Community Commemoration will be announced in the coming months.

For more information, contact Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee (416) 635-2883, ext. 144, or Steven Shulman, CJC associate director of community relations (416) 635-2883, ext. 175.

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McMaster elects Jason Stevens student president

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — For the first time in what is probably its entire history, the McMaster Student Union (MSU) has a Jewish president.

As well, vice-president Brianna Caryll, an arts and sciences student from Toronto, is Jewish, and so is associate vice-president of services and promotions Rena Killen, a social science student from Brantford.

Jason Stevens

The president is Jason Stevens, a personable 23-year-old psychology student from North York.

Active in the MSU since he entered university in 1990, Stevens won a narrow victory over 11 other candidates in last February's election.

It was "the largest contested presidential election ever in McMaster history," he said, but "with 12 people running, you can't have a big majority."

Stevens feels "good about being a Jewish president." He takes a keen interest in Israeli affairs — "at home we talk about it all the time" — but as president of the MSU, "I do not make my position on the Middle East situation public."

He has, in fact, strong ties to the Middle East. His father, Jack, is from Iraq, and his mother, Miriam, is an Israeli Jew. "Actually, Palestinian," he laughs. "She was born before 1948." And his older brother, Eddy, was also born in Israel, making Jason the only native born Canadian in the family.

His ultimate goal "is probably politics," says Stevens. But first there are still a few courses to finish and after that, most likely law school.

Looking ahead to political future

He admits his studies have suffered because of his involvement in student politics, and with a somewhat rueful smile, quotes his father's observation "that you don't get marks for being president."

But he's ambitious and determined, and meanwhile, being president of a 12,000-member strong student union is good preparation for a future in politics.

Stevens is "the chief spokesperson" on behalf of McMaster University students at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. He has a full-time staff of 23, 400 part-time staff members and 700 volunteers.

And he is proud of having taken "a leadership role" in organizing the first MSU Volunteer Recognition Night, which this year will be held for the fourth time.

Senate service

Stevens has been a member of the Student Representative Assembly (SRA), which he explains is "what the governing body of the MSU is actually called;" he served two years as a student senator and also as a member of the senate executive. He was also the founding president of the Musical Arts Club.

The MSU supports the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which represents almost half a million students across the country. The CFS Ontario constituency, Stevens says, also contains a Jewish student group, which concerns itself with such Jewish issues as anti-Semitism and exams set for Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

Last year the MSU also worked to have a proposed tuition fee increase of 50 per cent condemned by the school's senate.

Top priority this year, Stevens says, is the long delayed building of a new university centre for McMaster and "ensuring that the MSU plays a greater role in representation at the senate and on the board of governors."

JNF to honor Joey Tanenbaum

TORONTO — The 46th Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto will honor Joey Tanenbaum Nov. 27 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Tanenbaum is well-known as a community leader, philanthropist, entrepreneur, collector and patron of the arts.

"Joey is truly a remarkable figure in the community," said JNF president Patricia Alpert. "He and his wife, Toby, have enhanced the cultural landscape of this city."

Almost 200 volunteers are helping organize the dinner and its campaign under campaign chair Ronald Appleby and dinner chair Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto. Committee heads include Alvin Abram, Marilyn Berg, Brenda Cooper, Nathan Disenhouse, Madelein Epstein, Barry Ganz, Marilyn Glick, Harry Goldgut, Cheryl Appleby Jackson, Stephen Karr, Sandy Posluns, Jane Rendely, Susan Sager, Susan Tanenbaum and Frank A. Wilson.

The 1994 Negev Dinner will establish The Joey Tanenbaum Youth Institute for Studies in Nature, History and the Environment at JNF's Camp Yatir in the northern Negev Desert. The camp is open for youth of all abilities. Funds raised through the dinner campaign will be used to hire staff, and purchase equipment and materials.

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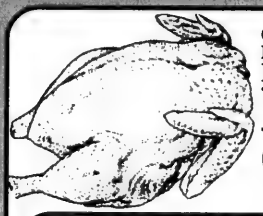

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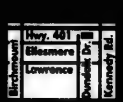

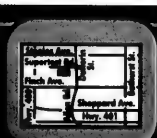

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More than a dozen children registered for Hebrew classes operated by the Okanagan Jewish Community in Kelowna just prior to the annual Sukkot celebration. The children decorated the Sukkah with fruits from the Okanagan, garden trimmings and pictures. The OJC centre in Kelowna serves over 100 families in the surrounding Okanagan area.

Herzog to address Jewish Book Fair

TORONTO — Former Israeli president Chaim Herzog will deliver the closing address of the 18th annual Jewish Book Fair, organizers announced.

Herzog will speak Nov. 13 on Peace in the Middle East: Reality or Fantasy at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Other speakers include Bronwyn Drainie, author of *My Jerusalem*, filmmaker Jack Kuper who has written a sequel to his best-selling first novel, *Child of the Holocaust*, Israeli popular fiction writers Bartya Gur and Meir Shalev, Warren Kinsella and Israeli journalist Yaron Svoray speaking on the rise of neo-Nazism in Canada and Germany.

The fair's opening night program Nov. 6 features readings in English from a new book *Found Treasures: Stories by Yiddish Women Writers* by actors Marilyn Lightstone and Vivian Reis. The evening's topic will be introduced by Irena Klepfisz.

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Popular food and cookbook writers Lillian Kaplun, Cynthia Wine and Sara Waxman will appear Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate food, writing and life. Elinor Brecher who has interviewed 75 Schindler survivors will address both students and adults on Nov. 8. Fresh from an appearance on *Larry King Live*, therapist Olga Silverstein will speak about her new book *The Courage to Raise Good Men*.

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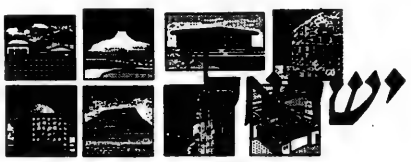

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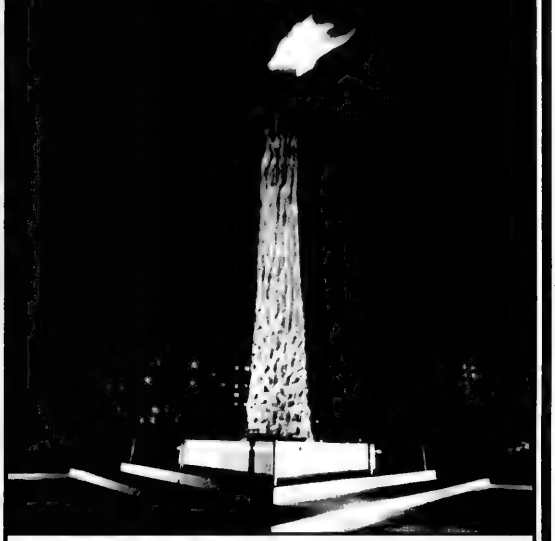

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Organizations and People

Rosh yeshiva urges the total Torah experience

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Communal study of Torah enables the participants to experience the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, according to Rabbi Benjamin Tabory, former rosh yeshivah of Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanat Orot Girls' School and now on sabbatical from Yeshivat Har Etzion in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Tabory was giving the inaugural lecture of the Or Chaim Kollel at Or Chaim Yeshivah in Downsview.

The requirement of Torah study is not just to study Torah, as when one listens to a Torah tape in the car — it is to experience it.

He compared it to those parts of prayer that may only be recited with a minyan, such as Kaddish and Kedushah. Both, he explained, declare the glory of G-d.

Similarly, Rabbi Tabory said, the blessing said before studying Torah, *Barchu et-HaShem Hamvorach* (Bless the L-rd who is to be praised) "extolls the name of G-d."

Studying in a group, as happens in a school, or a kollel, he said, helps one feel the "enthusiasm, fear, and trembling" that was felt at Sinai.

"The experience of Mount Sinai is beyond the intellectual significance of the Torah itself."

That is not to say, the rabbi noted, that one cannot study Torah on one's own.

There is no limit to how close to heaven one can reach alone, no limit to the self-growth that can take place, he said. But that self-growth is at the expense of spreading the influence of Torah to other people.

He compared the two approaches to those of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidus, and the Vilna Gaon.

The Baal Shem Tov, he said, spread the love of Torah far and wide — but he was not known for his learning. The Vilna Gaon sat and learned Torah day and night, even closing up the windows to avoid distractions, but his influence is limited, the rabbi said, to those willing to accept his stringent demands.

The ideal method of Torah study, he said, is that of mothers and fathers teaching and learning with their own children. Any school situation, he said, is only a substitute when that ideal is no longer possible.

He quoted the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik as saying that he felt that he merited entering heaven because he had taught Torah to his children, and because he founded Maimonides, one of the first day schools in the United States.

The exchange of views that takes place in a group Torah study atmosphere, Rabbi Tabory said, ought to lead to love and respect for each other.

"We need someone to issue a call, that all who study Torah, even if they don't agree [on certain interpretations], must treat each other with respect."

Rabbi Jay Kelman, one of the organizers of the Or Chaim Kollel, welcomed the over 100 people attending, and invited them to take part in the many programs for men and women that the kollel is planning.

Rabbi Tabory was introduced by Eli Rubinstein, chair of the kollel steering committee, and thanked by Rabbi Marvin Pritzker, former rabbi of Halifax's Orthodox synagogue, and co-chair of the Mizrachi Adult Education program.

Rabbi Pritzker lamented that people have forgotten that much of the original work in North America to establish Jewish day schools was done by the Mizrachi movement.

Bonds honoree stresses traditions

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — For those who care deeply about where the Jewish family and Jewish community will be generations from now, the immediate agenda should not be continuity but instead, to "live as Jews today," this year's Hamilton State of Israel Bonds women's division honoree told guests at a gala luncheon in her honor.

"We must teach our children our traditions," said Dr. Cheryl Greenbaum.

Immediate past Bonds women's division chair and current co-chair of Hamilton's United Jewish Appeal (UJA) general campaign, Greenbaum said "we should take our children to our shuls, celebrate our holy days with them, give them — and ourselves — Jewish education, and take them with us when we go to Israel.

"Continuity does not follow us. It begins with us."

Jewish continuity was also the theme of guest speaker Jeanette Eichenwald, who suggested building "walls of connection to our people ... to sustain not only us but future generations here and in Israel."

A powerful speaker, Eichenwald held the close to 200 guests at Adas Israel Synagogue spellbound with the story of her father, now 86 and blind as a result of tortures endured at Dachau and Buchenwald, but from whom "shines forth a light of Jewish understanding," and of her mother, a survivor of Auschwitz who pleaded with Nazis to spare the life of her husband.

"Together they have shown me the ultimate meaning of courage," Eichenwald said, "to bring into this world one more generation of Jewish life — mine!"

Hamilton Hebrew Academy teacher Faigie Itkin paid tribute to Greenbaum as "an example par excellence of someone who has been able to rise with incredible strength to the challenge of rebuilding our people not only here, but also in Israel."

CORRECTION

The obituary for Dr. Irvine Israel Glass ("Space science pioneer dies," *CJN*, Oct. 13) incorrectly stated that Dr. Glass was an ordained rabbi. In fact, his father, Samuel Solomon Glass was a rabbi. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Adath Israel's sexton retires after 41 years

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Alex Koenigsberg

TORONTO — Alex Koenigsberg, the beloved "shammes emeritus" of the Adath Israel Congregation, is a humble, learned man who peppers his conversation with gentle jokes.

Koenigsberg, 76, who retired this past August after 41 years as the synagogue's sexton, has a gift for getting along with people, like the two generations of children he prepared for bar and bat mitzvahs.

"He has the old melamed quality," said A. Eliezer Kirshblum, Adath Israel's cantor. "He's able to talk to people, relate to them, and able to build a rapport with children by his great sense of humor."

When asked how he juggled his sexton's duties — assisting the cantor and reading the Torah at services, providing breakfast at morning services and refreshments for meetings, managing the physical plant, and renting the hall for events — Koenigsberg told *The CJN* the job required patience. "I may not be a doctor, but I have patience," he said, with a twinkle in his eye.

Although he is officially retired, he hasn't really left Adath Israel. Koenigsberg still conducts one of the morning services each day, assists at High Holiday services, attends evening services and helps mourners who come to the synagogue. "Some people haven't been in a synagogue for 15, 20 years," he said. "When they come in, you have to help them."

Retirement means he will go to Miami for three months this winter. Pointing up at the shelves of books that line the wall over his desk, Koenigsberg says, "I have lots to do."

Originally from Brezovica, Czechoslovakia, he entered the yeshivah in Komarno at 13, later enrolling at a rabbinical college in Naitra. When he was 22, in 1940, he was sent to Czechoslovakian labor camps, then to Auschwitz and Dachau. Liberated in 1945, Koenigsberg says it is a miracle he survived. Many members of his family perished.

He returned to Czechoslovakia after the war and married Ida, his wife of 48 years. With the communist takeover, the couple fled to Austria in 1949. After two years in a displaced persons camp, they came to Canada, settling in Toronto.

Koenigsberg was working as a tailor on Spadina Avenue when he applied for the position of "shammes plus" at Adath Israel in 1954. At that time it was known as the First Roumanian Hebrew Congregation Adath Israel and was located downtown at Bathurst and College.

The congregation's leaders wanted an assistant cantor and a Torah reader as well as someone strong enough to wield a mop. They thought Koenigsberg was a dream candidate. Soon he was relieved of his janitorial duties and promoted to management.

When the congregation decided to erect the current building in North York, which opened in 1957, he helped the building chairman as chauffeur, consultant, supervisor and jack-of-all-trades.

In his early years with Adath Israel, Koenigsberg recalled he often worked seven days a week and never had time to take a vacation. "I left the children ... they slept ... I came home ... they slept." His children are now in their 30s and 40s, and he is a proud grandfather of seven.

Summing up his years as sexton of Adath Israel, he said, "I had no trouble here all 41 years. I'm very satisfied, they treat me good."

He apologized for his English — he speaks with a strong Yiddish accent — adding, "I'm a good listener but not a good talker."

Kirshblum said Koenigsberg is a humble man, a great scholar and very religious in his own right while extremely tolerant of others. "His impact on the total Jewish community has resulted from his outreach to individuals in the daily minyan services."

The Adath Israel Congregation pays tribute to Alex Koenigsberg this Saturday, at morning services and at a dinner in his honor. At morning services, Rabbi Steven Saltzman and Rabbi Erwin Schild will address the congregation. Speakers for the dinner include Rabbi Saltzman, Rabbi Schild, Rabbi Sheldon M. Korn and Cantor Kirshblum.

The congregation plans to name its new conservatory, consisting of a board room, a chapel and a library, after Koenigsberg, and it will create an endowment fund in his name.

Whitby hospital celebrates

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "The most important need of Jewish psychiatric patients is to believe that someone in the Jewish community cares about them," according to Rabbi Larry Lander of the Reform synagogue Har Tikvah in Brampton.

Rabbi Lander is one of the team of Whitby Psychiatric Hospital chaplains who will celebrate 45 years of pastoral care at the hospital, at a gathering on Nov. 1, where the theme will be Mental Health Ministry in your Neighborhood.

The featured speaker at the celebration is Rabbi Jeffrey Cohen, director of the Missouri division of pastoral resources.

There are only 10 Jewish patients at the Whitby hospital, Rabbi Lander said, including those with Alzheimer's disease and a dual diagnosis of retardation.

The low number reflects the decrease of the hospital population from a total of 3,000 to 300 today. Rev. Grant Schwartz, director of pastoral care for the hospital, told *The CJN* that the number of Jewish patients was at least 20 in his experience dating back to 1972.

Though a rabbi has only been part of the pastoral team on a formal contract basis since 1959, when it was Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig, Rev. Schwartz is sure that a rabbi from the Beth Zion synagogue in Oshawa visited patients in the years before that. Today, Sue Green and Belle Kruger of that congregation are still active visitors at the hospital.

Other rabbis who have served as chaplains at the hospital are Rabbi Morris Gorelick, Rabbi Albert Raab, Rabbi Nathan Lieberman, Rabbi Michael Celniker and the late Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg who served there 15 years.

Rabbi Lander, who makes the 120-mile return trip to Whitby once a week, has brought patients to his own synagogue for services in special circumstances. He directs services at Whitby on Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover, and arranges for special Passover foods for patients.

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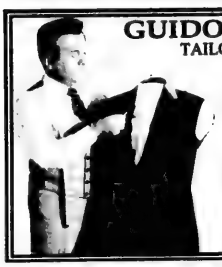

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Emunah volunteers to be feted

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Three outstanding volunteers whose volunteer years for Emunah Women total more than 100 years will be honored by Emunah Women of Toronto at an Oct. 30 dinner at the Wagman Centre.

Montreal communal leader Ariella Cotler, the Quebec regional director of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, will be the keynote speaker at the dinner for Magda Klein, Magda Ruzohosrky and Hannah Schursheim.

This is the first of what will be an annual Salute to Volunteers dinner, said dinner committee chair Lenore Schelew. Funds raised will support day care centres, nurseries and learning institutions in Israel.

"In the face of what is happening in Israeli society, Emunah's work is more vital than ever in rearing generations of children who know what it means to be Jewish, and in caring for the victims of defective social behavior," said Dr. Carole Golding, chair of World Emunah.

Klein, who moved to Toronto from Montreal 11 years ago, is a 40-year veteran of Emunah. She recently spearheaded Emunah's insert in *The Canadian Jewish News* to commemorate Emunah's 50th anniversary. The project raised more than $35,000.

At a planning meeting for Emunah Women of Toronto's Salute to Volunteers dinner are (standing from left) Lenore Schelew, dinner chair; and honorees Hannah Schusheim, (seated) Magda Ruzohorsky and Magda Klein.

Although Klein has been active in her family business, she has held many leadership positions in Montreal and Toronto. She chaired the Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal and is a member of the Pomegranate Guild of Judiac Textiles.

Ruzohorsky, who is described as "a tireless worker" for Emunah for more than two decades, has an abiding love for Eretz Yisrael with a special interest in helping children.

Schusheim, who moved to Toronto from Montreal, served as president of Emmunah's Toronto Council and chaired the organization's dinner honoring the people of Denmark on the 50th anniversary of their rescue of Danish Jewry.

Schusheim is active in the Toronto Jewish Book Fair. She is a member of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the book committee of the Toronto Cultural Council of the Jewish Community Centre.

"Our honorees all have one thing in common," Schelew said. "They are modest about being honored and the reason they agreed to be saluted was they would do anything if it would help bring in money for Emunah projects."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

All inclusive 7 nights in Margartia Island,--$1465.00 from Friday December 23, 1994, 7 a.m. Toronto Int. Airport to Friday, December 30, 1994 6:30 p.m. for Jewish Singles, all ages. Deadline for registration: October 21, 1994. Call 519-753-2695--Laurie.

Back by popular demand, we're repeating our Sept. 30 party Oct 21. 8p.m For singles 30-55, Nightclub Hava Nagillah . Call 739-7371

Floating Jewish Singles (40-65) presents Thelma Feldman, psychologist Topic: Dreams. Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Sunday Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. $8 at door. Refreshments & social to follow. Ida 416-225-8745.

Golden Oldies Dance at the Chelsea Inn 33 Gerrard St W. Saturday Oct. 22, 8:30-1 a.m. Come downtown to the elegant surroundings of the Mountbatten Ballroom in the Chelsea Inn. Join this huge crowd of singles who are looking forward to dancing to tunes from the 50s, 60s, &70s $10 entry. Singles Professional Network. 760-7169

Halloween Dance Party $500 in prizes . Saturday October 29th, 8-1 a.m. the Boulevard Club 1491 Lakeshore Boulevard W. From 8-9, Hors d'oeuvres and photos will be taken of everyone arriving in costume. Midnight dessert and coffee, $15 admission. Singles Professionals Network 760-7169

Hey remember late night rehearsals and cold pizza from Mati's? Those great times are here again. We are putting together an amateur theatre troupe/ activities club that will focus on doing charitable work within the Jewish community. Some ideas include a play or musical cabaret and creative craft projects related to holdiays such as making dreidles and donating them to hospitals. Have any ideas? We need you to form a committee. Only requirement is a sincere letter describing related background or special talents if any and what you can contribute to such a troupe. Send letter to: Centre for Jewish Arts and Crafts, 182 Yorkview Dr. Willowdale, Ont. M2R 1K5. Questions call Marvin at 416-783-1892

Mark and Ari invite you to... **A Nightmare on Queen Street** Halloween Costume Party at The Big Bop, 651 Queen St. West (at Bathurst). Saturday October 29, 1994 at 9:00 p.m Tickets $12.00 Advance/Door. Call 416-870-8000 for advance tickets. Advance ticket holders do not wait in line. **Costumes Mandatory!** Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin hotline. 416-733-1419

Mayfair West Raquet and Fitness Club is having its first Singles Party of the season Saturday October 22nd, the action begins at 7p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin, & Dance following at 10. Cost for tennis & dance is $20, for dance only $10. Reservations are a must for tennis call Marcia at 416-638-1010

Open Singles Non-Smoking Buffet Dance Sat. Oct 22, 8:15 p.m. hosted by One Parent Families Assoc. N. Y. at Earl Bales Community Centre. Members $8, Guests $10. 391-5772

BJC launches membership drive

TORONTO — The Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) has launched a membership campaign called The Time Is Now, with a package of incentives including a temporary freeze on fee increases.

With the introduction of a new management company (BJC) taking over operation of the Bathurst branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), athletic and health club fees had been scheduled to rise. However, new members and those who renew by Nov. 1 will be charged at the JCC's old rate.

The BJC will accept monthly post-dated cheques, a policy that is designed for the protection of members, said BJC board member Tom Lobel.

"The past trauma of the old JCC is still fresh in the minds of many members. Therefore we are answering their concerns by permitting monthly post-dated payments for those who are reluctant to pre-pay in larger amounts," he said.

The new BJC, which is a separate corporate entity than the old JCC, will also honor payments made by current members to the old JCC. For example, members who issued a cheque for a full year beginning March 1, 1994 will remain members as long as they register by Nov. 1 and submit post-dated cheques for March to August 1995 — the end of the BJC's fiscal year. Old JCC cards will not be honored after Nov. 1.

General adult athletic fees at the BJC are currently $418; health club fees are an additional $375. After Nov. 1, the health club fee will rise to $475.

The BJC is also offering special six-month memberships at discounted rates.

Digging family roots

TORONTO — The upcoming genealogical fair Dig for Your Roots is inviting visitors to do just that.

The Oct. 30 fair will feature tips on where to start digging for family background and what to do when you aren't making progress. The free event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. at York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay W.

If we go back about 30 generations, "each of us would have more than one million ancestors living at that time," said Noel Elliott, Director of Research for The Genealogical Research Library.

For details call Harbourfront Centre Information, (416) 973-3000.

Hadassah-WIZO gala dinner set

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO will mark Hadassah-WIZO Month with a gala dinner on Oct. 24, at 7 p.m., at the Hamilton & District Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of Women Helping Women, the dinner is co-sponsored by and in tribute to The Women's Trust of Hamilton.

A special guest will be Taube Zeifman, recording secretary of Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada; the program will include a presentation by Half The Sky Theatre Company, a women's non-profit, grassroots theatre troupe formed in 1982 to educate and inform the community on women's issues.

Women Helping Women is the new campaign launched this year by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, designed to help battered women and women and children in need in Israel, through the establishment of hotlines, shelters, self-help groups and counselling and legal advice centres.

Hadassah-WIZO's aim is "to create a sisterhood of women's organizations" devoted to helping other women, explained co-chair Beverley Lasky.

Hadassah-WIZO groups across the country all have their own program. "What we wanted to do here," said Lasky, "is to show local women what we're doing."

The group chose The Women's Trust of Hamilton because it is a local organization whose mission is to serve all women and children in need.

Taube Zeifman

The Women's Trust was the first regional women's foundation to be established, said Lasky. It is a member of a national network of women's foundations whose goal is to find women interested in and with the means and opportunity to raise funds for the purpose of establishing trust funds to be used to aid women and children in need.

Lasky's co-chair is Ilona Feldman; others involved in planning the event include Cindy Mark, Sheila Levitt and Linda Waxman.

Hadassah Bazaar set for Oct. 26

TORONTO — As the world's largest one-day event, the Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar is a day of hustle and bustle, aching feet, happy customers and excited bargaining.

But for two volunteers, the Bazaar doesn't end when the doors close. That's when Karen Goldberg and Carla Forrin go to work.

The two roam the suddenly quiet building collecting broken toys, dolls missing arms and legs, partial boxes of crayons and colorful paper. They take "treasures" home and restore them.

Then they deliver the toys to the children at Doctor's Hospital in order to brighten their Christmas season. Karen and Carla perform charity at its best — quietly and with genuine loving kindness.

70th Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place.

Congregation elects board

TORONTO — The annual general meeting of Congregation Keshet Shalom was held recently at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre at which a new Board of Directors was elected.

Howard Goldstein and Doron Horowitz were re-elected to their third terms as president and vice- president, respectively. Also elected to the board were: Alan Stern, treasurer; Alan Scheer, director of membership; and Michelle Crawford, director of women's outreach.

Congregation Keshet Shalom is a progressive congregation dedicated to meeting the needs of the greater Toronto lesbian and gay community. Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services are held monthly at the Bloor branch.

For further information, call(416) 925-1408.

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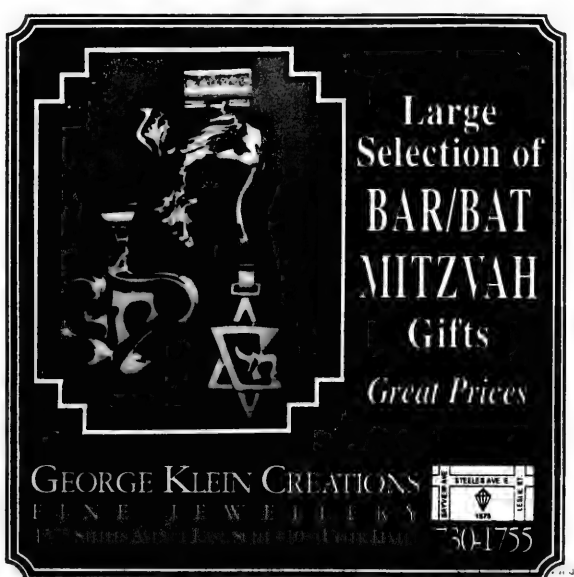

Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Oct. 20, is deadline for Nov. 3 issue, and Thursday, Oct. 27, is deadline for Nov. 10 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Oct. 20

CHAI SHALOM
Chai Shalom invites you to enjoy dinner, bingo, entertainment, prizes, beginning at 7 p.m. (for paid up members only, yearly membership $10). Cost $10 per person. For information, **Molly Dykopf** 633-1560 or **Marlene White**, (905) 731-2515 (evenings).

Saturday, Oct 22

SOCIAL EVENING
The Ladies Auxiliary of General Wingate Branch 256, Royal Canadian Legion, is holding a social evening with music, fun and lots of refreshments, 7:30 p.m., 968 Eglinton Ave. W. Cost $5 per person. For information, 663-6132 or 663-7274.

Sunday, Oct. 23

NAZI THREAT
Nazi threat, is it over or just beginning? A seminar presented by **Rabbi Abraham Cooper**, associate dean, Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Los Angeles, focuses on Nazi Movement in Canada, the U.S. and Europe: Their Techniques and Personalities; and Holocaust Denial: Bigotry in the Guise of Scholarship, 8-10:30 p.m. Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) Sisterhood Hall, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. For information, BAYT (905) 886-3810 or Simon Wiesenthal Centre 864-9735.

HEALTH & SAFETY AWARENESS
B'nai Brith Women of Toronto's annual Health and Safety Awareness Day takes place noon to 5 p.m., Yorkdale Shopping Centre, with representatives from 25 leading organizations providing information, ideas, tips for keeping you and yours safe and well.

THE TEN LOST TRIBES
Rabbi Mordechai Becher is giving a special public lecture, The Ten Lost Tribes — who are they, where are they, will we see them again? at 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach Thornhill. All are welcome. No admission fee. For information, (905) 886-5730.

STAMP EXHIBITION
Canadian Association for Israel Philately is having a Stamp Exhibition, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., front lobby, free of charge. For information, **Joseph Berkovits** 635-1749 or **Stanley Davis** 223-6373.

LAUGHTER IS BEST MEDICINE
Adath Shalom Sisterhood presents Laughter is the Best Medicine with **Iris Weaverman**, 10:30 a.m., at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Everyone welcome.

FALL PARENTING FAIR
Jewish Family & Child Service of York Region's Fall Parenting Fair is being held 1-4 p.m., Rosedale Heights Public School, 300 Rosedale Heights Dr. There will be workshops for parents, supervised activities for children, and an opportunity to discuss parenting issues with professionals. For information, **Diane Harvey**, JF&CS, (905) 882-2331.

FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES
Floating Jewish Singles (ages 40-65) features a talk on Dreams by psychologist **Thelma Feldman** followed by social, refreshments, 7:30 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue. Cost $8 at door.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE
Aviva branch, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, is holding a Gigantic Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Proceeds to sponsor services and projects in the community.

ABOUT ADDICTIONS
Temple Sinai adult education program presents **Rochelle Thompson**, the Jewish Recovery Network, speaking on Addictions in the Jewish Community — What Every Family Should Know, 10 a.m. at the temple. No charge.

Monday, Oct. 24

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT LAW
At the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood meeting, well known lawyer and columnist **Linda Silver Dranoff** will lead a question and answer session on Everything You Wanted to Know About Law and Didn't Have an Opportunity to Ask, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

INVESTING IN YOURSELF
The Dental Hygienists Division and Business and Professional Women's Network of the United Jewish Appeal present Investing in Yourself, an evening of independent investor education for women with **Bernice Miedzinski**, founder and president of Money Skills, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., fourth floor. Couvert $8. RSVP to **Cindy Bogach**, 635-2883, ext. 190.

THE QUEBEC ELECTION
Guest speaker at the New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting, **Prof. Michel Bliss**, professor of Canadian history, University of Toronto, will discuss The Outcome of the Quebec Election and Its Impact on Canada, 8 p.m., 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre). No charge, public welcome.

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY
The interfaith dialogue committee of University of Toronto presents Celebrating Our Diversity by Sharing Our Festivals, featuring Jewish holiday celebrations, 6 p.m., Hart House Music Room. Co-sponsored by Jewish Students' Union. For information, call JSU, 923-9861.

YESHIVAH ARMY EXEMPTIONS
The State of Israel in Modern Torah Thought with **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** continues with Army Exemptions for Yeshivah Students: Pro and Con, 8-9 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave.

GOURMET COOKING
The Kosher Cooking School sponsored by Kashruth Council of Toronto features Gourmet Cooking and Entertaining, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee $15. Call 635-9550.

CARD NIGHT
Club Eilat Rachel, Na'amat Canada, is holding a card night 7 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.! Downsview. Tickets $2. Profits for children's homes in Israel. Refreshments.

TEAM VICTORY

Above picture of Maccabiah CBCI Telecom baseball team was taken moments after winning the 16th International Jewish Men's Slo-Pitch Baseball Tournament held in Burlington, Ont. recently, when 12 teams from Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Hamilton and Detroit played eight games in less than 30 hours. The Toronto winners ended up beating Hamilton in the quarter-finals, Montreal in the semi-finals, and Detroit in the finals by a score of 12-9. Top row (from left) Howard Kruger, Brad Nusebaum, Brian Mintz, Michael Lockwood. Bottom row (from left) Seth Rodness, Billy Berger, Alan Bronstein, Richard Belitzky (captain), Stu Levinsky, Bruce Witchel. Lying down, Ray Starkman.

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WELCOME

Forty Chaplaincy volunteers and staff enjoyed the warmth of the sukkah at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation as they had the opportunity to meet Rabbi Ronald Weiss, the new director of Chaplaincy Services at Jewish family & Child Service. It was an evening to welcome Rabbi Weiss and honor the Chaplaincy volunteers. Rabbi Weiss (left) is pictured above with Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

HALACHAH SEMINAR SERIES
Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Halachah Seminar with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues 8 p.m. with The Physically and Mentally Disabled.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Nutrition and Weaning, 8 p.m., 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies welcome. For information, **Risa**, (905) 738-8870, **Nancy**, (905) 889-7445, **Laura**, (905) 886-1577.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS
The departures from Romania to Transnistria began in October 1941. Transnistria Survivors Association is holding a remembrance program, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, lower level, Sisterhood Hall. Relatives and friends of survivors welcome. Refreshments. **Felicia Carmelly**, 482-1813.

HADASSAH BAZAAR
Hadassah-WIZO's 70th annual bazaar, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, offers miles of aisles of bargains along with door prize (1994 Chevrolet Cavalier), auction, concerts, **Sharon, Lois** and **Bram** (10-11 a.m.), and lots more goodies. General admission $4, seniors and children (5-12) $2, preschoolers no charge. Free admission to those born in 1924.

BBW MARKHAM-UNIONVILLE
B'nai Brith Women, Markham-Unionville chapter Membership Acquisition evening is at 7:45 p.m. Call (905) 886-3539 for details.

NEWLY FORMED SOCIAL GROUP
The first meeting of a newly formed social group (20-30) is at 8 p.m., Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Purpose of the group is to have fun, with activities of a non-political and non-religious nature. For information, 785-0335.

Thursday, Oct. 27

COOKING LIGHT PASTA
Rose Reisman is giving a demonstration on Cooking Light Pasta, 8 p.m., Leo Baeck Day School, 36 Atkinson Ave., Thornhill. Boutiques open 7 p.m. Admission $18. The cook book, *Rose Reisman Brings Home Light Pasta* will be on sale with proceeds going to the school and cancer research. For tickets, **Sidra**, school office, (905) 709-3636.

RECHARGE YOUR IMAGE
B'nai Brith Women of Toronto present an evening with **Roz Usheroff**, image consultant, teaching techniques for enhancing your image to command greater respect and increased self-esteem, 8 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Tickets $6, including refreshments.

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What's New

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THE HEALING JOURNEY
The Ruth Coopersmith Memorial Lectureship presents The Healing Journey: Helping Cancer Patients at the Psychological, Social and Spiritual Levels with **Dr. Alastair Cunningham**, 8 p.m., George Ignatieff Theatre, University of Toronto, 15 Devonshire Pl.

And What Else Is New...

TAKE TIME FOR TORAH
Shaarei Shomayim adult education Take Time for Torah classes —
Mondays, Oct. 17-June 19 — Parashat Hashavuah, 10-11 a.m., **Rabbi Mark Dratch** discussing weekly portion.
Mondays, Oct. 31-Dec. 12 — text-based course on Joseph, **Hilda Weil**, 8-9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 1 — **Shoshana Zolty** begins Jacob in the House of Laban: Chumash, Parshanut and Midrash., 10-11:30 a.m., teaching how to approach Bible study.
Wednesdays, Oct. 26-June 14 — Tractate Sanhedrin **Rabbi Mark Dratch** focusing on structure of halachic legal system, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesdays, Nov. 2-Dec. 7 — Israel: Contemporary Issues, **Elliot Malamet**, 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 8 — lecture on The Holocaust: An Analysis of Nazi Ideology, **Eli Pfefferkorn**, 8 p.m.
For information, shul office, 789-3213.

PRENATAL CLASSES
North York Public Health Department and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am invite you to attend Prenatal Classes with a Jewish Twist, a two-part series at the synagogue, led by public health nurse **Barb Sidlofsky**, Tuesdays, Nov. 8, 15, 22, and 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14 and 21 for individuals whose due date is March 1995 or beyond. Cost $25 per couple/mother and support person. To register or for information, **Debbie Dash**, 633-5500. Space limited.

MOM AND TOT PROGRAM
Join in Aish HaTorah's Mom and Tot Program, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade Mall, Suite 303, for a morning of discussion and interaction. Children, 2-3½, are provided with arts and crafts, Jewish songs, stories and more, while moms enjoy a light snack and learning session exploring topics in Judaism with educator/author **Lori Palatnik**. Babysitting for younger children provided. Cost $5 per family. Registration/information, 636-7530.

LOVING, LEARNING & LIVING
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee presents a three-part series on Loving, Learning and Living, discussions with **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** on the Jewish home and family and the impact upon total life experiences, Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2, at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. For information, 633-3838.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING
Israeli folkdancing new beginners course with **Temi Kernerman** starts Wednesday, Nov. 2, 8-9:15 p.m., Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., main dance studio, first floor. For information, **Temi**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

THE JOY OF SINGING
Back by popular demand, the Joy of Singing, evenings of choral sing-along (Hebrew, English, Yiddish) led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum**, began Oct. 17 and continues Mondays, 9:15-10 p.m., Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28. Participants will receive a music song book. For information, shul office, 635-5340.

SHOW BOAT
Leadership Sinai of Mount Sinai Hospital presents *Show Boat* at the the North York Performing Arts Centre, Sunday, Oct. 30. Begin with brunch at 1 p.m. at the Uptown Senator at North York Civic Centre, followed by 3 p.m. performance. Tickets $150 per person include brunch and performance. For information and tickets, **Kathryn Henkenhaf**, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation, 586-8240.

STUDY TOUR OF ISRAEL
Join a study tour of Israel sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, March 12-22, combining the study of texts with touring biblical and rabbinic sites. Participants join classes at four liberal yeshivot in Jerusalem, do tzedakah projects at shelters and soup kitchens and celebrate Shabbat with rabbinic students. Cost $2,350 Canadian, double occupancy. Space limited. For brochure and information, call Kolel, (905) 709-1900.

KIDDIE'S KEHILLA TIME
Kiddie's Kehilla Time with educator **Joyce Tradburks** for three- and four-year-olds, runs 1-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah through Dec. 14. Program features Torah stories, songs, dramatic play, supervised free play, refreshments. Mothers welcome to stay and participate. Members and non-members welcome. For information and registration, shul office 229-2600.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCE WORKSHOP
Marco Ben-Shimon presents an Israeli Folkdance Workshop, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23, at Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave. W. (just east of Dufferin) with special guest, well-known choreographer/instructor **Danny Uziel** of New York. Saturday, 9 p.m. dance party, $10; Sunday morning session 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $10; afternoon session, 2:30-5 p.m., $10, or complete workshop $25. For information, (905) 771-0363.

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
A Little Night Music Part Deux, Temple Sinai Sisterhood's fundraiser, 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at the temple, features **Daniel Cole**, comedy juggler; **Jeff Evason** and **Tessa**, husband and wife mind-reading team; munchies, coffee, dessert, prizes, all for $15 per person. Tickets at temple or **Judy Litvak**, (905) 738-4321. Tables can be reserved.

NARAYEVER COMMUNITY SINGERS
The Narayever Community Singers, under the direction of **Brian Katz**, have been celebrating the rich diversity of Jewish music since 1991, when a group from Narayever Synagogue (an egalitarian congregation on Brunswick Avenue) decided to get together and sing for the love of it. The group meets Sundays 7:30-9:30 p.m. (except third Sunday of the month) and is now extending an invitation to the community at large to become new choir members. For information, **Brian Katz**, 656-5995.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups — Parenting School Age Childen (discipline, self-esteem and realistic expectations, begins Oct. 20); Single Parent Challenge (challenges, realistic expectations and finding a balance between personhood and parenthood, begins Oct. 28). For information and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH
Kehillat Shaarei Torah schedule of Torah study, prayer and good deeds —
Torah — Free Torah High, Mondays, 4:30-6;30 p.m.; Talmud Brachot: Prayer, (open to men and women), Mondays, 8-9 p.m.; Munch and Learn for Women, study Pirkei Avot, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Torah for Our Time, weekly lectures, Tuesdays, 8-9 p.m. (see What's New, Tuesday, Oct. 25); Kids Kehilla Time, Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.; Weekly Torah Portion, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.
Prayer — Shabbat services on Friday evening, sundown; Shabbat morning 9:15 a.m; Shabbat afternoon before sundown; weekdays on Sundays, 9 a.m., Monday, Thursday, Friday, 7 a.m.
Good Deeds — Bikur Cholim, in formation, to visit and telephone members who are ill or home bound plus visitation to North York General Hospital and its senior housing facility.
Synagogue is at 2640 Bayview Ave. Phone 229-2600.

BBW/C MEMBERSHIP MONTH
October is B'nai Brith Women of Canada's Membership Month. Become part of an organization that strives to empower women through education, action and advocacy on issues that affect women today, such as the 'Get', shelters for Jewish abused women, health issues. In addition, BBW/C offers the opportunity to use your leadership skills and to meet a new group of women with similar interests. Contact Toronto office 630-9313 or Winnipeg (204) 338-8229.

LADIES BOWLERS
Beth Sholom Ladies Bowlers, 50 plus, bowl (10 pin) every Tuesday at Bowlerama (Bathurst and Viewmount). If you are interested in joining this group of very friendly women, call **Gert Manishevitz**, 781-7664 or **Bev Shuman**, 736-1945.

WHEN PARENTS SEPARATE
Jewish single parent families face important issues in coping with special events such as bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, shivahs, funerals. Come and learn new strategies for planning for Jewish lifestyle events and celebrations. The date is Tuesday, Nov. 15. For information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

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Learn how to eliminate the unforseen tax burden in your RRSP, RRIF and annuity, increase your income and after-tax return without additional risk at a free Retirement Planning Seminar presented by Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1 p.m., and Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. To reserve, 787-4517.

for seniors

North York Council on Aging is holding a one-day Town Forum Meeting 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, North York Central Library Auditorium, 5120 Yonge St. The theme is Aging in Our Mutlicultural Community. Keynote speaker is **Dr. Ralph Masi**, founding president of the Canadian Council on Multicultural Health. Registration, including lunch, is on a no-cost, first come first served basis. Call 499-7871.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). An evening of games and riddles conducted by **Aharon Dahari** is planned Oct. 27. For information, 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club takes registrations for the Miami trips Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The trip to Washington, D.C., Oct. 30-Nov. 3, includes Holocaust Memorial and other interesting sights. Package deal includes bus and four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel, $484 Canadian, double occupancy. Phone **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Ladies Folkdancing still meets Tuesdays 1 p.m. and Discussion Group meets 10 a.m. Tickets now available for the Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 3.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that a final orientation for the Israeli trip, Oct. 31-Nov. 21, will be held shortly before departure. Information for the Miami trip forthcoming in the near future. Being considered are trips to Washington in the spring and Western Canada in the summer. Ongoing classes by North York Board of Education — Tuesdays, exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, line dancing 10 a.m. to noon. For information on all trips and activities, **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

A public forum, Seniors Under Attack: The Erosion of the Social Safety Network, takes place Thursday, Oct. 27, St. Lawrence Centre Forum, 27 Front St. E. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. Admission free. Co-sponsored by the Seniors Under Attack steering committee spearheaded by Association of Jewish Seniors. For details, 366-1656.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events — Sunday, Oct. 23, annual bazaar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., clubhouse, admission free; Sunday, Oct. 30, dance with live band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Community Centre, members $4, non-members $5; Nov. 1, 8 and 15, local day trips, members $5, call office for details; Wednesday, Nov. 16, Stage West to see the musical *Reunion*, includes transportation and all-you-can-eat buffet lunch, departing 10:30 a.m., members $34, non-members $36; Thursday, Nov. 17, Chanukah party with entertainment, 2 p.m., clubhouse, members $5, non-members $6. For details, 395-7881.

Toronto Board of Education craft and drawing and painting classes are offered at **Dorothy Klein Seniors Building**, 668 Roselawn Ave. Drawing and painting Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon and craft is on Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon. All welcome and no charge to seniors. For information, 781-8855.

The health program, Breast Cancer Education and You, sponsored by Downsview Services to Seniors, Ontario Breast Screening Program, North York, and North York Public Health Department, features guest speaker **Janet Edwards**, breast cancer survivor, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Roding Park Place, 1286 Wilson Ave. For information, 633-9519.

Funtime 55 Plus invites you to join in the Festival of Lights at the U.S. and Canadian Niagara Falls with sit-down dinner, Thursday, Nov. 24; Cullen Gardens Festival of Lights and musical show, Thursday, Dec. 8; and winter vacation at Monaco Hotel resort, North Miami, for four and six weeks. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Living With Arthritis will be the Health Matters lecture presented Thursday, Oct. 27, 1-2 p.m., North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St. For information, 784-0920.

Come join **Young at Heart Seniors** for a Florida winter vacation at Sherry Frontenac Hotel (glatt kosher restaurant on premises), package deal, no extra charge for kitchenette, one, two and three months. Price in next edition. **Helen**, 635-6343.

Sunrise Group trips — Windsor casino, two days departing Nov. 2 and Nov. 14, $99; New York City, Nov. 16-19, Nov. 20-23, Dec, 3-6, $395; Caribbean cruise Jan. 21-28, $1,259. **Esther** 223-9165, **Ida** 636-8696, **Sonia** (905) 889-9436.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.
La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Healthy Cooking with nutritionist/dietician **Sharon Zeller**, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1:30 p.m. Admission free and everyone welcome. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk or call 225-2112.
Also Tuesday, Oct. 25, the Osteoporosis Support Group meets 1:30-3 p.m. For information, **Brenda**, 225-2112.
Another Wellness program is Stress Management with **Sarah Chana Radcliffe**, parenting, marriage and personal consultant, Thursday, Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m.
The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and on their own, is celebrating its ninth anniversary Thursday, Oct. 27, 1 p.m., with a luncheon and entertainment. Cost $6, paid in advance, by Oct. 20. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.
The movie *My Cousin Vinny* will be screened Sunday, Oct. 23, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.
Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Oct. 23, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $3.50, non-members $4.50.
A special concert of Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs by **Jennie Eisenstein** highlights the Wednesday afternoon social Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.
Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC/BJC

Israeli dancing has resumed at the Bloor JCC. Instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** holds both beginners and intermediate classes, Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Program is ongoing. Call **Marco Ben-Shimon** (905) 771-0363 or **Lindsay Henderson** at the JCC, 924-6211.

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MS patient remains optimistic

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Gary Sandler (centre) with sons Randy (left) and Daniel.

TORONTO — Gary Sandler has a simple daily ritual. When he wakes up each morning he tells himself he is glad to be alive.

Sandler, 42, stricken with the most severe form of multiple sclerosis, is paralyzed from the neck down. His philosophy however remains intact:

"To me, life is great and the fact that we all have life is a privilege. Being in a handicapped body presents a lot of challenges and it is no fun, but it is better than being dead."

He give the credit for this optimistic philosophy to a psychiatrist he consulted in 1989, after life dealt him yet another blow and he lost a kidney due to cancer.

"I had not seen her in four years," he said, "and I complained that life was a drag. I needed someone with me at all times and I was really unhappy. When she commented that it was a good thing I didn't die, it had a great effect on me."

Sandler, who is the divorced father of two sons, Daniel and Randy, sits in his bright, well-furnished apartment in a motorized wheelchair demonstrating how he gets around his home with the help of a special computer hook-up on the chair. Depending on how he puffs into the mouthpiece he can use the telephone, turn on the radio, television and VCR, and even his "life-line," the computer.

It is through his computer that he has become an important friend and mentor to disabled children and young adults through the Ability On-Line Support Network. Using the computer, young people who might otherwise live isolated lives can communicate with one another, share their stories and encourage others not to give up.

"I like to help other disabled people face their disability more positively," he said. "There are about 4,000 members of Ability On-Line and it receives about 900 calls a day from young, old, disabled and able people, but mostly from teenagers. Some people are seeking advice, some support and others just want to say hi or thank you. I'm looking into getting voice output for the computer because I'm worried that my eyesight is getting worse."

Sandler's volunteer work is not confined to his computer. On a regular basis he is picked up by Wheel-Trans and taken to the Hugh McMillan Rehabilitation Centre where he speaks to disabled pre-teens and teens.

"Kids have a definite change of attitude after seeing how disabled yet independent I am. It causes them to re-evaluate themselves. I tell them that with the wrong attitude, I could be in my bed all the time. I have quite an impact on the younger set but it is also a symbiotic relationship. It makes me feel good to help them."

On a sad note, he talks about a child, age 11, he used to visit at the Hospital for Sick Children who has since died from AIDS. "I used to visit Liam and make him laugh. His mother once told me that the last time he laughed was with me. The hospital is sponsoring a humor contest in his honor and I am going to be a judge."

Sandler has also been a champion for the disabled in terms of accessibility. With a background in construction, the former developer was able to help implement better facilities and better access to Mel Lastman Square.

In 1982 he helped National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section create a building with support services for the disabled, the building in which he now lives. "Without this building I would have nowhere to live."

In recognition of his courage and determination the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Foundation honored him last year in its Courage to Come Back Campaign. The campaign recognizes people who have fought back against seemingly insurmountable odds and now serve as role models for those who are facing similar challenges. This year's recipients will be honored at a dinner in November.

Sandler credits the Clarke with helping him to obtain a new wheel chair due to arrive this winter. "This state-of-the-art chair will even be able to stand me up. I am really looking forward to it — getting it makes me feel like I've won the lottery."

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Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A drug under development by Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries has been found to reduce the rate of relapses in certain cases of multiple sclerosis.

The promising findings, based on clinical tests conducted in the United States, were announced last week in San Francisco.

The findings are being hailed as a breakthrough in the treatment of the crippling neurological disease, 75 per cent of whose victims are women.

Copolymer 1, developed by Teva, Israel's largest pharmaceutical company, was discovered at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The drug could be on the U.S. market as soon as 1996. Teva is finalizing its international registration package and hopes to submit it as soon as possible for approval by the FDA, said Aaron Schwartz, vice president of business development at Teva.

There's no word on whether the drug will be tested for approval in Canada.

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Jewish roots book revised

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It has been almost 25 years since novice Jewish genealogist Arthur Kurzweil wandered into the Jewish Division of the New York Public Library to search for references to the Galician shtetl of Dobromil, where his ancestors had lived.

The family legends and stories about the town he heard had given Dobromil substance in his imagination. But Kurzweil did not expect to find anything in the library catalog.

As he recalled in his 1980 book, *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History* — a revised edition of which has recently been issued by HarperCollins — Kurzweil was astonished to find an index card for the town's memorial book. He was even more astonished after a librarian retrieved the volume and he began flipping through its more than 500 pages.

"Turning to the first page, a full-page photograph, I read the caption: Main Street in Dobromil.

Discovering his great-grandfather in a group picture , Kurzweil had to share his excitement with a librarian who "took the matter quite casually."

Even at this early stage, Kurzweil was learnning one of the genealogist's cardinal rules: nothing is potentially more fascinating to a person than his or her own family history, nor potentially more boring to anyone else. The exception is when a gifted storyteller like Kurzweil is doing the telling.

Kurzweil's next genealogical adventure involved phoning Philip Frucht, one of the members of the Dobromiler Society of New York, which had put the book together. But Frucht claimed he had never known Kurzweil's grandfather.

"Again I repeated my name, but it did not help. It was then that an idea struck me. Though I knew my grandfather to be named Julius, his name in Yiddish — and therefore in Dobromil — was Yudl. I also knew that though my grandfather was a roofer in Brooklyn, he was a tinsmith in Dobromil. So I asked Mr. Frucht, 'Did you know Yudl the tinsmith?'

"Frucht's voice perked up. 'Who are you to Yudl?' he demanded.

" 'I'm his grandson,' I said.

"The next thing I knew, Frucht was shouting into the next room to his wife, telling her that he was speaking to Yudl's grandson. He sounded as excited as I was."

Most family tree researchers have experienced such spine-tingling moments of genealogical discovery, but, no writer to my knowledge has captured this thrill as effectively as Arthur Kurzweil.

His ability to chronicle each step on the path to discovery, along with his thoughts and feelings, touches a universal chord among Jewish family history researchers.

A surprise bestseller, the first edition of *From Generation to Generation* was not the first modern book dealing with the general subject of Jewish genealogy (that honor belongs to the 1977 book *Finding Our Fathers*, by Dan Rottenberg). But reviewers hailed Kurzweil's contribution as the best, and today it modestly stands as a quasi-classic of the genre and the book most recommended for neophytes.

Does the updated version offer the same encyclopedic background and summarized advances since the first edition, with the same delightful human touch? This reviewer reports the warmth is still present. However, in most of the new sections, the author comes across as a sort of Jewish Rip Van Winkle, recently awakened after a long schluff and not completely able to integrate or even grasp all the changes that have overtaken his world.

For instance, Kurzweil might have acknowledged changes in the availability of Jewish records in Belarus, Lithuania, the former East Germany and many other places following the collapse of communism. Does he know that at least two services have been established — RAGAS and FAST — that have had limited success at retrieving old Jewish civil registration records from these formerly closed states?

He seems equally unaware of the annual seminars on Jewish genealogy that attract hundreds of researchers to locations like Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, New York, Toronto and Jerusalem.

Likewise, Kurzweil gives scant consideration to Alexander Beider for his remarkable 1992 opus, *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from The Russian Empire*, which has been hailed as the most comprehensive and scholarly contribution to the field of Jewish onomastics in the last century. As well, he lists Miriam Weiner as a mere professional genealogist, though she is by far the most accomplished. How many others have hacked their way into the jungle of the post-Soviet regime — Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus — and emerged with 19th-century Jewish records in hand? An entrepreneurial trailblazer, she should have been given more attention.

Despite its imperfections, the new edition of *From Generation to Generation* is still a great beginner's guide. No other book takes the novice's hand and leads him or her so carefully and patiently through the intricacies of Jewish family history research.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Rape of Europa: The Fate of Europe's Treasures in the Third Reich and the Second World War by Lynn H. Nicholas (Random House of Canada $37.00)

The Nazis were barbarians. They not only murdered people but also destroyed untold valuable works of art.

Hitler as art critic favored 19th century German representational artists and safe old masters. Most modern artists he labelled degenerate. These included the post-impressionists, German and Austrian expressionists, cubists, abstract artists generally — and of course, all Jewish artists, no matter how they painted.

In 1937, the Nazis held the infamous "Degenerate Art" exhibition in Munich. Over 100 artists were represented and their works ridiculed and derided.

When the exhibition was over, Goering, an obsessive art collector, recognized their monetary value, and many of the works were sold by prominent Nazis on the international art market. But a quantity of the paintings were destroyed in an act of sheer vandalism.

"On March 20, 1939, 1,004 paintings and sculptures and 3,825 drawings, watercolors, and graphics were burned as a practice exercise in the courtyard of the Berlin Fire Department . . . The whole process of 'purifying' the German art world, and its 'final solution' in flames, eerily foreshadows the terrible events to come in the next six years."

As the German armies occupied Poland, France, the Low Countries and finally Italy, the official corps of art looters stopped at nothing to acquire paintings and sculpture, as well as coins, books, tapestries, jewels and furniture. From France alone, over a three year period, the artifacts shipped back to Germany filled 138 boxcars.

Those who managed to flee before the borders closed left houses full of possessions behind, which were quickly stripped by SS troops or the neighbors. "Although it was avowed Nazi policy to encourage Jewish departures, the demand for funds under Goering's Four-Year Economic Plan was too great to allow their considerable assets to slip away."

Hitler dreamed of a monster museum in his home town of Linz that would house the cream of the stolen treasures. The dream began to fade as the Allies advanced in Europe and many of the objects had to be stored in makeshift warehouses, damp salt mines and sometimes dangerously close to munition dumps.

When the war was over, a dedicated group of Allied "Monuments Officers" spent six years locating and sorting huge repositories of the stolen material and seeking to restore them to museums and surviving owners. Of course, many of the objects were either destroyed or lost forever.

The problem of "heirless" Jewish property became a source of controversy. The Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, founded in New York in 1947 to represent Jewish groups from all over Europe and Palestine insisted that the thousands of Torah scrolls, ritual vessels and more than a quarter of a million books be turned over to Jewish institutions.

Ultimately, the vast majority of objects went to Israel and the United States but the distribution was fraught with conflicts. "The few Jews remaining in Germany did not wish the relics of their devastated communities to go abroad, even though many of their people were in the receiving countries. Nor did German gentile communities always give up valuable Jewish manuscripts and archives with grace. The disputes would go on for many years and become entwined with the settlements eventually arranged between Germany and the state of Israel."

Lynn Nicholas, an art historian has written an account of cultural rapists at work and the terrible work of their hands. But her account is also a triumphant story of devotion, concern and heroism that resulted in the salvage and rescue of some of the imperishable treasures of the ages.

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Arts

Show Boat producer to sue province

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Toronto entertainment mogul Garth Drabinsky has filed a legal notice of claim against the Ontario government after hearing that the provincial Anti-Racism Secretariat had allegedly funnelled $200,000 to various groups that were part of an organized campaign to stop the musical *Show Boat* from opening at the North York Performing Arts Centre in October 1993.

"They have 60 days to respond, and then I file my statement of claim," said Drabinsky, a former lawyer and current CEO of Live Entertainment (Livent) Inc. of Toronto, during a talk to an audience of about 400 at the Beth Sholom Synagogue on Oct. 12. "I don't think they'll do anything until I file my statement of claim."

Speaking on the topic, My Life From Movies to Musicals, Drabinsky recounted several other dramatic episodes and read excerpts from *Closer To The Sun*, an autobiography which McClelland and Stewart has scheduled for publication next February.

Drabinsky announced the book in 1988, after hearing that publishing rights for an unauthorized biography were about to be auctioned off. The book has been a serious on-again, off-again project of Drabinsky's ever since.

Garth Drabinsky

Regarding his bout with polio that put him into the Hospital for Sick Children in September 1953 and left him with a semi-paralyzed left leg, Drabinsky said, "It galvanized my spirit and sense of determination."

A year before his bar mitzvah at Beth Sholom, he persuaded Rabbis Mendel Kirshenblatt and David Monson to let him read the Torah at study services, an honor generally reserved for older boys.

Drabinsky also recalled the day when, as a Grade 9 freshman at North Toronto Collegiate, he stepped into a Grade 13 theatre group and was mesmerized by a performance of Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid*. "It was a moment of genuine epiphany. I loved it at once," he said, pinpointing this as the genesis of his lifelong intoxication with the theatre.

His first experience with Broadway was in 1978, as the producer of *A Broadway Musical*, a flop that closed after opening night. Nonetheless, he was heartened by a friend's recognition that few Canadians would have dared something so grand, or risked a failure of such proportion.

The following year marked the beginning of his partnership with Nat Taylor and construction of the first Cineplex theatres; Drabinsky recalled it as the year he turned down opportunities to invest in two cinematic projects — *Rambo* and *Porky's*, films which spawned sequels that cumulatively grossed about $1.1 billion at the box office.

In 1986, Cineplex faced foreclosure because, Drabinsky explained, Famous Players and Canadian Odeon were monopolizing most of the best films from Hollywood. He overcame his adversaries in the courtroom using Canadian anti-combines laws as a weapon and then vanquished Famous Players all over again.

Famous Players was negotiating a minor contractual dispute with the landlady of its major multi-screen complex, the Imperial Six on Yonge Street. Drabinsky flew to the landlady's home in a remote town on Lake Michigan and returned with a rental deed to half of the Imperial Six. By morning, Cineplex had erected a fence to subdivide its part of the property.

However, "Black Friday" is Drabinsky's name for the day in September 1989 when his adversaries forced *him* to resign from the Cineplex Odeon Corporation.

He attained even greater heights in live theatre — Livent's production of *Kiss of the Spider Woman* won multiple Tony awards last year in New York.

Drabinsky has fought some of his major battles as head of Livent Inc., as when he steered his critically acclaimed and unexpectedly controversial production of *Show Boat* into the North York Performing Arts Centre.

Of Rabbis Kirshenblatt and Monson, Drabinsky said, "It's a rare opportunity to stand on the same pulpit 32 years after your bar mitzvah and still see the two rabbis who were responsible for guiding your life."

As Rabbi Monson proudly declared in a glowing introduction, "Garth Drabinsky is one of our boys who reached the top."

The evening contained many insights into the character of a man who, in the course of a wildly dramatic and successful career, has revitalized many aspects of the modern entertainment industry, made hundreds of millions of dollars for himself and others, but has not strayed far from his origins nor from this Conservative congregation on Eglinton Avenue West.

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EYE ON ARTS

Images of Mexico: Karen Perlmutter is a Toronto-area commercial photographer who has done much portraiture for business publications over the last 12 years. On several trips to Mexico in the last five years, she has expanded her interest in portraiture by snapping photographs of people in ordinary life. "What I was really trying to capture were the everyday lives of the people — the peasants in the street, the women in the marketplace, the children in school," she says.

The Mexican Series, an exhibition of 30 of Perlmutter's black-and-white portraits from Mexico, opens at the Alliance Francaise Gallery, 24 Spadina Rd., Toronto, on Oct. 26; the opening runs from 6 to 9 p.m., and the show itself runs until Nov. 26.

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Zukerman in North York: Internationally acclaimed violinist Pinchas Zukerman conducts the English Chamber Orchestra and performs as soloist in two different programs, Oct. 19 and 20, at the Recital Hall of the North York Performing Arts Centre. Tickets ($55, $47, $34) are available at the box office, 5040 Yonge St., or from Ticketmaster, (416) 872-2222.

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Winn-Lederer Art on View: The art of Chicago-area artist Ilene Winn-Lederer is to be displayed at the 1994 Biennial Convention of the Women's League of Conservative Judaism, scheduled for The Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York, Nov. 13 to 17.

The artist is known for her unique Jewish imagery which interprets and illuminates classic Torah themes, tales from the Midrash and Aggadah, and her own personal, spiritual journeys. Her works have become part of numerous public and private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Israel.

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Enterprising Bubbie: After four seasons of producing *The Bubbie Break*, a television series in which she is the feature attraction, Toronto grandmother Marion Schwarz still finds time for related projects. Schwarz is currently authoring two books of grandmotherly advice for the publishing firm Somerville House. Her TV show is currently airing on five channels in the United States, and is scheduled to begin a national run on a new Women's Television Network in January.

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Sharon, Lois & Bram: This celebrated trio of entertainers for children and grown-ups has produced *Candles Long Ago*, a Chanukah mini-album that is helping to raise money for the Jewish community through sales in sisterhood shops, community organizations and Jewish schools.

Candles Long Ago, the title song, has already been acclaimed a holiday classic. It was written by Emmy-award winning writers Glen Roven and Mark Saltzman. The album also contains other classic Chanukah songs such as *Dreydl, Dreydl, I'm A Little Latke* and *Oy Chanukah*.

For details on how your school or organization can participate in this fundraising program, call Shari Sirota at (905) 731-1440.

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Once Is Not Enough: Toronto actress and film-maker Cayle Chernin was only 21 years old when she landed a major role in *Goin' Down the Road*, a film made by Don Shebib in the late '60s that has earned a hallowed place in the pantheon of Canadian film. On the evening of Oct. 5, the film aired on The Movie Network (Rogers Cable). Later that same evening, astute viewers were able to catch Chernin again in the 1993 short film, *The Third Ingredient*, based on a story by O'Henry, which was shown on Vision TV. Meanwhile, Chernin's video documentary chronicling her rendez-vous with long-lost Russian relatives has been pre-sold to several networks and is expected to air sometime in 1995.

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Newly-Opened Store for Choral Music: The Choral Store, located at 237 McRae Dr. in Toronto, stocks published choral music, audio tapes, CDs, scores, reference books, posters and catalogues for choirs, choristers and choral music lovers. Proprietor Maura McGroarty provides knowledgeable and helpful recommendations for individual choral conductors. Phone: (416) 422- 4065.

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Hannah Sandberg's Art in North York: Born and educated in Israel, artist Hannah Sandberg lived in England and the United States before coming to Canada in 1970. Her works are luminous, symbolic abstractions of biblical themes, incorporating Hebrew calligraphy, brilliant colors and fluid lines. An exhibit of her work remains on view at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., until Nov. 4.

Kashruth Correction: Judy Singer, a Toronto artist who owns a company that sells fine baked goods, was the focus of a recent *CJN* article that mistakenly reported that Judy's Country Tarts are kosher and pareve. "Judy's Country Tarts are not yet under supervision and therefore are not officially kosher," advises Singer. "We are working on it, however, and trust that they will be in the very near future."

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Five minute walk from the North York Performing Arts Centre, the Senator is geared partly to theatre and recital hall patrons, who come for dinner around 5:30 or 6:30, then return for coffee and dessert about 10:30 or 11:00. For couples who come for dinner at 7:00 or 8:00, they can spend the evening slow dancing after dinner to R&B or jazz, with live music on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays starting about 9:30 p.m. For private groups of about ten people, there is a VIP room - The Senate Room.

For those on their way to the theatre or recital hall, there is a pre-theatre menu available with appetizers such as Caesar Salad and the house specialty "Senator Antipasto Platter." Among the appetizers on this menu, are prime rib, seafood, pasta or chicken; the desserts are special pies and cakes.

The a la carte menu includes Louisiana crab cakes, grilled calamari, pasta dishes like penne arribiate, and the pasta of the day. The pizzas and bruschetta made in a wood-burning oven, include seafood and la margarita as well as the pizza of the day. Then there are entrees like dry-aged sirloin with oyster mushrooms, grilled swordfish, rotisserie half chicken, seafood catch of the day, or veal chop with rosemary and roasted potatoes; the chef is adding a daily special grilled meat dish.

The Senator is wheelchair accessible. The main dining room is permanently non-smoking; the bistro area at the front permits smoking, but much of it can be designated non-smoking.

The Uptown Senator is affiliated with the Downtown Senator on Victoria St. near Dundas, maintaining the same tradition of superb dining and gracious service. Along with the same relaxed style, there are many of the same items on the menu, such as the Crab cakes.

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The decades since Dr. Jolley began practice have seen advances in all aspects of dental work. The average "dental IQ" has risen, points out Dr. Orzech, who says "the educated patient is the best customer". People enquire about new techniques covered by the media. There is more interest in non-invasive procedures, and more stress on prevention than restoration.

Emphasizes prevention

Along with old-style silver fillings, there are porcelain or plastic fillings, tooth-colored and bonding, as choices for restoration. Crowns are now made of gold, porcelain or plastic. For children, there are sealants, plastic coatings to protect from decay the deep pits and fissures which are difficult even for a dentist to clean.

Dentures can now be metal or plastic. Root canals can be done without pain, preventing loss of the tooth. Conventional bridgework, where crowns on the teeth on either side support a false tooth between them, is still done. Also available are bonded bridges. Now there is also the option of the implant bridge, surgically set in the bone like a wall plug; an abutment is attached to the implant, then the false tooth or denture attached.

Anaesthesia has seen extensive progress. Local anaesthetic uses smaller needles, and is more specific in area. There are also topical anaesthetics used on gum tissue, to eliminate the pain of the needle. Electronic anaesthesia uses electrodes which the patient controls. Finally there is nitrous oxide, which does not destroy the pain, but decreases anxiety and has minimal side effects.

Even sterilization has changed. Not only is the procedure in the dentist's office more thorough: tests are sent to a laboratory for a monthly checkup on the sterilizer, and a report sent to the dentist.

Dr. Orzech trained at Northwestern University in Chicago, whose dentistry school emphasizes supervised clinical training; from his second year on, he saw at least two patients a day. He also had a year's experience as a resident dentist of Erie County Medical Centre in Buffalo.

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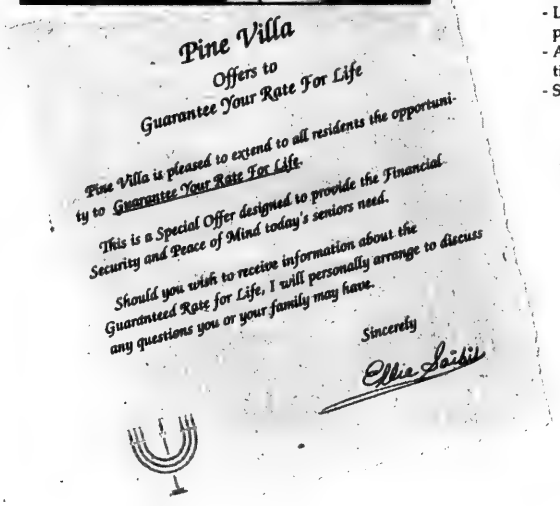
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The vanities have sinks with single-lever taps; also, beside every vanity, there are electrical outlets for small appliances such as razors. Over the mirrors in powder room, main bath and ensuite bath, there is vanity strip lighting.

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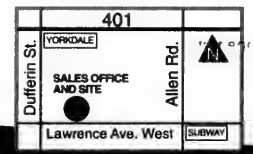

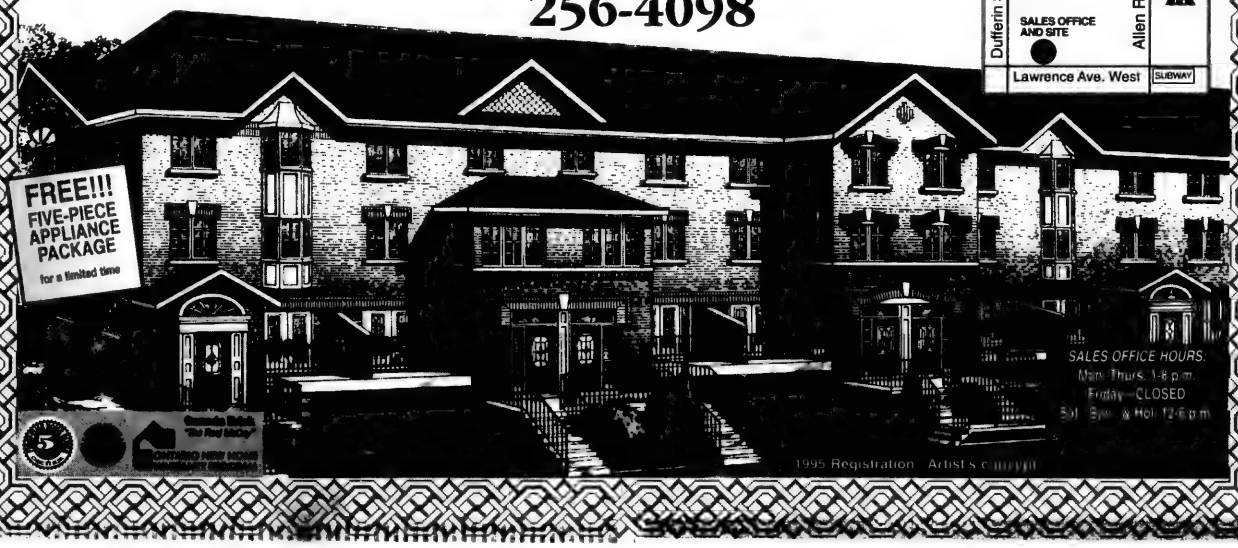

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

On the morning I had set aside to write this week's column, the sun was shining and the air was warm and still, and my inner voice said, "There can't be many more days left as nice as this one." So I hopped in the car and went for a drive instead, ending up in Haliburton.

The poignancy of a Haliburton autumn cannot be underestimated. Beginning in late September and continuing through much of October, these rocky highlands, studded with lakes and forest, are touched by the first tentative fingers of frost. Each of the deciduous trees in turn succumbs — maple, birch, walnut, oak — and the leaves turn scarlet, amber, burnt sienna, russet and gold, leaving only the stoic pines and firs unchanged, seemingly indifferent to winter's coming wrath.

Just beyond the town of Haliburton, as I drove along an unpopulated road that winds through the rugged Canadian Shield terrain, each curve brought some new spectacular prospect.

It was just such a vision of earth and sky that possessed the French Count and Countess de Moustier of Brittany to purchase a large tract of land in this region some 12 years ago. Two years later, their sons, Dante and Jean-Edouard Larcade, came to Canada and established the Domain of Killien, an isolated rustic retreat on the shores of Drag Lake. The name is an anglicization of Quillien, the seigniorial estate that has been in the family since at least 1277.

Formerly a run-down fishing and hunting lodge, the Domain of Killien consists of a large pine-panelled guest house, eight elegant cabins, and some 5,000 acres of private land. The main lodge has an inviting sitting room with an abundance of armchairs and a cosy fireplace. Cityfolk note at once that there's not a telephone or television to be seen anywhere — hallelujah! Adjacent to the lounge is the wood-panelled dining room, from whose kitchen come the astonishing plates of French provincial cuisine, adapted to the Canadian setting, that have won outstanding notices in publications from *Figaro* to *Toronto Life* to *Le Monde*.

Hiking and cross-country ski trails

Guests are given a map of the grounds showing the various groomed hiking and cross-country skiing trails that provide the key recreation that the property has to offer. Rowboats and canoes await guests at the edge of several private lakes; there is even a sailboat available (at no extra charge) for experienced navigators. Also at guests' disposal is a winterized cabin on Delphis Lake, a suitable destination for overnight treks. Killien staff will provide packed lunches as well as detailed information about the relative difficulty of the trails.

Jean-Edouard Larcade is a tall 36-year-old with an aristocratic bearing and an unerring sense of hospitality. "We run the Domain of Killien as a private home where we receive our paying friends," he says. "We like to treat others as we would like to be treated when we travel around the world."

His older brother, Dante, works the magic in the kitchen. "We don't try to re-create Paris in the middle of the bush — but we do believe in good food."

Jean-Edouard and I drove deep into the bush in his rugged, four-wheel-drive jeep, which at one point passed easily over the rocky banks of a stream, through the frolicking current, and up the other side. He manoeuvred the vehicle for several kilometres through the trees along one of the hiking trails, finally stopping on a smooth precipice above Douglas Lake, where we disembarked to inspect nature's panorama.

Wonderful getaway

"This is why we came here," he said excitedly, sweeping his hand seigniorially over the vast, unspoiled Domain of Killien. "In Europe, we don't have this anymore."

Back at the lodge, Jean-Edouard responded to the nearly-inaudible ringing of a telephone, hidden behind the desk. "Next weekend? No, I'm sorry, sir, we're fully booked.... The weekend after? Sorry, but we have no space... Thank you for thinking about us." He put down the phone. "I hate to turn down business, but when you're booked, you're booked."

So far, the Larcades have not attempted to spoil a good thing by expanding it beyond its present intimate and workable size. A wonderful getaway from Toronto, the Domain of Killien is open year-round; Jean-Edouard likes the winters best. Rooms in the main lodge are $148 per person, based on double occupancy, per night; $10 more per person for the cabins; dinner and breakfast included. Domain of Killien, P.O. Box 810, Haliburton Ont. K0M 1S0. (705) 457-1100.

Guidebook destinations

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

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Do you yearn to get away from it all?

Perhaps you've been searching for Central Africa — Cameroun, Chad, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome and Zaire.

These are truly exotic countries, and *Central Africa* (Raincoast, $21.95), part of the Lonely Planet series, will fill you in.

Laos is another off-the-beaten-track country. And *Laos* (Raincoast Books, $16.95) will tell you all about it.

China, which is far more accessible than Laos, is expecting a flood of tourists this year. And since practically everyone begins a grand tour in the Chinese capital, *Beijing* (Raincoast, $11.95) is required reading.

Far less distant or esoteric is the United States.

Canadians who head south with the approach of winter will appreciate *South Beach, Miami* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $11.50), a useful guide to a trendy neighborhood.

Another guide *2 to 22 Days in the American Southwest* (John Muir, $13.95) leads you from Albuquerque to the Petrified Forest on a trip to the Old West.

Weekends for Two in the Pacific Northwest (Raincoast, $19.95) is just the thing for romantic couples. Bill Gleeson takes you to great destinations — the Washington Cascades, Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula, the San Juan Islands and British Columbia.

Once you're in B.C., you can visit Vancouver. For more on this topic, read *Vancouver: Best Places* (Raincoast, $17.95).

Travellers with children planning to visit Florida should consult *Disney World And Beyond* (Raincoast, $14.95) by Stacy Ritz.

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Artists frequented Weimar

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

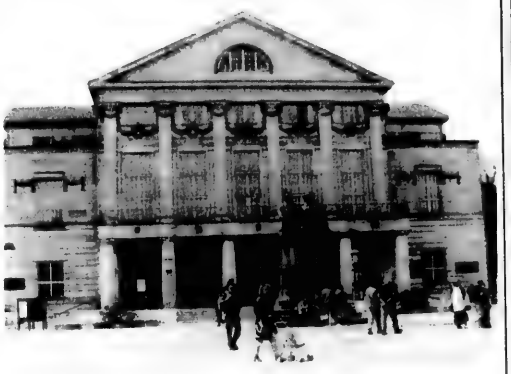
WEIMAR, Germany — For a town of only 61,000 inhabitants, Weimar looms large in Germany's cultural and political landscape.

A charming burg of half-timbered buildings and cobblestone streets, Weimar is intimately associated with some of the leading figures in German letters, music, art and architecture.

And Weimar is inextricably linked with the ill-fated Weimar Republic. The German national assembly drafted Weimar's liberal constitution here.

Above all, Weimar is synonymous with Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), the dramatist, poet and novelist who was invited here in 1775 by Charles Augustus, the duke of Saxe-Weimar.

Goethe spent the rest of his life at the duke's court, and the house in which he lived almost continuously until his death is today a museum and perhaps Weimar's principal attraction.



The National Theatre in Weimar

The building, known as the Goethe National Museum, was constructed in Baroque style. Tourists can visit 14 tastefully decorated exhibition rooms, including Goethe's modest study and his library with its 5,000 volumes.

Goethe's first residence, called the Garden House, is set in a wooded park on the Ilm River. Even after he moved out, Goethe returned during summers to contemplate nature and to seek out tranquillity.

It's a beautiful spot in every respect, and one can easily understand why Goethe regarded it as something of a sanctuary.

Goethe's friend and fellow literary giant, Friedrich von Schillet (1759-1805), lived in Weimar from 1802 until 1805.

Schiller's residence was heavily damaged in an Allied bombardment during World War II, but was reopened as a museum in 1946. It contains mementos of his life and work, as well as a collection of costumes from productions of Schiller's dramas.

Liszt House commemorates Franz Liszt (1811-1886), whose daughter, Cosima, married fellow composer Richard Wagner.

Liszt's residence, which was once the home of the royal gardener, stands at the western entrance of the park to which Goethe used to withdraw. Through the medium of documents and exhibits, the museum offers insights into Liszt's rich career.

Lucas Cranach (1472-1553) was an important painter and engraver during the Reformation. The Renaissance structure that bears his name is a sight to behold, like so many of the renovated buildings in Weimar.

It's on the east side of Market Square, which is Weimar's centre of gravity.

Strangely enough, Weimar honors neither Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), who was a court organist and chamber musician at the royal court, nor Walter Gropius (1883-1969), the world-renowned Bauhaus architect who was director of the Weimar School of Art.

The legacy of the doomed Weimar Republic — which tragically gave way to Hitler's National Socialist regime — is recalled at the National Theatre. Here, in February 1919, the Weimar constitution was struck.

A memorial plaque designed by Gropius reminds visitors of this chapter in German history. A monument of Goethe and Schiller sits in front of the building.

The most illustrious hostelry in Weimar is the venerable Hotel Elephant, which is usually solidly booked. During the Third Reich, Nazi bigwigs stayed here. It remains an elegant hotel, right down to its lovely garden cafe.

From the Hotel Elephant, Nazi VIPs would be driven on inspection tours of Buchenwald, the notorious concentration camp just north of Weimar.

Today, Buchenwald is a memorial which honors the 56,000 inmates from 35 nations who perished within its boundaries.

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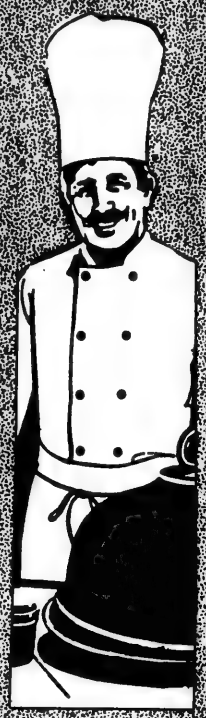

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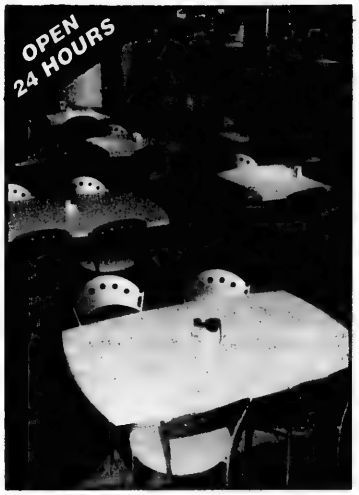

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Marathon provides business opportunities for olim

By TOBY KLEIN-GREENWALD & DAVID BEDEIN
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — Geoffrey Clein grew up with the Zionist Betar movement in Toronto and believes he is living the embodiment of the Zionist dream.

The Jerusalem office of this trained Conservative rabbi sports photos of NASA space capsules and William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and others from *Star Trek*.

"I'm a Trekkie" he admits during an hour-long interview.

Yet Clein is neither a nostalgic hippie nor a born-again Jew seeking his roots. He is the managing director of Marathon, Jerusalem's first international investment house, which in its first 12 months accumulated more than $23 million (US) of managed assets.

Marathon's three divisions focus on private banking, investment banking and special projects.

Carrie Samuels, another former Torontonian, helps take care of the private banking. She advises individuals and corporations on international and local financial investments. More about her later.

Clein's expertise is investment banking, which he describes as "mostly merchant banking. We are the Israeli representatives for companies looking for foreign financing. We are involved in trying to help Israeli companies to function in a more western, businesslike manner."

At a time when the Israeli government slowly divests itself of corporate assets and enters an era of privatization, Marathon hopes to play a vital role in that process.

Clein confides that Marathon is currently involved in a $400-million (US) deal for private investors from Israel and abroad to buy up Shikun Upituach, Israel's government building company.

ENTER YUPPIE ZIONISM

"Our investment banking department deals with what we call 'Yuppie Zionism'," says Clein. "The best way to build up Israel is by building up the economy, by building companies as opposed to giving donations."

Carrie Samuels

To that end, Clein has established the Endeavor Fund to help new olim. "Start-up companies in Israel, especially those run by new immigrants to Israel, cope with a great deal of trouble finding financing. It is even difficult to find investors in what is called 'incubator projects'."

So Marathon put up half of the $10-million fund, with matching dollars from the Israeli government. The fund has helped 13 new companies, all based around Jerusalem.

Clein told *The CJN* projects include a multi-media "Introduction to Israel" educational project and hi-tech electronics. Of the latter, Clein says, "We are helping [the firm] out on their entire financial structure. They are very brilliant scientists from the CIS, but they don't know much about management, so we brought in our own managers to advise."

Clein gestures towards the large windows of his office. It is a panoramic view of all of Jerusalem. "On a clear day, we can see till Jordan," he says.

Clein says his dream is to see Israelis investing in the West Bank and Jordan and West Bank Arabs investing in Israel.

MAPLE LEAF ZIONISM

Clein's Zionism was generated in Canada. He was born in Montreal and moved with his family to Toronto in 1971. His father, Brian, is a consulting engineer and his mother, Pauline, is the principal of the Bayview Campus of United Synagogue Day Schools. Clein attended the school and there he met his wife, Tova, a staff physician at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

Clein studied economics and political science at the University of Toronto. Upon graduation, he left to study for the Conservative rabbinate at New York's Jewish Theological Seminary before moving to Israel in 1983. But in Jerusalem, he dropped his rabbinic studies and instead took a law degree at Hebrew University, served in the army and later got a Boston University MBA through Ben Gurion University.

Company extends a hand of friendship

Clein first worked for another investment house, "but at a certain point some of us decided we wanted more independence in investment strategy, and to do something positive for Israel."

The former Betar leader says, "I see what we are doing now as fulfilling Herzl's dream — helping to create an Israel of the future which is western, hi-tech and industrialized."

Geoffry Clein

The man who read a lot of science fiction as a kid speaks proudly of Israel's technological advances. "Israel today has the most advanced telephone system in the world. It is sold all over the world, including the Far East, and probably some Arab countries as well." Veteran immigrants to Israel who remember when one had to wait seven years for a telephone can espcially appreciate the import of what Clein is saying.

How does he explain it?

"All the Israeli governments of the last 10 years have recognized the importance of technology and encouraged it. They also recognized that we have to rely on our only resource — our brain power. And Israelis are the type who like to own the latest technology. I would say the average Israeli in the street is more hi-tech than the average American or Canadian in the street."

One wonders how Clein's years of study serve him in his present position. He says his grasp of political science is especially useful, "since economy is decided more by politics than by other factors." As for the rabbinics, "that's for my own personal enrichment, my self-awareness. It is part of what makes this more than 'just business' for me.

Clein has involved others in his dream. Fifteen people, mostly from North America, Great Britain and Europe, work at Marathon. Clein also involves Jewish professionals from inside and outside Israel in helping to evaluate project candidates for the Endeavor Fund.

Carrie Samuels is a partner in the dream. Samuels studied in the B'nei Akiva Ulpana, came to Israel after high school and did national volunteer service in the geriatrics department of Shaare Zedek Hospital. She returned to Toronto to take an engineering degree and work in the Foreign Exchange before making aliyah this year.

"I was at another company when Marathon approached me and the minute I walked in I felt good," Samuels told *The CJN*. "They were very professional but very friendly."

Carrie is not the only Samuels child in Israel. She shares an apartment with her sister, Joanna, who works as the English speech writer and special trouble-shooter for Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. Her brother, Noah, is also a staff physician at Shaare Zedek hospital in Jerusalem.

Parents Laurie and Sandi Samuels also make Jerusalem their home.

Where does Marathon go from here? The answer can be found in the names Clein gave his children: Shavit Noa (moving comet), "because Ibn Ezra said every comet stands for change," Kessem Ra'anan (fresh magic), and Si Re-ut (pinnacle of friendship).

And indeed, Marathon is quickly becoming a company that extends a hand of friendship to new olim, and uses its magic touch to reach for the stars.

At the time of this piece's preparation, the Israeli Ministry of Absorption reported that more than 30,000 newly arrived academically-qualified immigrants to Israel are employed in menial labor. If Geoffrey Clein, Carrie Samuels and their colleagues at Marathon can make a dent in that number and provide business opportunities for some of these enterprising immigrants, then they can live out Herzl's vision in a business-like way, that "if you will it, it is no dream."

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Business & Finance

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By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Profits made in Israel "exceeded our expectations," an official of the company that invests some of the Walt Disney family fortune said here recently.

"You have to learn to live with the excruciatingly slow decision-making in Israel. Nothing replaces living in the trenches," said Robert G. Moskowitz, of Los Angeles, executive vice-president, Shamrock Holdings Inc.

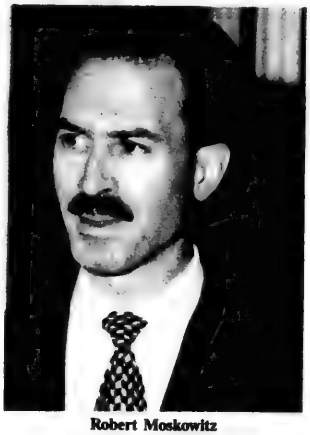
Shamrock is involved in five Israeli companies with a current value of more than $50 million (US), in cable and commercial TV and in energy.

Moskowitz spoke to a select blue-ribbon group of bankers at a reception on the 56th floor of Commerce Court where the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's Wood Gundy division was honored for its investment in State of Israel Bonds.

"We are now a full contributor and supporter of State of Israel Bonds and it is totally appropriate that we are, for CIBC has a very close partnership with the Jewish community which is beneficial to our clients and potential clients," said John S. Hunkin, president, CIBC Investment and Corporate Bank, the reception host.

The approval of Israel Bonds for RRSPs was lauded as a highly successful development by Richard Venn, chief executive officer, Wood Gundy Inc.

Since much of the Disney funds are already invested in radio stations from Honolulu to Detroit, Moskowitz said it made sense for the company to look into the communications field in Israel. It did that, and so successfully that its first $15 million public offering of Matov cable TV shares on the Tel Aviv stock exchange resulted in it being oversubscribed by 400 times.



Robert Moskowitz

"You can imagine the excitement on the exchange that day," Moskowitz said.

The Matov stock is worth 10 percent more than on the day it went public, he said.

Shamrock was a successful tenderer for one of three commercial TV licenses, though continual delays in announcing the licencees was a serious problem. It combined with the Israeli newspaper *Maariv* to win one of three licenses granted for commercial TV and operates a TV channel in Tel Aviv on Tuesdays and Thurdays.

"It's interesting to have both cable TV and commercial TV interests in Israel because we are both the plaintiff and defendant in some court cases," Moskowitz said.

Matov cable TV has 180,000 subscribers in Bat Yam, Holon, Haifa and Hadera.

"There is an unfilled demand for TV services in Israel," the Shamrock executive said.

Through its investments in Dos Energy and Dos Gas, his company has about 15 percent of the sales of gas to Israeli automobiles, and is looking into the possiblity of investments in food and food processing, he said.

One of the reasons for Shamrock's success in Israel is its strategy to depend on strong local management and active shareholders. Through its involvement in Israel, the company heard about opportunities in eastern Europe and has invested in cold storage and food processing in Hungary and in telecommunications in Poland, a country which Moskowitz described as "the most under advanced in TV."

The impending dissolution of the Arab boycott should encourage investment in Israel, he said.

The speaker was presented with a catalogue of the Barnes Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario by his host. "We stole the exhibit from Los Angeles, so we think it is only fair that you should get the catalogue," CIBC officer Hunkin said.

Moskowitz was introduced by Al Keiser, CIBC executive vice president, while guests were welcomed by Alex Grossman, Mike Florence and Larry Waller of Israel Bonds.

Hunkin was presented with a painting entitled *Star of Peace and Hope* by Grossman, Bonds' Canadian chairman.

Peace process spurs activity in Israel's real estate market

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The real estate industry, like most other sectors of the Israeli economy, is feeling the effects of the peace process, according to industry insiders.

During the past year, Israel's real estate market has benefited from the optimism generated by peace agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan. Foreign investment in commercial real estate is booming, and realtors attribute at least part of this upward trend to the peace process.

Yet, while momentum at the negotiating table has translated into profits in the commercial sphere, the private housing market remains more ambivalent.

Despite daily headlines proclaiming that the government has secretly offered compensation to some settlers in the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights — reports that the government has firmly denied — few settlers appear to be preparing to leave.

Whereas local realtors say they anticipate a time when many residents of the territories will seek property within Israel's pre-1967 borders, they report that very few settlers have made inquiries to date.

Furthermore, the question of when, or even if, Israel will relinquish control over the territories has added a measure of uncertainty to the country's real estate market — something many homeowners and potential buyers find unnerving.

Still, even with this uncertainty, realtors predict that, at least in the long term, the peace process will be good for business.

In a recent interview with the *Jerusalem Post*, Haim Kaufman, chair of the Israel Real Estate Association, predicted that "foreign investment in real estate, including investment by Israelis who have been living abroad, will increase as the influence of the peace process takes firmer hold."

Evidently, realtors here are already witnessing this trend. Albert Rimi, of Kenyan Realtors in Tel Aviv, said

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Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

This week The CJN features ...Daiter's

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Daiter's, with stores at 3535 Bathurst St. and 928 Eglinton Ave. W., maintains the same high quality dairy products as it did in the original store in Kensington Market opened by Harry Daiter in 1937.

Now run by Harry's son Ron and grandsons Joel and Stephen, the company is still known for its kosher cheese, supervised by Kashruth Council of Toronto and manufactured under the Lana label.

"We still make this 100 per cent natural, 2½ per cent butterfat cheese the way that it was made in Europe. It is made in cheesecloth and taken out when ordered by customers. Because it is hand cut, they can order as much or as little as they like. They do not have to take a precise amount — only what they need. The cheesecloth keeps the cheese dry so it is excellent for baking," says Joel Daiter, who runs the retail end of the business.

Keeping up with the trend towards lower fat consumption, Daiter's also manufactures a 2 per cent and a ½ per cent butterfat whipped cottage cheese.

"The ½ per cent cheese is our largest selling cheese today. It is low in butterfat, but still creamy. Daiter's cream cheese, with only 17 per cent butterfat, is also a low-fat item and most customers cannot tell the difference between our cheese and a higher fat cream cheese. We leave in just enough fat to give it the cream cheese taste. Our yogurt, also supervised under the Kashruth Council, comes in 3½ or ½ per cent butterfat."

Daiter says that when they manufacture their dairy products or stock the store with the myriad of other products they offer, they keep in mind that people are looking for low or no fat items, but they still want to enjoy what they are eating.

"Eating healthy does not have to mean that food has no taste. Our aim is to offer healthy foods that people like to eat," says Daiter.

Catering is a large part of Daiter's business, specializing in making custom-ordered trays.

"We have no set menu so customers can spend as much or as little as they can afford and can pick and choose exactly what they would like to serve. Someone from the catering department discusses exactly what the customer wants and that is exactly what they get. We are proud to provide that personal touch."

Always ready for Jewish holidays, Daiter's stocks its stores chock full of holiday food items. Daiter stresses that "we do not raise our prices just before a holiday."

BLACK TIE DINNER

Adam Zimmerman, a director at Noranda Inc. was the keynote speaker at a dinner hosted by University of Toronto president Robert Prichard. Zimmerman was deputy chairman of U of T's $100 million Breakthrough Campaign and was central to the success of the fundraising effort for the construction of the Earth Sciences Centre. The annual dinner, held at Hart House, honors the university's top donors. Other speakers included Andre Salama, a professor of electrical and computer engineering and Rizwan Hassan, an undergraduate student and 1994 nation scholar.

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Firm targets commercial filming

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At a downtown studio, an Avion Film Productions crew is shooting a 30-second television commercial for Chrysler.

The special effects people create a snow storm with a machine that blows tiny white plastic chips into the air. The camera rolls as the snow flakes drift down onto the red jeep sitting in the middle of the set.

The camera stops at intervals so the production staff can keep piling snow on the car. By the end of this sequence — it has taken seven hours to shoot — the car is completely covered with snow.

Michael Schwartz, the president of Avion, doesn't need to spend much time on the set — a producer runs the show. But on this day he's on hand for an interview with *The CJN*.

Pictured above are Michael Schwartz (left) and George Morita. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Avion has been in business for less than five months, but it has already racked up 90 days of film shooting, Schwartz says. "We're ahead of our projections." But the early success of the company doesn't surprise him. "There was a lot of heavy talent in place. We weren't a little Mickey Mouse operation just starting up."

Three of the owners of Avion — Schwartz, George Morita and Stanley Mestel — had been partners in Partners Film Company, one of the largest commercial production companies in the world, Schwartz says. Labatts took it over five months ago and bought out many of the partners, including the three principals in Avion.

They subsequently formed a company with two silent partners. They've have been busy from day one, Schwartz says. "The advertising community was quite anxious to have a financially sound alternative choice to the Partners Company."

He says Avion has a financial edge over many other production companies because businessman Jon Geist, one of the silent partners, is helping with the financial management of the company. "Jon's a very good businessman and compliments the group very well."

Schwartz, 44, has over 20 years of experience in film. He started working in commercials after completing a degree in film studies at York University. He was employed at Schulz Productions for 12 years before joining Partners, with whom he stayed for seven years.

As president, Schwartz works on bids for commercials, preparing production cost estimates of the story boards sent to him by advertising agencies. But winning a bid is not just a matter of cost. The work of the directors whom Avion represents is a major factor in the selection process, Schwartz says.

Avion is the exclusive agent for a number of American and Canadian film directors — such as Peter O'Fallon and Carol Ballard — who do commercials in between feature film and television projects. Schwartz promotes them and other directors specializing in commercials by sending out demo tapes to advertising agencies. Morita and Mestel are amongst this group.

On the set Michael Cooper, the executive producer, oversees the entire shoot for BBD and O Canada, the advertising agency that created the Chrsyler commercial.

He says he selected Avion to because he wanted Morita to direct — "George is a technocrat and this is a technical spot." The company has a good reputation, Cooper says. "All the people that Mike's hired for his company and the shoots are the cream of the crop."

Schwartz says he plans to increase this pool of talent, by helping young local directors develop skills for directing commercials. He also wants to expand the company's scope by getting into other commercial related products such as infomercials and sponsored programming.

Schwartz says that while the low Canadian dollar is luring the feature film business to Canada, the commercial business is not benefiting from the low dollar. He says this is partly due to the lack of funds for promoting the commercial film industry south of the border.

But commercial film production in Canada, unlike feature films, isn't subject to the fluctuations of the dollar — it's a $150-million industry wether the dollar is up or down, Schwartz says.

The commercial film industry keeps people in the film industry working between features, he says. "The whole infrastructure [of the film industry] is supported on an ongoing basis by the commercial film industry."

Back on the set in the early evening, the camera has stopped rolling. A few production staff sweep the snow into garbage bags while someone hoses down the jeep in the driveway. Equipment is packed up and hauled out of the studio. It's a wrap.

Diaspora Jews 'feel out' the market

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that "the peace process has already made a difference in the commercial market. Many foreign investors think that peace is around the corner and believe that Israel will become a center of world commerce."

During the past year, Rimi said, "commercial property sales have gone up 20 per cent, and prices have jumped at least 20 per cent. Many properties that were dead (undeveloped) have been sold to overseas firms in the area between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem."

"We have definitely seen more business inquiries since the start of the peace process," said David Blumberg, of Anglo-Saxon Realty in Herzliya.

"Midsized companies, especially from the United States, are purchasing more offices, shops and factories."

To take advantage of this investment, the Herzliya Pituach Industrial Zone, one of the largest industrial parks in the country, plans to build 2.2 million square feet of hi-tech office space over the next five years, Blumberg said.

Both Blumberg and Rimi report that a growing number of Diaspora Jews, including Israelis living abroad, are feeling out Israel's residential real estate market.

"We are getting quite a few inquiries, especially from Israelis," said Blumberg, who added that "right after the earthquake in California, Israelis living there began to show a real interest in coming back."

"There is definitely a feeling of optimism about Israel, and Jews from abroad are looking to buy," Rimi agreed. "What's new is the fact that they seem to be looking at apartments that will not only serve as investments, but also as their homes sometime in the future.

"Until recently, purchases by Diaspora Jews had been confined almost exclusively to Tel Aviv, Netanya and Jerusalem. Now they're looking in other parts of the country as well," Rimi said.

Unfortunately, this upbeat mood has not spread to Israelis at home — at least not yet.

With territorial compromise a distinct possibility, most prospective buyers are wary about buying beyond the pre-1967 borders, said Karen Goldman of Jerusalem's Narkiss Agency. This fact, coupled with the limited supply of homes within the Green Line, is raising already inflated prices even higher.

"The situation is very unclear, and people are feeling the uncertainty," Goldman said.

"It's hard to know what the future will bring, and whether the settlers will move to property within the Green Line."

If they do, she predicted, "they may not have enough money to buy the type of home they had in the territories. Property there is much cheaper and people who have beautiful, large homes may have to settle for much smaller apartments, perhaps outside of the city.

"This, of course, will push up the price of less expensive apartments. Really, everything depends on whether the government provides the settlers with compensation."

According to most realtors, very few residents of the territories are actively looking to move.

"I've had only a handful of settlers come into the office," said Blumberg, "but in truth, it's hard to know who lives in the territories and who doesn't. If a settler is preparing to leave, he doesn't necessarily want others to know."

While the majority of realtors also say that the real estate market in the territories has become virtually stagnant over the past year, and note that the Rabin government halted all new housing starts when it came into power, there have been some exceptions.

Miriam Armon, owner of Miriam Realty in the West Bank town of Efrat, said that "a lot of people" moved to Efrat this year.

Although some people moved into houses bought prior to the start of peace negotiations, she said, "many bought homes just a few months ago.

"People are drawn to Efrat. They are looking for a quiet life near Jerusalem. The prices are good — just $120,000 for a three-bedroom apartment with a garden — and we're just 15 to 17 minutes to the city by car."

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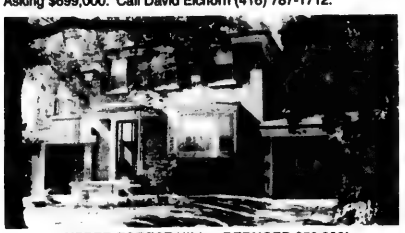

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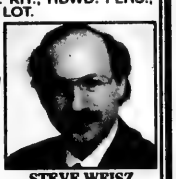

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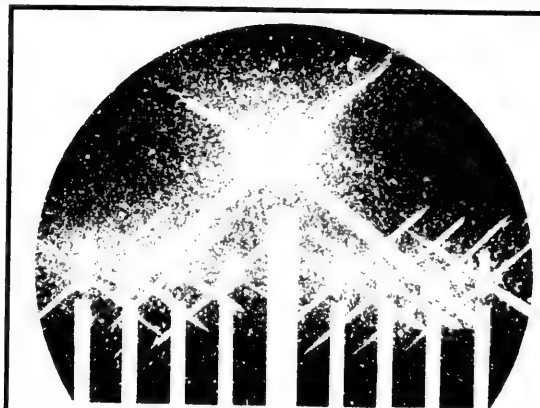

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Pamela Sharfe, wearing a black mourner's armband, bows her head in grief during a Toronto community memorial service last Sunday for those killed in the Tel Aviv bus bombing. Close to 1,000 people attended. [Amy Sattin photo]

Israel denies plans to kill Hamas leaders

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials last Sunday dismissed a Hamas claim that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has ordered the assassination of its leaders, but confirmed that Israel has launched a wide-scale crackdown against the organization.

In a statement received by Reuters in Beirut, Hamas said Rabin had issued orders to assassinate its leaders in retaliation for last Wednesday's bus bombing in Tel Aviv that claimed 22 victims.

Hamas vowed to hit back if any of its officials were attacked, either inside the territories or abroad.

"We tell Rabin and all the Zionist terror and assassination apparatuses (sic) to beware of harming the sons and symbols of Hamas," the group warned. "Hamas or its brigades will not hesitate to retaliate with all its might to these attempts."

The group repeated its demand that Israel free Arab prisoners, including its founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

At Sunday's cabinet meeting, ministers were briefed on Hamas and its increasing employment of terror by Rabin, the General Security Service (GSS) and other security officials. Fifty Hamas activists have been arrested since the bombing, the cabinet was told.

Israel confirmed that Saleh Abdel Rahim Souwi, an unknown Hamas activist, carried out the suicide bombing.

However, the 50 activists are not considered major players by the GSS and the Army, although some are central figures in their villages.

By and large, they are local operatives who may shed light on the whereabouts of those on the wanted list of approximately 25 major activists and about 70 members of Izzadin Kassam, Hamas's military wing.

Security sources denied that Rabin ever gave a direct order to "eliminate" anyone, and stressed that Hamas terror is initiated and ordered by people outside the territories.

"An effective crackdown would undoubtedly require international cooperation," one security source said. "Hamas is being financed by sympathizers in the U.S. and Britain and through banks in Jordan. One of the first steps inevitably will be to follow the money trail and cut it."

After the briefings, the cabinet decided to authorize the demolition of houses of terrorists who have been killed, but disagreed on the legality and effectiveness of destroying the houses of their families.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said talks with Hamas are possible.

"If the intention of the Hamas leadership is to speak about the terms for destroying Israel, it is truly no partner," he told reporters last week.

"If, however, it is interested in calming the storm, I believe we have passed the age when we say we won't speak with an organization because it has a certain name.

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Mourners weep for terror victims

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Close to 1,000 people gathered Sunday in a North York synagogue to mourn the 22 Jewish victims of the Oct. 19 bus bombing in Tel Aviv.

There was standing room only at a community memorial service held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, organized by B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Black armbands dotted the crowd, which listened appreciatively as Ontario premier Bob Rae called for an international effort to stamp out terrorism and the governments that support it.

"If a group of terrorists can blow up a centre in Buenos Aires or in Tel Aviv, who is to say they couldn't do the same in Toronto?" he asked.

Rae urged his listeners not to "let the terrorists win their game. Their game is fear, their game is to so terrorize us that we will refuse to speak up, that we will refuse to carry on, that we will give up and say, 'Well, what more do you want?'

"The road to appeasement, with that kind of terror, is a road no one wants to go down," he said to thunderous applause.

"As long as I have breath to breathe, the people of Canada are at one with the people of Israel," Rae shouted.

The 50-minute service was opened with Congress regional chair Gerda Frieberg reading out the names of the dead.

The Qassam armed wing of Hamas took responsibility for the bombing, which also wounded scores of people during the morning rush hour in central Tel Aviv.

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The attack was in retaliation for a bloody Israeli commando raid earlier this month, in which three Hamas kidnappers were killed along with their victim, 19-year-old soldier Nachshon Waxman, and commando Nir Poraz.

Those gathered for the memorial service murmured their assent when B'nai Brith Canada president Brian Morris and Israeli consul Dror Zeigerman called for Canadian efforts to "dry up the flow of funds" to Hamas from Iran, Syria and other fundamentalist Muslim regimes.

Feelings ran high in the crowd. Some hissed when federal government representative Art Eggleton said the land-for-peace talks in the Middle East must continue. Others bowed their heads at the mention of the earlier bus bombings in Afula and Hadera that killed 13 in April.

Pamela Sharfe, 24, sobbed during the singing of *Hatikvah*. She said because her older brother and his family live in Jerusalem, the Tel Aviv attack "is very close to home." Her parents are considering cancelling their upcoming trip, she said, fearing more random violence.

Alex and Helen Lifshitz, both members of the synagogue, said they came to the service "because we're Jews and we feel very bad about this. The people are trying to make peace and it's not fair."

The couple, who spend six weeks every year in Israel, is going ahead with their February trip. "We never have second thoughts," said Helen Lifshitz.

Ishai David, 18, an Israeli living in Canada, wore a black armband to the memorial service, the first at which he ever cried, he said. "It was in the heart of Tel Aviv, where I used to hang out on weekends," he said, shaking his head.

Sagi Gedalevitch, 19, said Israel must continue its tough stand against terrorism. "If we show [the terrorists] we're not afraid, nothing will happen," he said. "We have to fight them."

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Less that a week after coming together to memorialize Israeli Cpl. Nachshon Waxman, Montreal Jews gathered again on Oct. 20 to mourn 22 more brethren murdered by Hamas in Tel Aviv.

The crowd of 800 listened to speakers demand that Canada and the world community galvanize efforts to destroy Hamas and ostracize any nation that sponsors terrorism.

The most emotional address during the hour-long service at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue came from McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, who had to pause towards the end of his remarks to hold his emotions in check.

"Hamas is the only post-Nazi, post-apartheid racist movement in the world," Cotler said, "A standing incitement to genocide."

Cotler and other speakers described the Tel Aviv bombing as an attack not against Israel, but against the Jewish religion and people.

Cotler said the call to kill Jews is contained in the Hamas charter.

He also said the fact that the PLO continues to uphold its own charter calling for the elimination of Israel and to shield Hamas inside the Gaza strip is tantamout to the PLO's being a "standing accomplice" to Hamas terror.

Cotler accused Canada and the United States of standing by while Hamas infrastructure cells operate on North American soil, where they raise funds to launch terrorist operations "by remote control."

It is an open secret that this is the situation which exists, Cotler and Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region (CIC-Q) chair Thomas Hecht said.

Cotler wondered why thousands of Hamas members are able to "train openly in the citrus groves of Gaza?"

He also asked: Why are thousands of their weapons not confiscated? Why does Hamas roam unfettered through Gaza while a Palestinian police force of 9,000 looks on? And why has not one of 35 Hamas leaders in Gaza been arrested, charged or extradited?.

Because, Cotler concluded, the victims are Jewish.

He said the international community must treat Hamas as the "enemies of humankind," not merely be "quick to send condolences" when terrorist acts occur.

Lawrence Bergman, Liberal MNA for D'Arcy McGee, called Hamas members "devils." He said parties to the peace process must pursue them or forfeit the right to be described as true peace-seekers.

Hecht called on Canada to take the lead in taking action against states that support and fund terrorism.

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Toronto opens its heart to Jay Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Kol Yisroel areivim zeh bazeh — the people of Israel are responsible one for the other.

Toronto's Jewish community showed their commitment to that talmudic philosophy last week, as they rolled up their sleeves and opened their pocketbooks to help Jay Feinberg in his fight for life.

Feinberg suffers from chronic myelogenous leukemia. His only chance for survival for more than a few months lies in receiving a bone marrow transplant.

Screenings of close to 50,000 Jews around the world have not yet found a compatible match for him, costs are escalating (each test costs about $75 Canadian) and time is running out for the plucky 26-year-old.

Over 2,000 people jammed the main banquet hall of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue for testing. Most stood in line for over an hour waiting for their turn. Doctors, nurses and technicians in the crowd were tested themselves, then turned around and stayed to help out.

Members of the Stanleigh family, whose son and brother Audey received a transplant from Steve Cheifetz, a Windsor man originally tested for Feinberg, manned the microphones pleading for donations to pay for the testing.

And people came through — over $20,000 was raised during the evening.

Although the clinic was advertised as running from 5 to 9, people began coming by 4:30. Exhausted organizers and volunteers left the building after 11.

Because of the seriousness of Feinberg's condition, youngsters under the usual allowable age of 17 were tested, although they are not permitted to be listed on the international bone marrow registries.

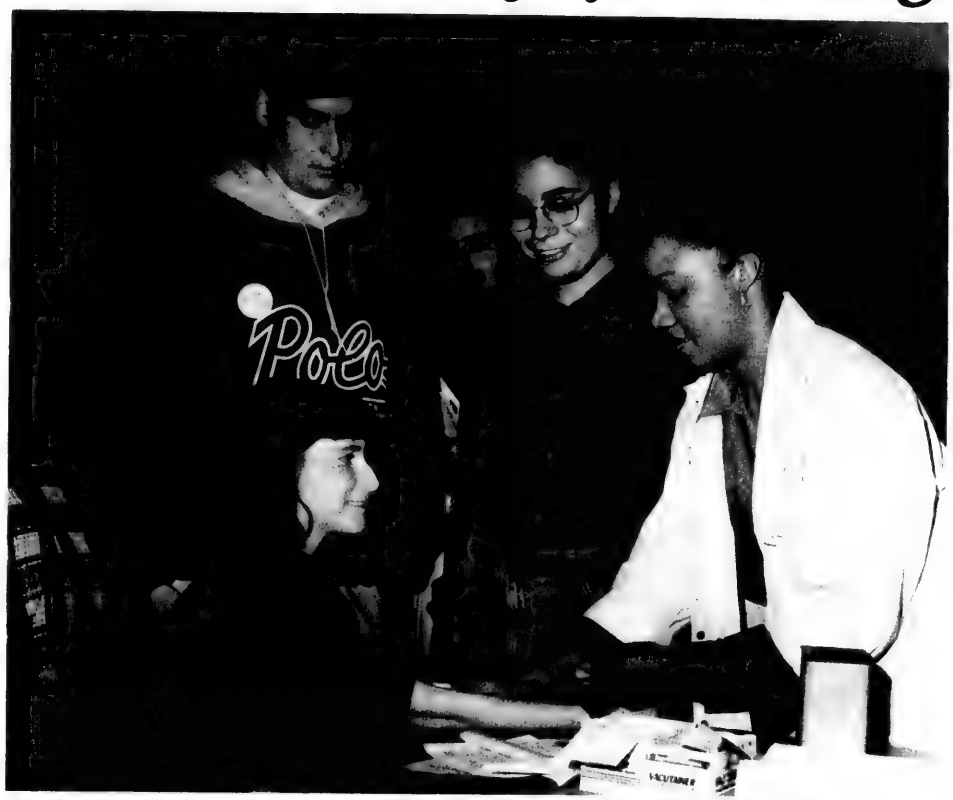
Beth Jacob girls in their distinctive grey pleated skirts and grey striped blouses, yeshivah boys in black hats and suits, CHAT students and Bnei Akiva Schools and public school kids joined university students, mothers pushing babies in strollers, people on their way home from work or headed for evening commitments, in a scene that brought tears to the eyes of many who entered the room.

In a tragic twist, some had been tested several years ago for Alison Atlas, a Maryland student whose quest for a transplant was the first in a series of mass screenings. Inexplicably, the results of some of those tests were never entered in the registries.

Around the city, fuelled to a great extent by Feinberg's moving appearance on the Shirley Show and by a determined public relations effort by Lori Palatnik, others took part in the effort to save him.

Another article in this issue tells about a clinic held by Ed Mirvish.

Saul Mednick told *The CJN* his "99 per cent Jewish" Forest Hill Lions Club raised $750 for the cause at an emergency meeting.



Audey Stanleigh and Jay Feinberg look on sympathetically as a 15-year-old potential bone marrow donor is tested by Dynacare Labs technician Marci Parker. [Alron photo]

The student council of United Synagogue Day School Bayview Campus, with the help of teacher Cherie Sachar, organized a Sports for Life fundraising marathon for students in grades 3 through 8.

Youngsters gave their own pocket money, as well as collecting sponsors for the event, during which they walked or jogged some 2,000 laps around a park near the school.

The last count was $4,562.82 — and the money is still coming in.

Feinberg and his mother, Arlene, said they were overwhelmed by the response of the Toronto community, calling it one of the warmest.

Enthusiastic United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus students start their march to the Sports for Life marathon, through which they raised over $4,000 for the Jay Feinberg campaign. [Alron photo]

BBYO lends a hand

TORONTO — More than 500 people, mostly teenagers, according to drive organizer Marshall Deltoff, appeared at the Bathurst Jewish Centre last Thursday night for a screening run by B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO).

Deltoff said that, along with an impromptu screening held at the B'nai Brith baseball awards banquet the previous night, over 2,700 people were tested in Toronto during the week.

BBYO members manned the registration desk, acted as traffic control, and sold chips and pastries to raise funds for the campaign.They also donated the proceeds of a dance held earlier in the month.

Stark signs lined the walls, noting that the Feinbergs could no longer cover the cost of the tests. While BBYO members' tests were covered, others had to pay before being tested, explained Andrea Harendorf, who initiated the BBYO effort.

Jay Feinberg told *The CJN* that he hopes to return in a couple of weeks to do more testing, but he added with a twinkle, "hopefully not for me!" — L.S.

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NOBEL PROTEST

Angry Israelis took to the streets earlier this month, in protest over the awarding of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Beilin opens door to Hamas

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"Hamas is a very, very problematic organization, an organization that uses the cruelest terror. But within it there are certainly those who are less extreme, and if they want to enter into a relevant discussion with us, I am not sure it's our job to say that because their name is such and such, it's forbidden for us to talk to them," Beilin said.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sunday officially informed the Likud that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would not be invited to this Wednesday's signing of the peace treaty with Jordan.

Rabin sought to pre-empt an opposition boycott of the ceremony, after the Likud Knesset faction urged him to make sure Arafat would not be present.

Nevertheless, some Likud MKs said they would stay away from the signing, although a majority were expected to put in an appearance. Most are also likely to support the pact.

The ceremony was also to be boycotted by the National Religious Party, which has criticized the government for "staging an elaborate production while Israeli blood is being spilled."

Moledet has come out against the agreement, chiefly for "giving Jordan a foothold on the Temple Mount."

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu came out solidly behind the agreement, arguing that "it presents a model of the sort of agreement the Likud can support, because basically it offers an example of a 'peace-for-peace' deal, not one in which Israel pays and the Arabs take, Israel loses and the Arabs win ... the agreement with Jordan is one with an established state, which aspires to live side by side with Israel. This puts it in sharp contrast to the deal with the PLO, which has already failed abysmally and whose underlying shortcoming is in the fact that the PLO still aspires to replace Israel."

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U.S. President Bill Clinton's first stop on his Mideast tour this week is in Cairo on Wednesday. He is scheduled to meet Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Later that day, Clinton is slated to attend the signing ceremony at the Israel-Jordan border, north of the Red Sea resorts of Eilat and Aqaba.

He is scheduled to address the Knesset on Thursday, as well as tour the Old City and visit Yad Vashem.

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Israel's cabinet on Sunday approved bringing in another 19,000 foreign workers to compensate for the labor shortage caused by the closure of the territories following last Wednesday's bus bombing.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said he supported the move in order to avoid a slowdown in construction and damage to agriculture. However, he conditioned his support on bringing the workers for a limited period only.

Otherwise, he warned, the workers will bring their families and the state will have to provide them with services.

U.S. EX-PATS HOLD DEMO

American ex-patriates in Israel hold a coffin painted in stars and stripes outside the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv in a recent protest. They accused Washington of betraying Israel by encouraging territorial compromise on the Golan Heights. [Isranet Photo]

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British MP says Arafat worthy of Nobel Prize

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While most Jewish organizations and leaders continue to express grave misgivings over the co-awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, at least one Jewish official says he's "delighted" by it.

Greville Janner, a British Labor MP and president of the Commonwealth Jewish Council, says he hopes Arafat "will live up to the good name" the prize brings with it.

Janner told the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews that he proposed awarding the prize to Arafat because without the PLO leader, "there would be no peace."

Awarding the prize to the background negotiators of the PLO-Israel accord would have been "like giving an award to the screenwriters instead of the actors," Janner told *The CJN* in a brief interview.

"I know Arafat fairly well," he said. "I also know Rabin and [Foreign Minister Shimon] Peres. They're brilliant people. Those three men have created a miracle. They have opened up hope, and that's what the Nobel Prizes are all about."

Greville Janner

Asked about ongoing terror in the Middle East and Arafat's inability to control it, Janner noted that last year's peace prize went to South Africa's Nelson Mandela and former president F.W. de Klerk well before apartheid was dismantled.

As for the extremist Muslim Hamas movement, "They are as much Arafat's enemy as Israel's."

Janner said he fears that, through terrorism, Hamas will accomplish its chief aim: to derail the peace process. That was evident, he explained, when the group kidnapped Israeli soldier Nachshon Waxman. Israel immediately suspended peace talks during the crisis.

"Terrorism is not a political philosophy. It's a disgraceful means of achieving what you want."

He said jokingly that the "great miracle" of the Mideast is not that Rabin shook Arafat's hand, but that Rabin and Peres shook hands.

Janner had fond words for Canada, despite his recollection of the anti-Semitism he encountered at Bishop's University when he was evacuated to Montreal during World War II.

One reason Canada has been spared terror attacks is government vigilance and assurances that Ottawa regards terrorists as criminals, Janner said.

Now is the time, he remarked, for Christians and Jews to reach out jointly to Muslims and Arabs.

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Gerry Weiner brings science background to Weizmann Institute

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If Gerry Weiner has his wish, he will soon become known as "Mr. Weizmann" instead of "Mr. Multiculturalism."

The former minister of multiculturalism and citizenship will become the national executive director of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science on Nov. 1.

A pharmacist by profession, Weiner, 61, says that the position will allow him to combine his health care expertise with the close ties he feels for Israel.

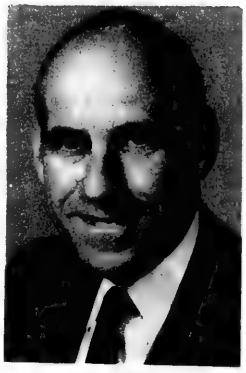
Because he has no prior affiliation with the Canadian Society for Weizmann, which has its headquarters in Toronto, one of Weiner's first tasks will be to become better acquainted with "the people who have dedicated themselves to the Weizmann cause so that their cause becomes my cause."

The Weizmann concept of a "family" of supporters appeals to Weiner. "It fits well with my spirit, [which is] to bring people together," he told *The CJN* recently during a brief trip to Toronto.

Both as a longtime community volunteer and as a federal politician for nine years, Weiner has abided by the belief that "everything is possible.

"If a cause or issue was brought to my attention, I usually adopted it as my own. 'No, I can't' was never a part of my vocabulary," he said.

Even as a federal politician whose positions ranged from secretary of state to minister of immigration, Weiner made a point of being accessible. His home phone number was always listed, he said.



Gerry Weiner

Weiner, a native Montrealer, hopes that his move to Toronto won't be perceived as "disowning his rights.

"I'm leaving because this happens to be where Weizmann is, and where I'm doing most of my work," he said. "I'm very comfortable with the linguistic duality in Montreal. It's not an easy decision. There's always a bit of remorse at leaving, but it's still one country. I'm hoping I can still help Canada continue to understand itself [in terms of] diversity."

Weiner intends to spend much of his time travelling throughout Canada on behalf of Weizmann. The Canadian society has offices in Montreal and Ottawa as well as Toronto. He expects to take the Weizmann message beyond the Jewish community, he said.

Although he has been "a constant visitor" to Israel, he has never been to the Weizmann campus in Rehovot. That will be remedied in a few weeks when he will attend the semi-annual meeting of the executive directors and the board of governors.

Weiner sees his new position as "an ambassadorial role" for Weizmann. "I'm thrilled to be able to continue to work within the community in a role that complements my efforts of the previous decade where I spent a lot of time building partnerships."

Pollard parole said unlikely

VANCOUVER — Jonathan Pollard will be up for a parole hearing late next year but his sister Carol told the *Vancouver Sun* she doesn't think there's a chance he'll get parole.

In Vancouver to address a community rally at Schara Tzedeck Synagogue, Carol Pollard said in an interview that she thinks her brother will eventually be released from prison, where he is serving a life term for spying on the United States for Israel.

Pollard said the continued imprisonment of her brother stands as evidence that Israel is being redefined as an enemy of the United States by people in the government who feel relations with Middle East countries that produce oil are more important.

She said that attitude is puzzling considering the information he gave Israel concerning poison gas and nuclear development in countries like Libya, Iraq and Syria.

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אין אַ צייט ווען ליבהאָבער פֿון יידיש פֿרעגן די פֿראַגע „וואָס וועט ווערן פֿון אונדזער מאַמע-לשון?" איז וויכטיק צו באַמערקן, אַז אין די לעצטע יאָרן מערקט זיך איבער דער גאָרער וועלט אַ וואַקסנדיקער אינטערעס אין דער יידישער שפּראַך, נוסח אשכנז. עס איז אויך אינטערעסאַנט אָנצומערקן, אַז ווען מען נוצט די באַצייכענונג „מאַמע-לשון", גיט מען אונדזער שפּראַך אַ פֿרויען-באַרייט. אויב עס איז וויכטיק צו געבן יידיש, ווי מען זאָגט הייַנט, אַ „פֿעמיניסטישע" אָנערקענונג, פֿאַרוואָס האָבן מיר נישט ווי געהעריק אָנערקענט די צאָלרייכע פֿרויען-דיכטערינס, וואָס האָבן אַזוי-פֿיל בייגעטראָגן צו דער אַנטוויקלונג פֿון דער מאָדערנער יידישער ליטעראַטור?

„געפֿונענע אוצרות - געשיכטעס פֿון יידישע דיכטערינס" איז אַ וויכטיק ווערק, וואָס איז לעצטנס דערשינען. אין דעם אַרייַנפֿיר, געשריבן פֿון אירענאַ קלעפּפֿיש — באַוואוסטע דיכטערין אין יידיש און ענגליש און אַ פֿירערין אין דער הייַנטי-קער פֿרויען באַוועגונג — פּרובירט זי געבן אַן ענטפֿער אויף דער פֿראַגע, פֿאַרוואָס אונדזערע ליטעראַרישע קרייזן זייַנען געווען אַזוי קאַרג אין זייער לויב און אָנערקענונג צו פֿרויען דיכטע-רינס. אגב, אירענאַ קלעפּפֿיש וועט זיין די גאַסט-רעדנערין ביים יידיש אָוונט פֿון דעם אַכצנטן ביכער יאַריד, וואָס ווערט אָפּגעהאַלטן הייַנטיקן יאָר פֿון 6-טן ביזן 13-טן נאָוועמבער. אירענאַ קלעפּפֿיש'ס לעקציע קומט פֿאָר זונטיק אָוונט, דעם 6-טן נאָוועמבער. זי וועט ריידן אין יידיש און ענגליש.

פֿאַרוואָס אין ביידע שפּראַכן? ווייל „געפֿונענע אוצרות" איז אַ בוך פֿון איבערזעצונגען, פֿון מאַ-מע לשון אויף ענגליש. עס איז אַן אַנטאָלאָגיע, אַ זאַמלונג, וואָס ברענגט פֿאַר פֿיל יונגע לייענער, צום ערשטן מאָל, די שטימע און סענסיטיוויטעט פֿון די יידישע דיכטערינס, וואָס האָבן געשריבן אין די זעלבע יאָרן, ווי פּרץ און שלום עליכם, און אויך פֿון די, וואָס שרייבן אויף יידיש נאָך הייַנט צו טאָג.

אין „געפֿונענע אוצרות" הערט מען די שטימעס פֿון אַזעלכע דיכטערינס ווי רחל בראָכעס, ציליאַ דראָפּקין, שירה גאָרשמאַן, רחל קאָרן, שרה האַמער-דזשאַקלין, איידאַ מאַזע, יענטע סערדאַצקי, קאַדיאַ מאָלאָדאָווסקי און חוה ראָזענפֿאַרב.

ווי אַזוי איז די איבערזעצונג צושטאַנד געקומען? אין 1990 האָט זיך אַ גרופּע פֿרויען אָרגאַניזירט אין אַ לייען-קרייז, וואָס האָט געצילט צו געפֿינען און לייענען, אויף יידיש, די אַרבעטן פֿון יידישע דיכטע-רינס. נישט אַלע האָבן געקענט גוט יידיש, אָבער אַלע האָבן געהאַט די ליבשאַפֿט פֿאַר דער שפּראַך און די התחייבות צו ברענגען צום לעבן די פֿאַרגע-סענע שאַפֿונגען פֿון די טאַלאַנטפֿולע דיכטערינס, וואָס די מענער רעדאַקטאָרן פֿון טאָג-צייטונגען און זשורנאַלן האָבן אַוועקגערוקט אין אַ זייט — די פֿאַרגעסענע אוצרות. אין זייער פֿעמיניסטישער אָריענטאַציע, האָבן לייען-קרייז מיטגלידער נישט נעגירט די ווערק פֿון אַזעלכע שרייבער ווי מענ-דעלע, פּרץ, שלום עליכם אָדער די ברידער זינגער. אָבער, האָבן פֿרויען געטראַכט, אויב יידיש איז טאַקע מאַמע-לשון האָט דער לייען קרייז געוואָלט בעסער פֿאַרשטיין די יידישע וועלט פֿון די מאַמעס, באָבעס און עלטער-באָבעס. די ווערק, וואָס זיי האָבן אויסגעקליבן, האָבן געוויזן ווי ענג און שווער דאָס לעבן איז געווען פֿאַר פֿרויען אין די שטעט-לעך און חסידישע היימען פֿון פּוילן, ליטע, רוסלאַנד. זיי ווייזן אונדז אויך, אַז אין דעם וואוקס פֿון די ני-אַנטשטאַנענע וועלטלעכע באַוועגונגען, ווי למשל ציוניזם, בונדישער סאָציאַליזם און קאָמוניזם, וואָס האָבן יאָ פֿאַרשטאַנען, אַז עס איז פֿאַראַן אַ פֿרויען-פֿראַגע, האָבן די מענער, וואָס האָבן אָנגע-פֿירט מיט אָט-די באַוועגונגען, אין דער פּראַקטיק נישט געקענט אָפּלאָזן די לייצעס.

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Beilin calls for new Israel-Diaspora link in message to CJC conference

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Yossi Beilin, the controversial deputy foreign minister of Israel, didn't show as scheduled at the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress held here Oct. 22-23.

Instead, he sent a message explaining his views about strengthening Jewish continuity and identity.

Transmitted to Congress Pacific region director Erwin Nest through the Israel embassy, Beilin's message called for the establishment of a "Jewish international democratic institute to serve as the main liaison between Israel and Diaspora Jewry."

The institute, Beit Israel, would be committed to Jewish education, assisting immigrants from distressed countries and "the most important goal, bringing youth [aged 17] from the Diaspora to visit Israel" on a month-long program.

The program "would be a gift from the Jewish people to the young generation," Beilin believes.

Yossi Beilin

Funding would come mainly at the expense of social welfare activities in Israel not related to immigration, the message stated.

Beilin said "this age (17) is the most crucial stage in establishing one's identity. The direct contact with the State of Israel is the key to strengthening the relationship between the Diaspora and Israel."

The deputy foreign minister acknowledged his proposal "may raise doubt" about its feasibility. He would test the idea in at least two Jewish communities before implementation.

Beilin called also for an international census to locate unaffiliated Jews.

The message, received before last Wednesday's bombing in Tel Aviv, said advances in the peace process and the strengthening of Israel's economy "has placed Israel on the path towards peace and prosperity. At the same time, Diaspora Jews continue to integrate into their own communities, causing an increase in assimilation."

Because of the prospect of peace and prosperity, Israel's relationship with the Diaspora could be diminished, Beilin suggests, and the problem of Jewish continuity must become one of prime concern.

Atlantic rabbis form a beth din

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Three Orthodox rabbis in Atlantic Canada have formed a beth din (religious court) to arbitrate spiritual matters and make decisions on kashrut.

Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein of Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax said the trio, which includes Rabbi David Spiro of Fredericton's Sgoolai Israel Synagogue and Rabbi David Ellis of Moncton's Congregation Tiferes Israel, will try to "keep it simple to help our communities.

"We will continue to send people to Montreal for conversion or divorce but, by getting involved in kashrut and arbitration, and by arranging for speakers to visit each community, we hope to upgrade levels of Jewish commitment in our region."

Rabbi Ellis said the beth din is important to arbitrate cases between Jews. "According to Jewish laws, two Jews who have an argument are not supposed to go to a secular court to solve it. If there is a proper [beth din] structure, they are to settle the affair among themselves."

He said a beth din is cheaper and avoids legalese. "It is a matter of educating the public," said Rabbi Ellis.

While major food producers receive a COR, MK or other national kashrut designation, there are some regional manufacturers whose kashrut the rabbis can verify.

For example, one Halifax baker's challah and bagels have recently been approved by Rabbi Grafstein. He has also sanctioned cottage cheese from Scotsburn Dairy in Nova Scotia.

Rabbi Grafstein said he visited a Halifax-area seafood producer, hoping to approve its smoked salmon, but discovered shellfish is processed in the same containers.

"We can make arrangements to visit, unannounced, local food manufacturers," said Rabbi Ellis, "and will even get together to make a group visit if the producer is large enough."

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Disabled veteran Shabi Cohen, with Canadian Julia Sax and wife Shoshana Cohen, at opening of new Beit Halochem centre in Jerusalem.

Recreation centre opens for disabled Israeli soldiers

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Danny Liani lost his eyesight during Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

"When I was injured I said to myself that I would never forget Jerusalem. Now I see that Jerusalem has not forgotten me," said Liani, during a moving ceremony held this month to mark the opening of Beit Halochem, Jerusalem's new sports and recreation centre for disabled soldiers.

Liani, a member of the IDF's Golani Brigade, is one of 5,000 veterans who will benefit from the $16.5 million centre, which was built with the support of Canadian Jewry.

Many of those donors were on hand for the inauguration, which was attended by President Ezer Weizman, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur and Chief of Staff-designate Amnon Shachak.

The 30-member delegation from Beit Halochem Canada included organization president Michael Sax, filmmaker Ivan Reitman and businessman Alex Raab. Canada's ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector, was also present.

The centre, situated in the Malcha neighborhood of Jerusalem, is the first Beit Halochem (Fighters' House) in the capital, and the third in the country. Canadian donations of $2 million paid for all the equipment in the new centre, including physiotherapy and sports facilities, computers and furniture.

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Former owner Harry Fleisher filed for bankruptcy listing $478,083 owed to creditors and assets of $225,000 in court documents, making a deficit of $253,083.

"We believe there is no reason a restaurant with that following, quality of food and volume cannot make money," Levi said.

The Brown Derby's take-out and catering service was back in business last Friday, and the restaurant was in full operation by Monday.

Levi said the new owners have lowered some prices and plan to reduce others soon. "We want to be affordable," he said.

The place has also been spruced up and more renovations are foreseen, he said. The hours were to remain about the same and most of the laid-off staff have been rehired.

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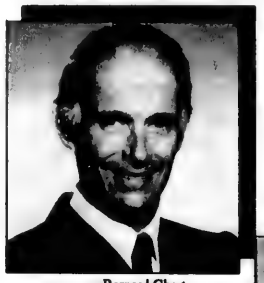

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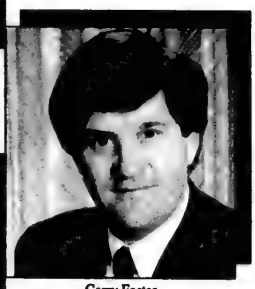

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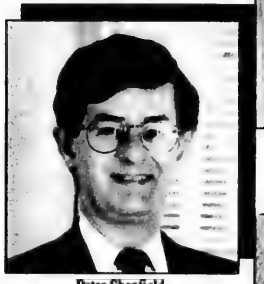

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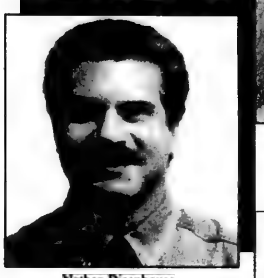

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Exodus of Syrian Jews ends as Chief Rabbi arrives in Israel

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Syrian Jewry's spiritual leader arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport last week, marking the end of the dramatic and secret exodus of most of Syria's Jews.

Last Tuesday, Rabbi Avraham Hamra descended the El Al airplane from New York onto the tarmac, where he was engulfed by public officials, dignitaries and relatives, while hordes of reporters were kept at bay by airport security personnel.

"Only a week ago, I sat with the rabbi for three hours (in New York) and he told me his dream" to make aliyah, said Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish Agency's department of immigration and absorption, as the airplane landed. "Now his dream has come true. It's a historic day."

Rabbi Hamra, 51, served as spiritual and communal leader in Syria for 25 years. He will now live in Holon, home to a large Syrian community.

(The rabbi was in Toronto earlier this month to thank the community for its help over the years. [*CJN*, Oct. 13].)

Reciting the Sheheheyanu blessing, he expressed thanks to the governments of Israel, Canada, the U.S. and Syria, and to the Jewish Agency, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the various other groups that made the exodus from Syria possible.

"I have spoken with President Hafez Assad, and we can look forward to new and good relations in the Middle East," Rabbi Hamra said.

But he side-stepped reporters' questions about the political significance of the exodus, saying that the remaining 280 Jews in Syria are free to leave when they wish and that 16 had left Damascus the previous day.

He predicted that the community's synagogues and cemeteries "would be all right" now that there is no longer a spiritual leader in Damascus.

Despite Rabbi Hamra's reticence on the subject, his sister, Pnina Nehushtan, a resident of Bat Yam for the past 20 years, said he hopes to play a role in mediating peace with Syria.

Rabbi Avraham Hamra and Judy Feld Carr, chair of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, in Toronto earlier this month.

Expectations of a political role were echoed by his mother, Esther. "He has great charisma and great pull," she said in perfect Hebrew, which she said she learned in childhood.

At a ceremony inside an airport hall, Rabbi Hamra, who arrived with his wife, mother and six children, said he believed his arrival in Israel marked the start of a wave of Syrian Jewish aliyah from New York, "because this is our home."

Since 1948, the JDC helped sustain the Syrian Jewish community with more than $10 million (U.S.) raised by the United Jewish Appeal.

In Canada, the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands has helped the Syrian Jewish community with direct aid for 20 years.

Since April 1992, 3,800 Jews left Syria, most of them for the United States, and between 1,200 and 1,300 were then brought to Israel by the Jewish Agency in a covert operation.

During the ceremony, Rabbi Hamra sat at a table in front of a big welcome banner, flanked on one side by Gordon, and on the other by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Jewish Agency Acting Chairman Yehiel Leket and Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, who presented the rabbi with an immigrant's card.

Peres praised Rabbi Hamra for carefully navigating Jewish life "in a land in belligerent relations with Israel. He did it so as not to endanger Jewish lives, or Jewishness, and to provide hope" to his flock to come "back home."

"The redemption of Jewish life begins again," said Peres.

The occasion signals that "Israel is the state of the Jewish people, open to anyone who wants to come, especially those under oppression," remarked Leket. "It is our responsibility to save them, rescue them and bring them back to our homeland."

Leket said that in talks with Assad, Rabbi Hamra had displayed "combined leadership qualities and Jewish wisdom" and that "this allowed us to bring out (Syrian) Jewry."

Michael Schneider, executive vice president of the JDC, lauded Rabbi Hamra for overseeing financial aid to the community over the years.

"He took care of the disadvantaged and the needy with courage and integrity and preserved Jewish continuity, sometimes at great risk to himself."

"You have now come home with your mission accomplished," Schneider said.

Later, several hundred members of the Syrian community — veterans as well as new olim — cheered and cried with joy as Rabbi Hamra joined a celebration at the Holon headquarters of the Syrian Immigrants' Association.

"At long last, we have come full circle," declared association head Moshe Sasson.

Rabbi Carlebach dies of heart attack

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the composer, singer and raconteur who touched the hearts of millions of Jews around the world, died of a heart attack in New York City while awaiting the departure of a plane to Toronto to spend Shabbat with his family. He was 69.

Rabbi Carlebach is credited with having founded the baal teshuvah outreach movement in the 1960s. He became internationally famous for his spiritual performances and his melodies that have become part of synagogue and ceremonial services worldwide.

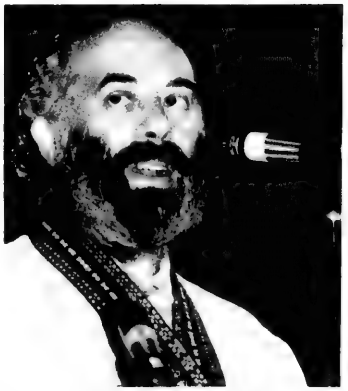
Known as the father of modern Jewish music, the renowned chassidic folk singer revolutionized Jewish music. He blended contemporary with chassidic melodies and composed *Am Yisroel Chai, Od Yeshama* and hundreds of other melodies.

Through his stories, soulful music and teachings, he reached Jews of all ages and all religious backgrounds. His love of God and of all Jews radiated to everyone who heard him perform. His mysticism attracted many alienated young people who returned to their Jewish heritage because of his influence, spirituality and charisma.

The guitar-playing rabbi founded The House of Love and Prayer synagogue in San Francisco and established Moshav Or Modiin in Israel. He was the rabbi at the Congregation Kehilath Jacob in Manhattan, the synagogue established by his father.

His smiling face, full head of white curls and beard became a symbol of unity for Jews around the world. He performed in large concert halls and at small gatherings in the United States, Canada, Israel, Morocco, Australia, France, Germany, Austria, Poland and the former Soviet Union. His early concerts in the Soviet Union electrified huge Jewish audiences in Leningrad and Moscow.

Rabbi Carlebach's funeral took place on Oct. 23 in New York City at his congregation and the burial was held in Jerusalem the next day.



Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

Rabbi Yisroel Travis, a teacher at Eitz Chaim Schools in Toronto, attended the funeral. He told *The CJN* that about 3,000 people from all segments of the Jewish community were there. "They were all crying and singing his songs over and over," Rabbi Travis said.

Rabbi Carlebach is survived by his wife, Elaine (Neila) Carlebach, two daughters, Neshama and Nadara of Toronto, and a sister, Shulamith Levovitz of Monsey, N.Y.

The Shlomo Carlebach Foundation has been established to compile and publish Rabbi Carlebach's music, to establish a scholarship in Jewish music, and to initiate other educational programs. For information, contact The Shlomo Carlebach Foundation, 185 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Ontario M5R 1J1.

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World

Canada reacts to Tel Aviv bombing

Ouellet on Attack

OTTAWA — Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet last week expressed his "indignation" over the "savage" Oct. 19 bus bomb attack in Tel Aviv that left at least 22 people dead and some 50 injured.

"Canadians are mourning these innocent victims who were attacked in a cowardly manner by the enemies of peace," a statement from Ouellet's office said. "This attack bears witness to the fury of those who continue to traffic in hatred. The contempt provoked by their disgusting cowardice should rally people of goodwill everywhere."

The minister expressed his solidarity with those who continue to strive for peace in the Middle East "through enormous obstacles."

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Jewish Groups Outraged

TORONTO — Jewish organizations in Canada had swift condemnation of last week's Tel Aviv bomb attack.

B'nai Brith Canada weighed in first, urging "equivocal condemnation by governments worldwide of Hamas and other terrorist groups" and strong measures by the Palestinian Authority to stop terrorists.

BBC extended condolences to the the victims' families, as did Canadian Jewish Congress.

CJC said it supports Israel's efforts "in tracking down and eradicating these cold-blooded murderers and their supporters."

The Canada-Israel Committee expressed the Canadian Jewish community's "protound shock and outrage" at the bombing and said it supports Israel's policy of pursuing peace with the Arabs while fighting terrorism.

The CIC also called on the Canadian government to confront Islamic terrorist groups and countries which sponsor or support their activities.

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Canadian Arab Network Reacts

TORONTO — Ziad Malawi, editor of the Toronto-based Arab-language *Al-Mersal* newspaper, said in a statement that the Canadian Arab Network "strongly condemns the bombing and extends its "deepest condolences to the victims, their families and to the people and government of Israel.

"This senseless and brutal act could only be viewed as a blunt attempt to derail the peace process in the Middle East."

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We're Sorry, However...

TORONTO —Palestine House in Toronto called last week's bus bomb attack in Tel Aviv "a horrible crime committed by a madman whose main objective was blood and revenge, and destroying the peace process.

"We condemn in the strongest terms [the] crime, which is as heinous as the massacre at the Hebron mosque last February and must be condemned by all. Our hands and hearts go to the victims and their families in Israel."

However, the statement continued, "Israel has been warned before to heed such acts by expediting the implementation of the peace process by withdrawing its forces, vacating the settlements, handing over sweeping powers to the Palestinian Authority and improving the economic and political situation. Ignoring or bypassing the national and political rights of the Palestinians will encourage violence and will deny the Israelis the security they desire."

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CFPN Condemns Attack

TORONTO — Canadian Friends of Peace Now (CFPN) co-chairs Simon Rosenblum and Ester Cole issued the following statement:

CFPN condemns in the strongest possible terms the terrorist bombing of a bus in downtown of Tel Aviv, which murdered 22 Israelis and injured many more.

Our deepest sympathies go to the families of the victims. We stand in complete solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Israel at this trying time.

The latest attack, coming the week after the tragic kidnapping and murder of IDF Corporal Nachshon Waxman and the shooting of innocent civilians in downtown Jerusalem, is clearly the continuation of a campaign to use terror and intimidation to undermine the peace process. Terrorists must be denied the realization of this goal.

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Hamas terror condemned

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He also called on Muslim leaders and Arab intellectuals to unequivocally voice their outrage over Hamas terrorism.

"This major constituency has remained ominously silent," he said.

Hecht conveyed messages of condolence from Minister of State for Multiculturalism Sheila Finestone; provincial Cultural Communities Minister Bernard Landry; and Yvon Loubier, Bloc Quebecois economic affairs critic who visited Israel last year on a trip organized by the CIC-Q.

Israeli consul Aviva Raz-Shecter vowed that Israel would root out those responsible for the Tel Aviv attack.

She said Israel will neither surrender to terrorism nor stop the peace process, because to do so would serve Hamas' purpose.

Raz-Shecter also read the names of 13 of the 21 victims.

The synagogue's Rabbi Joshua Shmidman, while recognizing the necessity to continue the peace process, questioned doing so if the process is not "rational," if terrorism appears to succeed.

Earlier in the day, an estimated 300 students joined together in condemning the killings at a rally at McGill Uniiversity, organized by the Hillel Jewish Student Centre.

Students held up a huge Israeli flag and placards reading, "Stop the Insanity!" and "When Will It End?"

Hicham Morzouk, Egyptian vice-consul in Montreal, attended the rally but did not speak.

Hillel director Mark Zarecki said McGill Arab groups were also invited to participate but did not return Hillel telephone calls.

Speakers at the rally included Bergman; Rabbi Chananya Berzon of the Young Israel of Chomedey; Raz-Shecter; Hillel Rabbi Dovid Merling and David Galston, both of McGill Chaplaincy Services; and Savik Yeghoyzn, president of the McGill Student Society.

The synagogue memorial service was organized by CIC-Q; Federation CJA; Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region; B'nai Brith Canada; Centre Hillel; Communaute Sepharade du Quebec; Canadian Zionist Federation; CIJR Student Board; Betar-Tagar; and the Federation Sepharade du Canada.

Demonstrators hold protest rally in Dizengoff Square

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

TEL AVIV — Some 40,000 protesters from around the country rallied peacefully in the city's central Dizengoff Square last Saturday night, 50 metres from the site of Wednesday's bus bombing in which 22 people died.

The demonstration lasted until about 10:30, when sporadic brawls and confrontations erupted between groups of demonstrators and armed police. Some arrests were also made, and mounted police were sent in to restore order.

Hundreds of people flocked to light memorial candles at the spot where the bus exploded.

Hundreds of uniformed and undercover police were sent to keep the peace, but no violent incidents were reported until the evening's end.

Only one right-wing demonstrator was detained and later released after he tried to incite the crowd. Plainclothes detectives also mingled among the protesters.

"We came to identify with the victims," said one Lod resident. Others waved torches and banners reading: "We were here a long time before, and we will stay for a long time."

Other banners read: "This peace is killing us," "1994 Government: The Final Solution," and "Rabin is lying, Jews are dying and God is crying."

Protest organizers included right-wing party members and settlement leaders.

Massive video screens showed a replay of Wednesday's news showing gruesome details of the attack.

"There can be no peace without security and now it's either peace or security," said Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, addressing the crowd.

He accused Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of making a grave mistake by making Gaza a refuge for terrorists. "The IDF must do whatever is necessary everywhere west of Jordan to uproot terrorists and bring them to trial."

The government, he added, should not turn its back on terrorism. "Whoever runs away from terror will only be chased by it," he said. "The terrorist who got on the No.5 bus did not want to kill the peace process, but to murder Jews," he said.

MOURNING THE VICTIMS

Toronto Jews weep during the chanting of K'El Maleh Rachamim for the 21 Jews killed in last week's bombing in Tel Aviv. [Amy Sattin photo]

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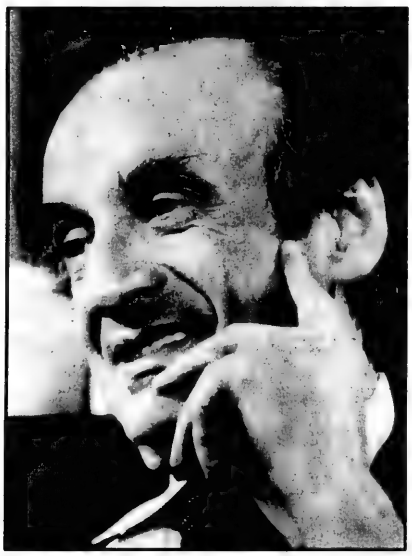

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The News in Brief

Should Germany Take Part?

AMSTERDAM — As Holland prepares for the 50th anniversary of its liberation from the Nazis, Jews here are joining the debate over whether Germany should be invited to participate in the commemorations.

Representatives of Holland's Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Liberal congregations recently weighed into the debate with a statement that the Jewish community in Holland was not in favor of inviting Germany to next year's commemoration, scheduled for May 5.

"Emotionally our community has still a long way to go to commemorate the dark period of 1940 to 1945 jointly with Germans," the statement said. "The wounds have by no means yet been healed. The fact that over 80 per cent of the Jewish population was murdered is still in vivid memory with the survivors and their children."

In contrast to the views of the congregations, Ronny Naftaniel, director of the Centre for Information and Documentation on Israel, supports German participation.

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Free Screenings of *Schindler's List*

MOSCOW — After months of delays and bomb threats from far-right thugs, more than 1,000 people — Russian military students, concentration camp survivors, World War II veterans and Jewish families — packed a large theater in central Moscow this month for what may be the first in a six-month series of free Sunday screenings of *Schindler's List*.

The event was organized by Rabbi Yosef Cunin, an American who oversees the Chabad Lubavitch Bolshaya Bronnaya Synagogue, following discussions during the High Holidays about "how to make the atmosphere for Jews here more comfortable."

Instead of offering tickets only to religious Jews, Rabbi Cunin wants to present the film to assimilated Jews and Russians from various walks of life.

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Rebbe Receives Gold Medal

WASHINGTON — The late Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, has been awarded the Congressional Gold medal, joining the ranks of fewer than 100 other Americans.

Both the House and Senate unanimously agreed to bestow the honor earlier this month.

The posthumous award "reflects further the long-held appreciation of this august institution of the message of the rebbe and his contribution to the educational, moral and social fabric of our society," Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, national director of American Friends of Lubavitch, said in a statement.

Some 230 members of Congress co-sponsored the bill that bestowed the award.

The gold medal and 10,000 bronze replicas should be finished by spring.

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Jewish Terrorists Strike

JERUSALEM — An apparent arson attack against a telephone switching centre in Petah Tikva by Jewish terrorists last Tuesday morning caused an estimated $8 million in damage, the Bezek telephone company said.

Damage to equipment disconnected 25,000 phone lines in Petah Tikva.

Spray-painted on the wall of the building was the message: "The Jewish intifada has begun. The entire state of lowlifes will go up in fire. Kahane people and Judea and Samaria. The dog Yitzik (sic) Rabin equals Hitler; the time will come when we get even with him."

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, who visited the facility, said: "Whoever committed this act of vandalism is not only the enemy of peace, but even more so an enemy of the public who belongs behind bars. Only terrorists are able to disconnect 25,000 homes with children, old people, factories, and hospitals."

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Tomb to Re-Open

TEL AVIV — The Tomb of the Patriarchs, closed to Jewish and Muslim worshippers since the Hebron massacre in February, is expected to re-open by the end of October, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur said last week.

Gur made the prediction during a visit to Hebron, where he visited the Tomb, focus of repeated unrest since the February massacre of 29 Palestinians by a Jewish settler.

Since then, Israel has beefed up security at the site, including the installation of closed-circuit television cameras to monitor visitors.

Israel's security plans also call for the separation of Jewish and Muslim worshipers, who will be confined to different parts of the complex and will be required to pray at different times.

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Rally for Ron Arad

JERUSALEM — Several thousand people gathered in Tel Aviv earlier this month for a rally marking eight years that Israeli navigator Ron Arad has been missing.

Arad bailed out from a fighter plane over Lebanon in 1986 and was believed to be held by pro-Iranian forces.

Arad's brother, Hen, called on the Israeli government to pressure Syria to bring about his brother's return.

"We are not just directing an appeal to any government to help," Hen Arad told Israel Radio. "I really believe the Syrians can help, and I know what I am talking about."

Former Israeli President Chaim Herzog called on the world Jewish community to demonstrate outside Iranian embassies, demanding Arad's release.

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U.S. Delegation to Probe MIAs

JERUSALEM — A U.S. Congressional delegation is to return to Syria soon to probe the fate of Israeli soldiers missing in action.

The delegation will include staff members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The group first visited Syria, Lebanon, and Israel last January and "is determined to get back there in the next several weeks," according to a Capitol Hill source. A firm date has not yet been set.

"The good news is they [Syria] want to deal with this humanitarian issue untied to the [peace] process or other things, and they want to renew efforts on this," he said.

"The bad news is we don't have anything. It's been almost 11 months since the idea of giving special attention to this humanitarian issue came up, and there's relatively little discernible momentum on this since January."

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Museum Returned to Community

PRAGUE — The Czech government has officially returned the Prague Jewish Museum to the city's Jewish community.

The museum, confiscated by the Nazis in 1939 and subsequently taken over by the postwar Communist regime, houses one of the world's largest collections of Judaica, some of whose priceless objects date to the 16th century.

President Vaclav Havel attended an Oct. 13 ceremony marking the return, along with other Czech government officials, Israeli Ambassador Moshe Yegar and leaders of the Czech Jewish community.

Havel said he was pleased the museum was being returned to its rightful owners and expressed hope that this was just the beginning of the process of satisfying Jewish claims.

In May, the Czech parliament enacted legislation calling for the return of property seized from individuals during World War II.

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Community Centre Opens

BUDAPEST — Exactly 50 years after Nazi forces took control of Budapest and Adolf Eichmann ordered 50,000 Hungarian Jews to march to Germany as slave laborers, a Jewish community centre was festively inaugurated in Hungary's capital earlier this month.

The newly rebuilt Balint Jewish Community Centre of Budapest is to serve as a social and educational hub for Hungary's estimated 130,000 Jews.

It contains a library stocked with books and video and audio tapes, a teacher resource centre linked by computer to universities all over the world and an arts and crafts centre.

The community centre, with a 10-person staff, also provides counseling, support groups and social programs for Holocaust survivors and their families.

It is housed in a two-story building that belonged to Budapest's Jewish community before World War II, when it was confiscated by the Nazi regime. It was recently returned by the Hungarian government.

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Front Line

Hamas terrorism must not be allowed to block peace

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Rarely, maybe never in Israel's history, has one single fortnight been so filled with both gloom and hope. Three major tragedies, of which the carnage in Tel Aviv was the most devastating act of Arab terrorism ever perpetrated against Israel, have seriously threatened the fragile peace process.

But the same period also yielded the peace treaty with Jordan. And between terrorist acts, this year's Nobel Peace Prize winners were named, with Yasser Arafat as an improbable laureate. As a final reflexion on the way irony often works, ask yourself how many people who were watching the unbearable scenes of the Dizengoff Street massacre also remembered that the invention of Alfred Nobel, which made him rich and famous, was the one that produced the tragedy.

Whether Islamic fundamentalism will succeed or fail in its objectives will depend on the ability of all the targeted societies, Arab regimes included, to resist its onslaught. The military, suicidal wing of Hamas is but a small fanatical group not fully controlled by its political hierarchy, which operates in the open, and whose main activity in social welfare, is particularly successful in some poor and corrupt Arab environments.

As far as Israel is concerned, in the wake of the latest wave of terror, an all-out offensive with hitherto unused methods against the Hamas power structure will soon be under way. It is also likely that Israel will not carry this burden alone. At the same time, the principal enemy of Hamas, the peace process, must continue more vigorously than before, for, in the long run, it holds the best hope for success.

For now the most important battlefront is to maintain Israel's internal standing, the country's stamina and morale. The reaction of the Israeli public to the scenes of horror and devastation, massively beamed into the homes of the nation by the competing media, was mature and realistic. The mobilization of all services and the behavior of the public were, on the whole, exemplary. Much less impressive, literally scandalous, was the performance of some politicians who used the tragedy to agitate and incite the riff-raff against the government.

Yeshayahu Anug

The tragedy in Tel Aviv came only days after the sad story of the soldier murdered during the failed attempt to rescue him. The operation was carried out by the same elite unit which had triumphed in Entebbe in 1978. In such operations, the line between triumph and tragedy is very thin. Had Corporal Nachshon Waxman been saved, one more page of glory would have adorned that unit's impressive record and Yitzhak Rabin, the man who ordered both missions, would have been acclaimed for his daring. It was not to be.

But just imagine what would have been said of the prime minister had Waxman been killed, as were other hostages before him, if he had not attempted the last minute rescue operation.

While, in the case of Waxman, the opposition supported the government's action, Rabin was criticized for his handling of the issue by some of the media and even by some members of his coalition.

"This is not the time to criticize the prime minister for his decision to act," said no other than Corporal Waxman's father, a very pious and gentle man. When also asked why the fervent prayers at the Western Wall, attended by tens of thousands the day before the tragedy were not answered, he candidly explained that the Almighty, for His own reasons, does not always respond positively to supplications.

For a while it looked as if the Waxman tragedy had united government and opposition and had lowered the level of political tension. The impression was reinforced by the opposition's support of the peace treaty with Jordan, but it was lost in the aftermath of the Tel Aviv massacre. While this column was on its way to the printer, a number of non-confidence motions were being prepared; they will be debated in the Knesset on the eve of the ceremonial signing of the peace treaty with Jordan in the presence of U.S. President Bill Clinton. This Knesset vote will be a stormy test not only of Rabin's political survival, but also of his freedom of action in the weeks ahead.

By not resisting the temptation to use the recent tragedy in its political struggle against the government, the Likud is committing a grave strategic mistake. "This is a time for consolation and piety, Bibi Netanyahu, not a good occasion to promote your political career," warned *Ma'ariv* columnist Jonathan Gefen. "Nobody will forgive those who seek political dividends as they stand near the remnants of corpses and in the waiting-room of hospitals, and ask to stop the peace process."

And, indeed, during the heated debate in the Knesset on the afternoon of the carnage, some opposition spokesmen declared Rabin's peace policies responsible for the attack, to the sure delight of Hamas.

The second battlefront against the fanatics of Hamas is in the area of Palestinian autonomy, where the PLO's legitimacy as a peace partner will be tested and where Arafat's own future will be decided. In the present squalor of Gaza, no operation against Hamas will succeed, unless it is backed by steady and visible improvement in the miserable environmental and materialistic conditions. Arafat, the reformed terrorist and soon-to-be recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, faces — not unlike his partners in Israel — similar slander on the part of his accusers.

But, unlike Rabin in Israel, he is in an almost no-win situation. If he does not take on Hamas, he will lose his local standing, forfeit the international aid indispensable to his economy and ultimately lose out politically to Hamas. If he does, he'll be branded as a collaborator with Israel's security groups and endanger what is left of his popularity and possibly his life. Between the two, he will hopefully opt for the second choice and hope to be helped by outside factors, who want the peace process to survive.

At this stage Rabin and Arafat are bound by a fateful embrace, but one that must continue, as there is no way out. The carnage in Tel Aviv was a turning point that cannot be ignored. The rules of the new game are now dictated by their respective opponents. To deviate from the path of the peace process means more bloody strife between their peoples and will also lead to their own political end. If they persevere, they will be assisted by part of the western world and will stand a reasonable chance of succeeding.

In Tel Aviv, at the scene of the carnage, President Ezer Weizmann asked the public to deny victory to the enemies of peace and to support the search for it. Hopefully, Israelis will listen, grit their teeth and continue the uphill struggle for change.

Community needs answers in the Bristow affair

By BERNIE FARBER

As scandals come and go the so-called Grant Bristow affair is a humdinger.

Bristow is alleged to have been a paid informant of Canada's Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS). However, it appears as though the enterprising Bristow may have taken it upon itself not only to spy on the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, but indeed to be involved as one of its "founding fathers," by providing both organizational skills and funding.

The money Bristow reportedly gave to the Heritage Front may have come from payments of up to $60,000 he allegedly received from CSIS as an informant. The substance of such allegations have a potentially serious impact not only for the Canadian community in general, but more specifically for the Jewish community.

Underscoring this sad situation is the way in which the media in general has seized upon the issue as the hot story of the summer. Frequent unsubstantiated reports from questionable unnamed sources made the rounds, resulting in suggestions that Bristow was involved in everything from soup to nuts, and ultimately obscuring the real issues at hand.

While Canadian Jewish Congress strongly supports the CSIS commitment to infiltrate and monitor hate groups, in our view there are a series of specific questions that we believe must be answered as a means by which to re-establish the country's faith in our security service and enable CSIS to get back to the job of protecting Canadian citizens. The questions are simple:

(1) Was Bristow working on behalf of CSIS and if so, when were his services obtained?

(2) Did Bristow in any way help fund and/or organize the neo-Nazi Heritage Front?

(3) Did Bristow, as it is alleged, supply any personal information on Canadian Jewish leadership to white racist organizations in North America?

(4) Did Bristow spy on the Canadian Jewish Congress or the Jewish Students' Network?

It was for this reason that the Canadian Jewish Congress and its president, Irving Abella, asked these rudimentary questions from the very beginning. While other allegations swirling around Bristow's duplicitous relationship with the Reform party and his supposed spying on the CBC and postal employees are important, surely the suggestion that an alleged CSIS employee was involved in bringing potential harm to the Canadian Jewish community and its institutions, as well as anti-racist activities, is scandalous.

As far as the Jewish community is concerned, nothing historically has more power and force than the suggestion that its government may have conspired in some way, shape or form to harm Jewish citizens. The Security Intelligence Review Committee and the parliamentary sub-committee looking into these allegations must come up with answers that are frank, straightforward and honest. Anything less than a full public disclosure will continue to taint the credibility of Canada's spy agency.

Bernie Farber is the national director for community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress.

Syria key to a comprehensive Mideast settlement

By THOMAS SMERLING

The sweet music of Israeli-Jordanian reconciliation has lulled some observers into thinking that peace with Syria can wait — or be foregone altogether.

Ignoring Syria would be a tragic and dangerous mistake, and Israel and America should resist this temptation. Without Syria, the peace process will remain piecemeal and unstable, whereas a Syrian-Israeli agreement will solidify the other negotiating tracks and perhaps transform the entire region.

The breakthroughs with the PLO and with Jordan left most of the toughest issues to later talks. Jerusalem, final borders, water rights, refugees, economic relations, and Palestinian statehood loom ominously ahead.

Especially with the Palestinians, the road to peace will be long and bumpy, with many detours. The odds of reaching the final destination — real peace with security — will be immeasurably enhanced with the Syrians on board. If neglected, Syria could exacerbate the inevitable difficulties ahead.

Among Israel's neighbors only Syria — not Jordan, and not the Palestinians — poses a strategic military threat. Israel's worst defence nightmare is Syrian armor advancing under a future Iranian nuclear umbrella. Today, Syria keeps its options open with ties to Iran and Hizbollah. It would clearly serve American as well as Israeli interests to draw Syria firmly into the moderate Arab camp, and away from Iran.

Peace with Syria will open the door to peace with Lebanon, bringing calm to Israel's most lethal border. Nearly all 21 members of the Arab League would soon follow suit. Today, many Gulf and North African states are already taking incremental steps toward normalization with Israel, but without a green light from Syria they remain hesitant.

For years Syria has carried the banner of Arab pride, unity and independence. While the Gulf War tattered this flag, it still stirs passions among many Arab constituencies.

It is precisely Syria's weight as the former champion of rejectionism that will make Israeli-Syrian peace ripple so strongly throughout the Arab and Muslim world. Ending the war with Syria will, for practical purposes, end the Arab-Israeli war. The few holdouts, perhaps Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Iran, would be isolated and increasingly irrelevant.

Is Syria ready for peace with Israel? Most analysts agree that Syrian President Hafez al-Assad has made a strategic decision to pursue peace, not out of born-again love of Israel, but from a cold assessment of Syrian national interests in the post-Soviet environment. An astute reader of the political map, Assad wants to mend relations with the West, get on with developing his country, and consolidate his regional leadership.

But the Syrian leader is not desperate. Assad will only conclude a deal on terms he deems honorable. His phrase "the peace of the brave" means never accepting a diktat. It means getting back all of the Golan Heights, negotiating equitable terms, and resisting demands viewed as humiliating. To settle for less would undercut a foundation of his leadership: his reputation as a tough, unbowed defender of Arab rights and Syrian national honor.

For Assad, a peace treaty negotiated from weakness is worse than none. Syrian officials point to Yasser Arafat's humiliation as a negative example. Official posters recently displayed in Damascus say it all: "We have fought honorably, we are negotiating honorably, and we want an honorable peace."

Just as Arabs often fail to understand the depth and sincerity of Israeli security fears, Israelis and Americans often fail to appreciate the importance of honor and respect in Arab politics. Personal honor and avoidance of humiliation often shape Arab positions, just as physical safety and fear of annihilation underlie many Jewish policies. Arab societies have suffered their own historical trauma: nearly 500 years of foreign intrusion, conquest and attempted domination — first by Turkey, then by Europe, and finally, in their eyes, by Israel. History helps explain the emphasis on sovereignty, and why some Arabs worry about Israeli economic domination after peace comes.

Reconciling Syria's understandable concerns about sovereignty and honor with Israel's understandable concerns for fail-safe security and full peace is precisely the challenge facing the negotiators today.

For Israel, warm peace — trade, tourism, open borders, etc. — is less easily reversed and hence safer than cold peace. But Assad is reluctant to offer Rabin warmer relations than Sadat offered Begin. The leap from rejectionism to intimacy is too great. An initially cool peace may later warm up, as is happening now with Egypt.

During Project Nishma's lengthy discussion with Syrian Foreign Minister Al-Sha'ara in Damascus in July, Al-Sha'ara may have hinted at this when asked to describe regional relations after peace: "Heading to better. I can't be as utopian as Foreign Minister Peres...[but] year after year will be better than the previous years."

During the same visit, we also saw signs that the Syrian public is increasingly ready for peace. For several years, the Syrian official press has cited peace as a national goal, and this new attitude has filtered down to the street. Everyone we met in Damascus spoke openly about peace with Israel. Not once did we hear the old rhetoric about the "Zionist entity."

Shopowners and businesspeople spoke of hopes for a "peace dividend" through the reallocation of national resources. Some referred matter-of-factly to future trade with Israel, though they remain skeptical about its scale. Our experience, confirmed by that of other recent visitors, increased our conviction that peace, while difficult, is possible.

The current opening will not last forever. Future governments — in Jerusalem or Damascus — may be unwilling or incapable of forging the consensus necessary for far-reaching compromise. For American diplomats, brokering peace will require a major investment of time in coming months, but a timely investment now will pay long-term dividends in regional stability.

This is the best opportunity ever to end nearly five decades of Israeli-Syrian war, and to launch a new era in the Middle East. Israel and Syria, with U.S. help, should seize it.

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Tragedy and triumph

Israel and its friends mourn the terrorist outrage in the heart of Tel Aviv, the heinous crime perpetrated by Hamas in the name of the Islamic militancy and rejectionism. It's plain that desperate terrorists are out to demolish the edifice of peace that Israel and its Arab neighbors are striving to build. But this has always been their bloody-minded objective. As Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin suggested in the aftermath of the latest tragedy, he will not permit terrorism to deflect Israel from its rightful course. He will not let terrorists dictate Israel's agenda.

Israel's wise, courageous policy has already yielded dramatic and far-reaching results. And this week, Israel and Jordan formally signed a peace treaty, a triumphant event that is both a harbinger of hope and, possibly, a model for Syria — one of the last holdouts — to emulate.

The march toward peace has profoundly affected Syrian Jewry. Last week, Syria's chief rabbi, Avraham Hamra, told a New York City news conference that the emigration of Jews from Syria has, for all intents and purposes, been completed. Since April 1992, when President Hafez al-Assad decreed that members of the Jewish community were at last free to leave for all foreign destinations but Israel, 3,800 out of 4,000 Jews have taken him up on his offer. One-third of the emigrants, including Rabbi Hamra himself, have made aliyah via the United States. And should they so desire, Syria's remaining Jews may also emigrate.

The wholesale departure of Syrian Jewry is a happy event tinged with sorrow. Persecuted and oppressed by a succession of regimes since the late 1940s, Syria's Jews yearned for relief. With the launching of the current Middle East peace process in 1991, they got their opportunity. The Syrian government, acceding to Western pressure, finally sanctioned unfettered emigration. But conversely, the dissolution of this venerable community, coming hot on the heels of the Jewish exodus from Yemen, signifies a broader historic development — the flight of Jews from Arab and Islamic countries since the establishment of Israel in 1948. If this trend continues, Jewish communities in that part of the world may well disappear within about a generation. It will mark the end of an illustrious chapter in Diaspora history.

Dreyfus' monument

This year and next, France and other countries will be commemorating the centennial of the arrest, trial and imprisonment of Alfred Dreyfus, the falsely accused French-Jewish officer who was victimized by anti-Semitism, national chauvinism and the cult of the army.

Dreyfus' name and his eventual exoneration have always symblized the struggle against race and religious hatred as well as the triumph of honesty, decency and the capacity of democratic societies to correct themselves.

One might expect that France is gearing up to commemorate the Dreyfus Affair, and there is no doubt that various constituencies in the country will observe the centennial with the publication of books, museum exhibits, symposia and public lectures.

Surprisingly enough, the Germans have beaten the French to the commemorative wire in a most unique and fascinating way. Berlin and Bonn are vying with each other in the creative arts to reconstruct the Dreyfus saga — through music.

The Deutsche Oper in Berlin has presented *Dreyfus: The Affair*, an opera by Jost Meier and George R. Whyte, while the Bonn Opera House has featured a new ballet-drama called *Dreyfus: J'Accuse*, written by Whyte and choreographed by Valery Panof with music by Alfred Schnittke.

The opera, which has received rave reviews from critics, includes a chorus which represents the French rabble singing anti-Semitic ditties and cabaret scenes in which prominent German singers are involved. Dreyfus' voice is also heard as a young boy hauntingly singing a refrain which goes: "Papa, when I grow up I want to be a soldier."

Whyte created the opera with Russian emigre dancer Panof because he felt that words alone could not express the anguish of the victim. The three-hour ballet, with selection from musical compositions by Schnittke, graphically depicts the sequences of Dreyfus' life as it goes from degradation to exoneration.

The Dreyfus affair is the stuff of great art and literature, but it is too soon to say whether it will also become the stuff of great music. However, the German composers, singers and dancers participating in these exciting new projects are certainly aiming at that high purpose.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

A $15 MILLION ERROR

I have read and re-read, with incredulity, the front page of the Oct. 6 issue of *The CJN*. There is a paragraph which is not only mathematically impossible, but leaves one in a state of bewilderment. If Canadian companies exported $116 million in 1992 to Israel and Israel imported over $131 million from Canada in the same period, there must surely be a requirement for a proofreader in the $15 million discrepancy.

I waited, with baited breath, for the advent of a decent spell-checker at your offices and I now sit in eager anticipation of human intervention to prevent a repetition of this ludicrous occurrence. It could be tolerated in an article on page 30-something, but on page one . . . really!

Neil R. Nathan
Toronto

Editor's note: The correct phrasing should have been that in 1992, Canada exported $116 million worth of goods to Israel and imported $131 million worth from Israel in the same year. Incidentally, not even "a decent spell-checker" would have caught that, as it was not a spelling error.

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WHO OWNED THE TORAH?

A strange photo appeared on the front page of the Oct. 6 edition of *The CJN*, showing Arafat unrolling a Sefer Torah to give to Rabin. Equally strange is the lack of any background information to this story. Torahs are revered and held sacred by most Jews. What is the history of this Torah? Where did it come from? How did it get into Arafat's hands? Why is he giving it to Rabin? I asked a prominent rabbi, "If Arafat handles the Torah, does it become Posul (unusable)?" His reply, "only if Rabin touches it."

Nathan Yacowar
Chomedey, Quebec

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NOT EXECUTED

I do not expect too much sensitivity to delicate Jewish issues from the general press; but I do expect it from you! Your August 18 edition had an article titled "RCMP seeking witnesses to World War II *executions*." The word executions is repeated at least twice in the text.

The Concise Oxford gives execution as "infliction of capital *punishment*. . ." (my emphasis).

The Universal Oxford gives: "execute — to put to death in pursuance *of a sentence*," and Execution — "infliction of (capital) punishment in pursuit of a *judicial sentence*."

Clearly, to use the term "execute/executions" implies a crime or crimes, some kind of formal judgement and sentencing beforehand. It also normally deals with individuals or small groups. As we know none of these conditions applied to millions of our brethren in Europe. Not even the Nazis claimed they did.

Thus to use this careless term (as many do) is gratuitously to insult the memory of the martyrs murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators.

They were murdered, shot, killed, slaughtered, exterminated, gassed. *They were not executed!*

Y. Kalin
Ottawa

Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress responds: "The text with the word 'executions' was supplied to us from the war crimes unit of the RCMP, and I will draw their attention to this letter.

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THE TERRORIST STRATEGY

In spite, or perhaps because of the Sept. 13, 1993 signing of the Declaration of Principles, the Palestinian terrorist attacks have continued unabated, resulting in the Israelis being killed in numbers surpassing substantially those in preceding years. Although Fatah members were also involved in those attacks, the Israeli government repeatedly put the blame on the members of Hamas and [Islamic] Jihad as being opposed to the peace process.

Wouldn't it also be plausible to conclude that if the terrorists were set only to derail the ongoing peace negotiations, they would direct their anger at their leaders as well. Until now, however, no such occurrence has ever been reported.

As I see it, the terrorists' real intent has been to wear down the Israeli government in order to extract more concessions and "good will gestures;" judging from past events such tactics proved to be quite successful.

While there are internecine rivalries in the Palestinian camp, it should be obvious that when the rival parties judge that Israel is vulnerable enough to be attacked, they will join forces to do so, hoping that with external help, always on the ready, they will be again joyously dancing on the roofs.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

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BREAK THE SILENCE

I feel compelled to write to you as I just returned from Montreal where, with my daughter, I attended the Child Survivors and Hidden Children of the Holocaust conference. I was very surprised by the small number of people attending from Toronto.

It was a remarkably nourishing weekend. We attended workshops, cried, laughed, sang and danced together. Among some excellent opening speeches were those by our own Anita Eckstein, Prof. Irving Abella, and Prof. Robert Krell (from Vancouver).

We hooked up with long lost memories, people who touched our lives at some point long ago. We came away enriched in memories and somewhat relaxed knowing that there is a second generation (600 people attended of which 150 were second generation) ready to carry on our legacy. We are the last generation of witnesses, and we criticized, analyzed, forgave but never, never forgot.

Olga Verrall
Toronto

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QUEBEC JEWS DO FIT IN

In your issue of Sept. 8 you report that the director-general of the Association of Jewish Day Schools (AJDS), Joe Rabinovitch, stated that the association of AJDS with the Montreal Catholic School Commission, now being negotiated, would "send the message that the Jewish community has a place here in Quebec and wishes to integrate into the society."

Where has Mr. Rabinovitch been these many years? Does the place of the Jewish community in this province, now 200 years old, need restatement? What is this "integration" that he speaks about? Does he see us as an alien group that needs "fitting in" to some Quebec "norm"? Must we aspire to the mystique of "the society" here, whatever that is? Are we not already part of Quebec society?

I believe that we deserve some plain-spoken answers to these questions so that we will know where the AJDS and its spokesman stand.

Theodore L. Sourkes
Montreal

Dry Bones

KING HUSSEIN TEARS DOWN THE WALL OF MISTRUST AND FEAR!
HE ENDS THE STATE OF WAR!! OPENS THE BORDER WITH ISRAEL AND...
AND?
AND THEY GIVE THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO YASSER ARAFAT!?

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Opinion

Time out for Muslim holidays?

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

During these last few weeks the newspapers have been filled with stories about Canadian Muslims. Spearheaded by a group in Ottawa, they are demanding that local school boards give Muslims the same kind of time off that is now being granted to Jews.

The request has thrown the Ottawa School Board into some confusion. After all, some of its members have said, if we grant this to Muslims, then Buddhists, Hindus, Baha'is, Zoroastrians and others will come along and say: "If you do it for them, how about us?"

All this came to a head because in Ottawa, as in most of Canada, the opening of public schools coincided with the two days of Rosh Hashanah, and the Board decided — as did a number of Boards elsewhere — to delay the school opening for two days and make it up later.

Now what kind of attitude should we take in this developing controversy? Since obviously we will not oppose the Muslims, should we support them or sit this one out and keep a cool silence?

Some of our public relations spokespeople have already come forward and supported the Muslim request, especially since it was tied to a suggestion that during the time classes are closed, the schools might have professional development days, so that the children would not lose any instruction.

Rabbi Plaut

Anyone who has an inkling of how we Jews in Canada fought for the recognition of our Holy Days must have compassion for Muslims as well. To be sure, they came to Canada later than most of us did, but then, that was precisely what irked so many Christians: "We have been here," they said, "and have established this country as a basically Christian society, and now you come and try to upset the apple cart and inflict upon us your own peculiar beliefs and ceremonies."

I sat for seven years on the Ontario Human Rights Commission and I remember the fair number of cases that dealt with this problem. The Commission stood invariably with the Jewish applicants (and the Seventh Day Adventists) who wanted to make it possible for those who observed their religion strictly to be able to gain a livelihood in an overwhelmingly gentile environment. It was a long haul, but in the end the rights of Jews and Adventists were acknowledged, and in most public and private bodies around the nation, due attention is paid to their needs. Sometimes it is necessary for Jews to volunteer and work on Christmas and Good Friday, but the legitimacy of their claim is no longer in question. At any rate, that is the principle. It has been a long battle and we have been generally successful at it.

Now come the Muslims and they want the same. In my view there is no question where we must stand. We have to support their request. Individual Muslims, like individual Jews, will have to work out their own religious problems, but whole communities can and must be accommodated by public policy. This applies wherever there are sufficiently large numbers of Muslims to warrant the same kind of treatment that we as Jews in like circumstances have wanted in the past and would want for ourselves now. If we believe in equality, it goes for others just as it goes for us — or it doesn't go at all.

The fact is that we cannot have it both ways: Canada once tried — like Australia — to keep itself isolated and make it a Christian-European colony. The pressure of population movements in the world ultimately thwarted this intent, and a greater sense of human equity began to suffuse the Canadian conscience. We are changing and tomorrow will not look like today. No nation in the world will be exempt from the pressures of migrations that face us today and will face us in increasing measure tomorrow. Our best hope for Canada is to make it fair, decent and honorable. Some old customs and habits — and that includes some public holidays — may have to go by the wayside. But more is at stake. Canada's future will not lie with who works or doesn't work on Good Friday, Yom Kippur or the end of Ramadan. It will lie with the spirit in which we approach these and similar problems and how, with a sense of fairness and equity, we deal with the needs of others.

Sadness and joy in Zimbabwe

By DEBORAH KAZIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Zimbabwean Jews celebrated Simchat Torah this year as they do every year — singing and dancing with the Torah into the night in their modern stone and glass synagogue

But this year, there was sadness mixed with the joy.

The community's only rabbi, Indian-born Rabbi Itzhak Menashe, was leaving the next day to work with 20 Jewish families in the southwest African nation of Namibia.

No replacement for the rabbi has yet been found, and the community is very concerned.

"At the end of the day, only one thing keeps a Jewish community together. We have to have religious leadership. If we don't have spiritual leadership in this country, then the Jewish community will not last," said Stanley Harris, president of the Jewish community in Harare.

Zimbabwe, one of the most advanced African countries, lies just north of South Africa. The country has 80,000 whites, of which 1,000 are Jewish, out of a total population of 12 million.

Two-thirds of the country's Jews live in the capital of Harare, with the rest residing in Zimbabwe's second largest city, Bulawayo.

There is both an Ashkenazic and a Sephardic community here. Ashkenazi Jews have been in Zimbabwe for more than 100 years. World War II brought an influx of Sephardic Jews from the Greek island of Rhodes, where they fled the Nazi occupation.

At its peak in 1960, there were 10,000 Jews here when this was the British colony of Rhodesia. During the war which led to Zimbabwe's independence in 1980, most of the Jews fled the country.

Today, Zimbabwe's small Jewish community is united and committed. It supports a Jewish nursery school, a primary school and a Habonim youth group. Jews here maintain close ties to Israel, where many in the community have relatives.

Harare's Jews, many of whom earn their living from manufacturing fabrics, clothing and furniture, lead privileged lives. But there is a tenuous element to their lifestyles, since the political and economic future of their country is uncertain.

Harare is a modern city, made beautiful by countless Jacaranda trees covered with huge purple flowers that light up the city and carpet its streets with purple.

But outside the capital, people live in desperate conditions in mud huts, lacking proper housing, food and medical care.

As is common throughout Africa, it is estimated that between 30 and 40 percent of the population is infected with the AIDS virus.

Blindness and severe eye diseases are also widespread, and there are only three native ophthalmologists in the whole country.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, working along with the local Jewish community and the government of Zimbabwe, has organized an eye clinic in a hospital in the remote northern city of Bindura.

Yair Porges, an Israeli ophthalmologist, runs the clinic, which is the only such facility in a province of more than 1 million people.

"I see a lot of catastrophes that could have been prevented," Porges says, noting that patients often come to him with terrible complications after having sought help from local faith healers.

"The faith healers scratch their eyes with knives and put mud, potatoes and spit in their eyes," said Porges. "They'll put anything in people's eyes."

More than 100 people have come to Porges blind — but they left with full vision.

"To make people see — this is a feeling I cannot describe. This is why I have come," Porges said.

Porges has been in Zimbabwe for a year-and-a-half and will stay for another six months, by which time he hopes to have trained a native Zimbabwean ophthalmologist to take his place.

In the meantime, for Porges and other members of the Jewish community, there is little certainty about what the political future will bring.

The Zimbabwean government is decidedly pro-Palestinian, but in the wake of the signing of the Palestinian self-rule accord last fall in Washington, the country recently established diplomatic ties with Israel.

In the aftermath of the forging of those ties, the Jewish community here is anxiously awaiting the opening of the Israeli Embassy, which is scheduled for next month.

Despite that promising occasion, uncertainty is causing many here, including the leader of the community, to think of moving elsewhere.

"I left in 1978, during the war. I had had enough and decided to take my family and go to Israel," said Harris, who was born in Zimbabwe. "Then in 1980 Zimbabwe became independent, and I am one of those that came back.

"But I will eventually go," Harris added. "My family will go."

Many in the community share their president's thoughts of moving, but they have mixed emotions about the idea.

Zimbabwe is their home — where they were born, raised families and developed businesses. They lead good lives here, and if they can find a rabbi many will see in that good reason to remain.

Modern Chassidic Tales in the old tradition

By ALLAN GOULD

Gaul, as the great Julius Caesar told us in his book on the ancient Roman wars in Europe, was "divided into three parts." (As opposed to gall, or chutzpah, which the Jewish people invented approximately 3,300 years ago, and can be divided into millions of parts.)

Well, the Jews have often seemed to be divided into *two* parts: Ashkenazim and Sephardim; Dati and Lo-dati, Litvacks and Galitzianers, Rich and Poor. But, most of all, at least back in the 18th century, there were the Chassidim and Mitnagdim.

Now, a humor column is *hardly* the place to describe the extraordinary tensions, conflicts and even fist-fights between these two central religious divisions in Eastern Europe (on second thought, maybe it is). But imagine my delight when I just happened to come across some Modern Chassidic Tales, written in the glorious tradition of the Baal Shem Tov and Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav, but with a far more up-to-date flare. See if you find them as moving and poignant as I did.

The Ozarover rebbe once dreamed that he was in Paradise. He looked around and all he saw was men sitting in groups, passionately discussing the Talmud. He then went outside and noticed that his wife was not waiting angrily for him, as she usually did, outside of the Beit Hamidrash. And then he knew that he had truly dreamed of Paradise.

Said the Halifaxer: "What makes a Good Jew? One who does not set fire to his business, even though it has gone to hell in a talliszeckel. One who will give his wife the divorce, even though he swore he would never grant her the pleasure. One who recognizes that his business would never have gone to hell in a talliszeckel, if he had only listened to his wife for a change, and not driven her to want to divorce him."

Two great scholars were arguing over whether it is better to buy Japanese or local cars. One insisted that Canadian cars were far better made, and it was a shanda and a charpa to send our money overseas. The second said that he always purchased Nissan, because they were built for the human race, and he wanted to feel part of that human race. The Montrealer rebbe called them both Fools as he knocked each of them over with his bicycle.

Allan Gould

Rebbe Irving once rebuked a miserly rich man, by pointing out that he never came to shul, he never gave to charity, and that he had been a lousy tailor before he had franchised his crummy tailor shop into 250 stores across North America.

Suddenly, the miserly man wrote out a cheque for $100,000 to Rebbe Irving's yeshivah, and the rebbe solemnly pronounced, "You can always daven at home; there are many worthy tzedakas, and, now that I think of it, the best suit I ever had was one which I had bought retail from you, many years ago. Go in peace."

Said the unemployed but still very bright Oshawa rebbe: "I have five children, and not a single one drops me a card. True, the youngest offered to e-mail me, whatever that is. When I think of my children, I think of all the things which the Holy One, Blessed Be He, has given the Jews over the years: Amalek, Korach, Canaanites, Diabetes. Inarguably, to have had children is a glorious thing. But to be had by your children is another thing entirely. Oy, I could tell you stories."

The Thorncliffe rebbe noted, "He who voluntarily leaves his home and family and wanders through the world living in poverty and self-denial could well be a holy man, but more than likely he is simply trying to escape responsibilities, not to mention 23 overdue credit cards. That's truly what happened to me, when I barely managed to sneak out of Southfield, Michigan in the middle of the night, and no one called me 'holy,' that's for sure. In fact, most of the things they called me at the time you couldn't print in a family newspaper."

It has been said, but far too often.

"Where there is no decency, it is probably afternoon TV."

"Where there are no kindly words, you have been listening to my sister-in-law."

"Where there is no generosity, you must have the same bank manager that I have."

"Where there is no communication, your computer just might have a bug in it that I could easily remove with a program that cost me over $175 but I can let you have for $99."

The Willowdale rebbe declared: "Once I knew a man who had bought a tiny little house for only $23,000, back in 1959. He then went off to Israel and studied the Law for nearly 30 years, before finally returning to his Home and Native Land. Imagine his surprise, when he arrived back in Toronto in 1988, and discovered that his little bungalow could fetch him $400,000! But the man became greedy, and decided to wait until it was worth even more than that. Well, here it is, 1994, and the idiot couldn't get over $250,000 for it, even if he painted it five times with gold. I'm not certain the point of this story, but this real estate market, let me tell you, it could drive you crazy when you think about it."

Rabbi Nachman of Burlington (may he rest in peace), was a long-time smoker of cigarettes. When it was pointed out to him many times by his students that smoking was chillul ha-shem, and that he was killing himself slowly, surely a denial of Holy Law, the rebbe just laughed, between endless coughs and gasping. Finally, three of his favorite students sued the rebbe for over a million dollars each, due to the breathing problems which each had developed while studying with the Great Master. But the rebbe passed away before it could reach the courts, satisfying no one, especially the lawyers on both sides who were licking their chops.

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Features

Viennese museum reborn

Reporting from Vienna, Sheldon Kirshner looks at the rise and fall and rise of a major Jewish institution.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When it opened in the 1890s, it was unique, purportedly the world's first Jewish museum.

The Nazis closed it in 1938 — the year Germany annexed Austria — and dispersed its wealth of Judaica.

In 1990, the museum was reopened as a temporary exhibition in the city's main synagogue.

Late last year, it found a permanent home in a refurbished mansion in the centre of Vienna.

Clearly, the Jewish Museum is back. And judging by the attendance figures, it is back with a vengeance.

Close to 100,000 visitors from 39 countries have filed through its doors at 11 Dorotheergasse. And Julius Schoeps, its director, is certain that it will take its place as "a real tourist attraction" in a city with no shortage of fascinating historic sites.

Originally known as the Society for the Collection and Preservation of Jewish Art and Historical Monuments, the museum was founded in 1893 by a group of prominent Viennese Jews.

Originally, the collection — which consisted of 400 exhibits and a library — was housed on Rathausstrasse. But after the turn of the century, it moved to rented quarters on the Praterstrasse. It remained there for a number of years, until it found a new home on two floors of a newly-built Jewish school on Malzgasse in the predominantly Jewish Leopoldstadt district.

The Nazi authorities quickly disbanded the museum, moving most of its treasures into the basement of a Jewish seniors' home in Vienna. A few objects were taken to Prague to be displayed at a perverse Nazi exhibition on the "extinct Jewish race."

When Mayor Helmut Zilk of Vienna suggested that the museum be reopened, the response was ambivalent.

One group thought that the funds needed to resuscitate it could be put to better use in expanding Jewish schools and a retirement home.

Another group feared it would degenerate into a memorial for the dead, with too little emphasis on the living.

The impasse was resolved after the municipality partly financed the aforementioned projects and assured the community that the museum would be for "all Austrians."

Initially, the museum was to be located in the Judenplatz. But eventually, a different building was chosen, one that had been in the hands of a public auction house since 1936, and prior to that, the property of a Jewish banking family and an art dealer.

Mayor Helmut Zilk of Vienna (left) inaugurates the Jewish Museum in the company of Teddy Kollek, the former mayor of Jerusalem, and Paul Eisenberg, the chief rabbi of Vienna.

The building was renovated from top to bottom, with costs shared by the city, the federal government and private donors.

Schoeps, a German Jew, hopes the museum will be "a bridge between people." His point is well taken. To some observers, the museum is an apology for centuries of anti-Semitism, Austrian complicity in the Holocaust and the Kurt Waldheim affair.

But, of course, the museum is also a recognition of the role Jews — from Sigmund Freud to Stefan Zweig — have played in Vienna's development as a sophisticated cultural centre. "Without Jewish life, Vienna would not be what it is today," said Zilk at the dedication ceremony. "This museum should be a place of memory, but also a place of education and discussion."

The core of its permanent collection — which will be displayed in its entirety — consists of three parts:

•The first is the Berger collection, which is owned by the city. It is made up of roughly 10,000 items, ranging from religious and ritual objects to paintings, medals and prints.

•The second, the property of the Jewish community, forms the heart and soul of the old Jewish Museum's collection. Apart from ritual objects, there are textiles, documents, busts, drawings, photographs and paintings. The collection is in poor condition and requires massive restoration.

•The third, donated by philanthropist Martin Schlaff, is comprised of 5,000 pieces of anti-Semitica: figurines, household utensils with anti-Jewish motifs, publications, manuscripts, prints, postcards and Nazi propaganda.

A comprehensive exhibition on anti-Semitism is planned next year.

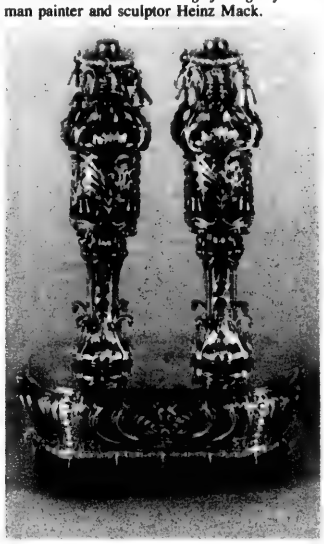
The museum kicked off its activities with several exhibitions, all of which have closed:

•**This Is Where Teltelbaum Lived** was a compressed history of Jewish Vienna, with Vienna's 1938 telephone directory as its departure point.

•**Wien IX Bergasse 19** highlighted Edmund Engelman's photographs of Freud and his family, as seen in their apartment on Bergasse, shortly before their emigration.

•**The Freudians** featured Nachum Gidal's photographs of Freud and his disciples at the 13th International Conference of Psychoanalysis in Lucerne, Switzerland, in 1934.

•**Songs of Songs** was a visual interpretation of Manfred Hausmann's *Song of Songs* by German painter and sculptor Heinz Mack.



Torah attachments from the museum's collection

•**Gertrud and Otto Natzler: Collaboration/Solitude** paid tribute to the Natzlers, who were distinguished ceramic artists.

•**David Rubinger — Witness Of An Era** showcased the photographs of a Viennese Jew who settled in Israel and whose work appeared in such magazines as *Time* and *Life*.

•**Mopp — Max Oppenheimer, 1885-1954** was a retrospective of one of the leading representatives of Viennese Modernism.

Currently, the museum is featuring Edward Serotta's photographs of Sarajevo's Jewish community. This show runs until Dec. 3.

As well, the museum is paying tribute to Joseph Roth (1894-1939), one of the most important Austrian novelists in the interwar period. This exhibition ends on Feb. 12.

A third exhibit, entitled **The Jewish Labor Movement Between Zionism and Socialism,** starts on Nov. 11, and will last until Jan. 30, 1995.

From The Collection Of The Old Jewish Museum Of Vienna gets under way on Dec. 16 and runs till Feb. 16.

There are also plans to mount an exhibition on Lithuanian Jewry, said Schoeps.

The son of German Jews forced into exile by the Nazis, Schoeps spends 10 days every month in Vienna.

Formerly director of the Salomon Ludwig Steinheim Institute for German-Jewish History at Duisburg University, he is presently head of the Moses Mendelssohn Centre for Jewish Studies at Potsdam University.

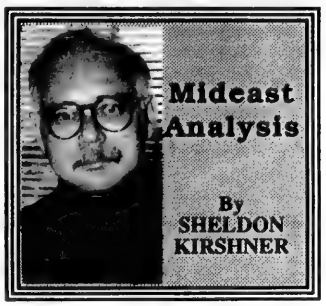
He has lectured in Tel Aviv, New York, Seattle, Oxford and Budapest.

At the Jewish Museum, he has a staff of 25, including four curators. His annual budget is $5 million (US).

The museum has a cafe and a book shop. Admission is about $5, but a discount is given to groups, students and senior citizens. Classes accompanied by a teacher are admitted free of charge.

It is open on Sundays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. There are free guided tours on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The facade of the museum.



Israel's peace agreement with Jordan, formally signed this week in a Negev desert ceremony attended by U.S. President Bill Clinton, climaxes a year of intense negotiations between the two sides.

Israel and Jordan entered into bilateral talks in October 1991 at the Madrid peace conference. The event was sponsored by the United States and the now-defunct Soviet Union in the wake of Iraq's defeat in the Gulf War. Yet it was not until Israel's startling rapprochement with the PLO in September 1993, culminating in the signing of a Declaration of Principles (DoP) in Washington, that the process really got under way in earnest.

Coming 15 years after Israel's historic accord with Egypt, the Israel-Jordan peace treaty shatters what passes for conventional wisdom in a volatile region.

For decades, pundits assumed that Lebanon, not Jordan, would be the second Arab country to make peace with Israel. No one expected Jordan to take the plunge without Syria's joint participation, or approval.

But these assumptions, however reasonable they seemed several years ago, were thrown to the wind by circumstances which few observers could have envisaged.

Jordan takes the plunge

The Lebanon of old — that pro-Western, Maronite-controlled sanctuary transformed by the destructive 1975-89 civil war — had no intractable quarrels with Israel. The pragmatic Lebanese probably would have settled with the Israelis sooner rather than later were it not for compelling internal and external factors.

But once Lebanon was plunged into internecine strife, with the resultant changes in its political balance of power and the ascendancy of Syria as the final arbiter in Lebanese politics, Beirut bowed out as Israel's second potential partner-in-peace.

Being a Syrian protectorate today, Lebanon is unlikely to negotiate an end to its dispute with Jerusalem until Syria and Israel are on the very brink of initialing a peace agreement.

For years, Jordan refused to recognize Israel. Though theoretically willing, King Hussein was unable to break through the Arab diplomatic boycott of Israel. He subscribed to the hoary tenets of Arab solidarity, which pushed him into the 1967 Six Day War. But most important of all, he did not wish to antagonize his powerful neighbors, notably Syria and Iraq, upon whom he was uncomfortably dependent.

True, he maintained secret, mutually-beneficial ties with Israel. And through thick and thin, he kept the bridges across the Jordan River open. Yet, for all that, he could not permit himself to abolish with the stroke of a pen Jordan's state of war with Israel.

Events in the region, however, contributed to a change of heart on King Hussein's part. The Gulf War, in which he found himself isolated and condemned by both conservative Arab regimes and the United States, once and for all exposed the hollow notion of Arab unity.

The Madrid peace talks, the DoP nearly two years later, the tantalizing promise of debt relief by the Clinton administration, and the pledge by Israel to share water resources and to give up occupied areas provided King Hussein with sufficient impetus to shelve his counter-productive struggle with Israel.

And after Syria — the bastion of Arab nationalism — engaged Israel in serious peace talks, Jordan dropped its heretofore traditional insistence on aligning its policy with Damascus.

The Syrian president, Hafez al-Assad, is not enamored of the peace treaty. As expected, he condemned it. Nevertheless, Jordan has finally and irrevocably embarked on a new path, a course other Arab states are bound to follow, particularly if Israel's arduous negotiations with Syria bear fruit.

With Jordan firmly onside, the often buffeted Mideast peace process has neared the point of no-return. Immense problems remain, mainly pertaining to Syria's ultimate position vis-a-vis a treaty over the Golan Heights, and Israel's calculated risk in expanding the parameters and depth of Palestinian autonomy. But after generations of hostility and warfare, the chances of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict peacefully have never been better.

Peace process hasn't reached point of no return, says Reshef

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Israel has yet to reach the "point of no return" in its peace negotiations with the Arabs, says the chief spokesman of Peace Now.

"There is still hard work ahead," warned Tzaly Reshef, the co-founder of the organization.

Nevertheless, the 41-year-old peace activist added, "We're moving in the right direction."

Reshef, a Harvard-trained lawyer who lives in Jerusalem, was in town on a 10-day North American tour to address the annual meeting of Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

He was also scheduled to make stops in Montreal and Ottawa.

In an interview, Reshef expressed optimism about the peace process in general, citing major breakthroughs such as Israel's rapprochement with the PLO and Jordan's decision to end its state of war with Israel.

However, he pointed out, several major issues have yet to be resolved before the peace process becomes irreversible.

They are:

- The status of the Golan Heights.
- The matter of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- The question of Jerusalem.
- The final shape of Israel's agreement with the Palestinians.

With reference to the Golan, Reshef said that only one kind of deal is possible — a full Israeli withdrawal in exchange for a full-fledged peace treaty with Syria.

Reshef, an intelligence officer in the Israel Defence Force reserves, said he expects an accord along these lines within a year.

"There is no other basis for an agreement," he claimed.

But before Israel and Syria can come to terms, he said, they must settle vexing issues pertaining to the demilitarization of the Golan and the possible stationing of an international peacekeeping force there.

Reshef expects a "very serious" domestic battle over the future of the Golan, one in which Peace Now intends to participate.

He is confident that the Labor government will win an absolute majority in a referendum on the issue. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has promised to call one when Israel and Syria are ready to sign a peace treaty.

A member of the Labor party's Central Policy Commission, Reshef said he doubts whether hard-line rebels within the party who oppose a Golan withdrawal can derail an impending agreement.

Tzaly Reshef. [Alron photo]

Syria's president, Hafez al-Assad, is aware that time is of the essence and that he should reach an accommodation with Rabin before the next Israeli election in 1996.

Reshef urged Assad to come up with confidence-building measures that will assure Israelis that Syria genuinely seeks peace.

Turning to the settlements, Reshef suggested they are incompatible with a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute and, therefore, should not be allowed to impede the march toward peace.

The settlers in the territories who are resettled in Israel should be compensated, he said.

"There is a need to do it now rather than wait until the last minute."

Reshef reported that PLO leader Yasser Arafat, whom he met in Tunis last July, would not object to a few Jewish settlements in the territories.

Reshef criticized Rabin for suggesting that new West Bank housing units be built in Alfei Menashe, just across the Green Line from Kfar Saba. "It sends the wrong signal to the Palestinians."

Peace Now's position on Jerusalem is that it should remain physically undivided and Israel's capital. However, he said, pragmatic arrangements that reflect the national interests of both Israel and the Palestinians should be factored into an accord on Jerusalem.

"It has to be a creative solution."

In any event, Reshef said, Jerusalem's final status should be left for last in negotiations.

In the meantime, Peace Now is tring to counter efforts by Jewish settlers to populate Jerusalem's Muslim Quarter and thus change the city's current status quo.

Reshef believes that Israel's agreement with the PLO, which is based on the 1993 Declaration of Principles, will eventually yield a Palestinian state.

"It's not the dream of my life, but it's an arrangement that should be acceptable to Israel. A Palestinian state can't jeopardize Israel's security."

Reshef demanded the elimination of clauses in the PLO's National Covenant calling for Israel's destruction. He said that Arafat intends to amend the National Covenant when the Palestine National Council, the PLO's legislative body, is convened.

Arafat, he went on to say, seems serious about confronting Palestinian radical forces which oppose peace. "But it's not clear whether he can end terrorist activity."

Ultimately, Arafat's success in Gaza and Jericho is dependent on his ability to inject life into its moribund economy and bring down the high unemployment rate.

Reshef ardently believes that Jews in the Diaspora have a right and an obligation to openly express dissenting views of Israeli foreign policy.

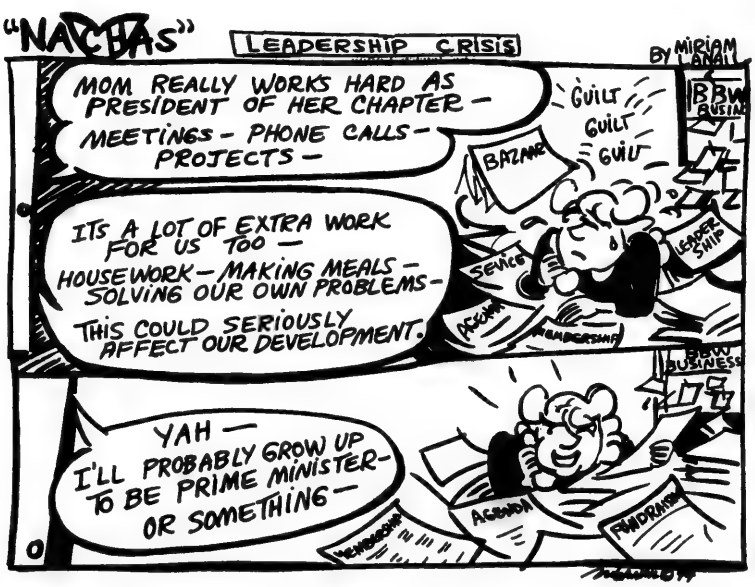
"The Diaspora should not be a puppet on a string whose sole task is to send money to Israel.

"Diaspora Jews can't determine Israeli policy, but they should be heard. I'm for democracy and freedom of speech. Israel is strong enough to withstand criticism."

5,000 settlers

Recent Israeli polls suggest that nearly 80 per cent of the settlers would leave peacefully under these circumstances, Reshef stated. Peace Now believes that the compensation bill will cost $2 billion over five years.

Reshef said the 5,000 Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip, where an autonomous Palestinian entity is emerging, should be evacuted sooner rather than later.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Markham candidates call for responsive government

Municipal Decision '94

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

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MARKHAM — Responsive government, economic restraint and community safety are the main issues for Jewish candidates in the town of Markham.

Bill Fisch, who has been serving as Ward 7 councillor for six years, is running for regional councillor in the Nov. 14 election.

For the past two years, Fisch, 45, has been chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Finance and Taxes. During his tenure, he told *The CJN*, the town had no tax increase, while at the same time, it reduced costs, maintained service levels and saved money for future capital expenditures.

Bill Fisch

"I want to bring the same concepts to the regional level of government, so the tax level can remain as low as possible," he said.

Fisch is concerned with policing in the town, and would like to see community-based policing, right down to the school level.

That would mean reorganizing costs at the regional level, but "the safety of the community is paramount."

Since regional councillors also sit on local council, Fisch says he'll be able to keep an eye on Markham's fiscal matters and try to ensure growth is monitored carefully.

He's especially pleased with the planned Cornell community in the eastern part of the town.

Fisch lists as his accomplishments the resolution of the 14th Ave. and John St.-404 interchange issue, obtaining federal and provincial funding for the GO station and John Street bridge, and helping to complete a feasibility study for the expansion of the Thornhill Community Centre.

Also running for regional councillor are Carole Bell, Fred Cox, Norman Ho, Gordon Landon, Dean Papadopoulos, Ivy Persaud, Michael Visconti and Tony Wong.

High school teacher Harvey Goodman, 50, is seeking election to Fisch's seat in Ward 7, which runs from Highway 404 to Bayview Avenue, and from Steeles to just north of Highway 7.

Goodman's platform includes fiscal responsibilty, improved recreational and summer programs and better police and emergency services.

Goodman says accessibility and accountability are key issues. "Politicians must never lose touch with the voters. I intend to remain sensitive to changing community concerns, whether they are linked to the economy, environment or safety," he told *The CJN*.

Businessman Paul Wizman, 49, is running for Ward 7 councillor because he's concerned about what he calls the lack of integrity on Markham council.

Dealing with council, he charges, is an "exercuse in futility," as decisions are made behind closed doors and opposition is "stifled."

The vice-president of the Thornlea East Ratepayers Association, Wizman, 45, wants to give ratepayers' groups more weight in the decision-making process. That would be accomplished, he says, by keeping groups more informed about what's going on.

Also runing in Ward 7 are Randy Barber, Tom McKean, Andrew Veltri and Marsha Winton.

The mayoral race in Markham has an added interest for the Jewish community with the candidacy of Don Cousens, a long-term area Tory MPP and a popular figure on the Jewish scene because of his support for Israel, Soviet Jews and the Jewish community in general.

Cousens told *The CJN* he is concerned about the racial undertones he has detected in the town. He advocates setting up a crime prevention committee, in which representatives of such organizations as Block Parents and Neighborhood Watch would become more involved in monitoring police services and needs.

"We must do more to work together with the police and each other — the community must be safe."

Cousens is also committed to giving value for tax dollars, more open communication and improving transportation.

Incumbent Mayor Frank Scarpitti, a former regional councillor, was appointed by council in 1992 to complete the term of late mayor Tony Roman.

Scarpitti wants to remove the education portion from tax bills to force the province to be more accountable for education expenses.

He says he supports honesty and integrity in municipal government, attracting new business, orderly planning and safe, secure neighborhoods.

Scarpitti is founding chair of the Committee on Race and Ethnocultural Equity of Markham (CREAM), and feels the municipality ought to be more proactive in maintaining good race and religious relations, rather than merely reacting to problems.

As a result of CREAM's activities, Scarpitti said, many of the town staff were given multicultural training.

Running against Scarpitti and Cousens are Marius Frederick and Lindsay King.

Recent census figures give the Jewish population of Markham as 13,075, or 8.5 per cent of the population. That's an increase of 56 per cent since 1981.

Correction

In the photograph that accompanied our Oct. 6 story, "Synagogue baseball teams square off for championships," Beth Tikvah player Alan Goldstein was incorrectly identified. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Berenbaum prepares to open Holocaust Education Week

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Holocaust has "entered the American mainstream and become enormously significant to the American people," says Michael Berenbaum, director of the United States Holocaust Research Institute of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Berenbaum, who headed up the museum's creative team from 1988 to 1993, will be the opening night speaker for Toronto's 14th annual Holocaust Education Week at 8 p.m. on Nov. 3 at Adath Israel Congregation.

Berenbaum will discuss The North Americanization of the Holocaust, a term he coined in the mid-'80s. It refers to "an attempt to explain the Holocaust in categories, terms and experiences that are comprehensible to North Americans," he said in a recent telephone interview.

"The place from which you remember an event shapes the quality of what is remembered," he explained.

In America, the lessons of the Holocaust reinforce American values such as pluralism, tolerance and democracy, Berenbaum said.

Michael Berenbaum

Lessons learned in Israel would reinforce the necessity for a sovereign Jewish state empowered with an army, he suggested.

The location of the Holocaust museum in the United States capital signifies that the Holocaust "speaks not to the Jewish community alone but to the American people," said Berenbaum.

Sixty-two per cent of the two million people who visited the museum in its first year of operation were non-Jews, he noted. He added that the average visitor spent over 3 1/4 hours, well above the 45 minutes people generally spend at museums.

Attitudes towards the Holocaust have changed since his childhood, Berenbaum said. Born in 1945 to first-generation Americans, he recalls that his teachers in New York yeshivot (day schools) had concentration camp tattoos, but that the subject of the Holocaust was "shrouded in silence."

The atmosphere changed in 1967 just before the Six-Day War, when "we re-experienced the possibility of a Holocaust," Berenbaum said.

Berenbaum, the author of nine books and hundreds of scholarly articles on the Holocaust, feels his work is a combination of "mission and destiny."

Despite the fact that his working life involves "delving into death," Berenbaum is emphatically optimistic. "There has never been a better time in American history to be Jewish," he says. "More interesting, more powerful, poignant, masterful material is being produced. I think we are losing the margins, but those of us who choose to remain Jewish are doing more with our Jewishness, having more meaning, spirit, fun and creativity than ever before."

B'NAI BRITH LODGE BONDS DINNER

Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Circle Lodge B'nai Brith held their annual dinner in honor of Helen and Joe Morgan at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagoguge. Seen (from left) is Michael Rosenberg, dinner co-chair; Alex Grossman, chairman of the board, Canada-Israel Securities; Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, guest speaker; Helen and Joe Morgan, honorees; and Ralph Snow, dinner co-chair.

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Organizations and People

Larry Schwartz (left) and Sandi Ben David (middle) were given awards as volunteers with Senior Care, while Elliott Eisen (right) presented the Selma Eisen Award to all the agency's volunteers. [Graphic Artists photo]

Senior Care honors volunteers

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A volunteer who has visited the same person for five years, gone on outings with her, exchanged recipes with her and assisted her in making meals, has won a signal honor from Senior Care.

Sandi Ben David was recently presented with the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award at the annual volunteer recognition night attended by 300. The donor of the award died in March this year.

Though Ben David joined as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, her ability to help people in a personal way was soon recognized and she joined the visiting program

The Marie and Jack Freedman Memorial Award was given to Larry Schwartz, a member of the Senior Care Board of Diectors for more than 10 years. It was presented by Senior Care president Ruth Margles, a previous recipient of the award.

All the agency's volunteers were honored by the presentation of the Selma Eisen Volunteer Education Award by her son, Elliott Eisen, a board member.

The Board of Directors award went to Mary Ann Freedman, an agency vice-president, while the Administrative Award went to Thelma Herman, and the Clerical Award to Rosa Juscow. Herman, the Meals on Wheels captain, was also hostess for the evening.

Four volunteers who have served 15 years and 12 who celebrated 10 years of service, were also recognized.

Nina Shapilsky and Yuri Tsivtsivadze, members of the Russians on Broadway troupe, entertained.

Small campuses stay connected

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Following the late-summer firing of 31 Jewish Community Centre employees, one of whom was Michael Goldberg, program coordinator of the Jewish Student Council (JSC), Jewish students at four Toronto campuses initially feared they would be left without support from the Jewish community.

The JSC, which serves Ryerson Polytechnic University, Seneca College, the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus and York University's Glendon College, was until recently a program of the JCC (now the Bathurst Jewish Centre) funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The firing of the 31 staff members was part of a restructuring effort at the JCC.

"We are taking the money that used to go to the JCC and applying it directly to ensure that [the program] continues," said Morris Zbar, director of community planning and allocations and associate director of the Federation.

To that end, the Federation has hired Lois Judelman, 22, a graduate of the Otzma program in Israel which focuses on leadership training and community service, to take Goldberg's place on a contract basis. She is temporarily working out of the Bathurst Jewish Centre, but most of her time is spent on campus, said Zbar.

After Goldberg was fired, student morale went down temporarily. "I felt that we weren't really an important part of the community," said Amanda Sheffield, vice-president of the Seneca JSC, at the time.

"I miss Mike, but I'm glad [that his position has been filled]," said Bernice Mitelman, co-president, Scarborough campus JSC.

Judelman was hired in mid-September, after Goldberg declined to take the contract position, and assumed her responsibilities two weeks later.

"We are still committed to providing services on small campuses," said Zbar. "Those students are isolated."

Toronto's Jewish campus groups are in the midst of a restructuring that is expected to be completed this academic year. Currently the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) at York University, the Jewish Student Union (JSU) at the University of Toronto, and the JSC are separate entities.

Under the new plan being coordinated by the Federation, the three groups will retain their individual structure but will come under the umbrella of a central campus services agency.

Each of the three campus organizations will have its own programming coordinator, while a director of central campus services will oversee all the groups. Rabbi Michael Skobac, currently JSU director, will serve as chaplain for all the campuses.

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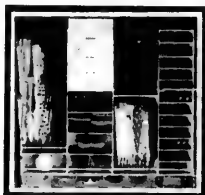

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Mirvish urges community to help Jay Feinberg

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Community leaders recently met in Ed Mirvish's office to rally support for Jay Feinberg, the 26-year-old New Jersey man dying of leukemia.

A bone marrow transplant is Feinberg's only chance of survival. He and his mother, Arlene Feinberg, were at Mirvish's office to kick-off a major drive to find a compatible marrow match in Toronto.

"Help stop a death sentence," Mirvish said, urging members of the Jewish community to go for the simple blood test. The best chances of finding a donor are among people of similar ethnic background to Feinberg, a Jew of eastern European descent.

Arlene Perly Rae, the wife of Premier Bob Rae, took her blood test at Mirvish's office. "I'm excited about making the donation that might be the match," she said.

She told reporters that her brother-in-law, David Rae, had undergone a successful bone marrow transplant before dying of other cancer-related complications. Rae was the bone marrow donor for his brother.

Larry Grossman, the former leader of the provincial Conservative Party, and MPP Monte Kwinter also took the blood test in a show of support for the drive.

"Please be my miracle," Feinberg said in a brief speech. "The gift of a stranger can give me the gift of life."

An estimated 45,000 people have been tested in the three years since Feinberg was diagnosed.

While the drive so far has not produced a match for him, it has helped others. Audey Stanleigh, a 19-year-old from Thornhill, recovered from leukemia after receiving a bone marrow transplant from Steven Cheifetz, a Windsor lawyer who had been tested for Feinberg.

Feinberg said he feels gratified that others have benefited from his blood drive. And he's hopeful he too will find a donor. "If I didn't believe I'd find a donor I wouldn't be able to get out of bed in the morning," he said.

"Jay's spirit of hope and courage keeps us going," Arlene Feinberg told *The CJN*. "He's unbelievable."

And it's that spirit that inspired Lori Palatnik of the Village Shul at Eglinton and Bathurst to organize the Toronto drive. She told *The CJN* that meeting Feinberg made her want to do something to help him. She's been working steadily for the last six weeks raising $10,000.

But Palatnik said more funds are needed. While Dynacare Laboratories has been providing free blood technicians, each blood sample costs $60 to test.

For information, contact the Friends of Jay Foundation, 102 Ava Road, Toronto, Ont., M6C 1W1, or call 1-800-9MARROW.

MEZUZAH CEREMONY

Solomon Kaplinski (left), director of education, United Synagogue Day School, looks on as grade 8 student Daniel Sadavoy affixes a mezuzah at the entrance to Kaplinski's office. Fred Bereskin (centre), also a grade 8 student, said the blessing at the mezuzah ceremony during the recent dedication of the new Administration House on the USDS Bayview campus.

Temple Emanu-El gets into mitzvahs

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Temple Emanu-El will be holding a mitzvah-making day for members of the congregation Oct. 30.

Adults, religious school students and their teachers will all be participating in social action workshops.

"Mitzvah making is tied to social action," organizer Martha Rosenberg told *The CJN*. "The idea of the day is the idea of mitzvah — helping other people."

The workshops are designed to promote understanding of social issues like living with disabilities, family violence, the homeless and AIDS in the Jewish community.

The family violence workshop will include a letter-writing campaign against violence on television, while in the workshop on developing countries, participants will collect old eyeglasses, sewing machines and other items destined for Third World countries.

The goal of social action day is to raise awareness of the plight of people with difficult life circumstances, said Marlyn Horowitz, publicity coordinator of this event. "There are people less fortunate than we are," she said. "We have an obligation to help them."

Involving the children is an important aspect of the mitzvah-making day, Rosenberg said. "We see these things are important to us. We wanted our children to have the opportunity to make a contribution."

Temple Emanu-El Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld told *The CJN* he's looking forward to the day. The project "represents the diversity of social commitment within a small congregation," he said. Bar and bat mitzvah students are required to do a minimum of 10 weeks of community service.

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Number of Jewish candidates vie for Toronto mayoralty

Municipal Decision '94

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto voters who like their mayor with a Jewish *tam* can choose between three candidates committed to changing the city.

While far behind the three front-runners — city councillor Barbara Hall, businessman Gerry Meinzer and incumbent June Rowlands — in support and visibility, the trio of would-be mayors believe it's time Toronto tried someone new.

Sam Bornstein, 52, is hoping to attract voters with his platform of re-urbanization. He says the city needs to replace existing railway lines with retail and housing developments "to encourage people to work, live and play in the city."

Jenny Friedland

Sam Bornstein

Other mayoral hopefuls are Lorna Houston, Ben Kerr, John Steele, Lill Weeman and perennial candidate Don Andrews, a one-time leader of the white supremacist Western Guard.

In the race for city councillor in Toronto's 16 electoral districts, Ward 14 incumbent Howard Levine is facing two Jewish candidates in a field of four.

The challengers in the ward, which is roughly bounded by Bathurst and Christie streets to the west, the Belt Line to the north and the CPR rail-

Howard Levine

Mona Kornberg

Stanley Taube

The printer and first-time office seeker from Ward 13 is confident the 464,000 registered Toronto voters will respond to his vision. He told *The CJN* that despite his current occupation, he is encouraging supporters to make their own election signs. "They can etch my name in their [Hallowe'en] pumpkin if they're supporters."

Jenny Friedland, 28, said she is running in the Nov. 14 election "because basically, I'm looking for a job."

A qualified teacher, Friedland wants downtown voters to know that as mayor she would extend public transportation, enforce recycling policies and preserve historic neighborhoods.

The third Jewish mayoral candidate, 37-year-old Bob Hyman, is running on a Natural Law Party platform that includes training 2,000 to 2,500 yogic flyers to reduce crime and ra-

way tracks south of St. Clair Avenue, all feel the two-term incumbent is out of touch with his electorate.

They accuse him of arrogance, referring to a heated battle last year in which Levine squared off against ratepayers' groups and voted in favor of a high-density housing development at Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue.

Management consultant Mona Kornberg, 51, has lived in the Casa Loma area for more than 25 years and believes the ward's 39,970 residents want a councillor who promotes balanced development.

Kornberg, a former executive member of the Hillcrest Resident and Ratepayers' Association who fought to scale down the Bathurst-St. Clair project, said Levine made a serious mistake when he ignored the protests.

"I am responsive to neighborhood needs," she said in explaining her last-minute entry. "There is a tremendous distrust with the system and with the present incumbent. I am a viable alternative for those voters who don't feel there is anyone to vote for."

Levine was unavailable for comment, although campaign literature provided to *The CJN* emphasizes his political independence and his commitment to the city.

Forest Hill tax lawyer Stanley Taube, 58, whose right-of-centre platform includes privatization of city services like garbage collection, and a proposed anti-loitering bylaw to promote street safety, agrees that ward residents want a city councillor who listens.

Levine's vote for the now languishing Bathurst-St. Clair project "is not the way a local councillor should represent the residents," Taube said. "I'm offering a different attitude, a respectful attitude, which is different from what they have now."

Taube promises to "bring business principles to city government," and extend garbage collection to new businesses that currently pay for private removal in addition to their city taxes.

The other Ward 14 city councillor candidates are Howard Joy and Ron Robins.

Running for school trustee in Ward 15 is Michael Seiden, whose platform rests solely on securing funding for independent and Jewish schools — an issue now before the courts.

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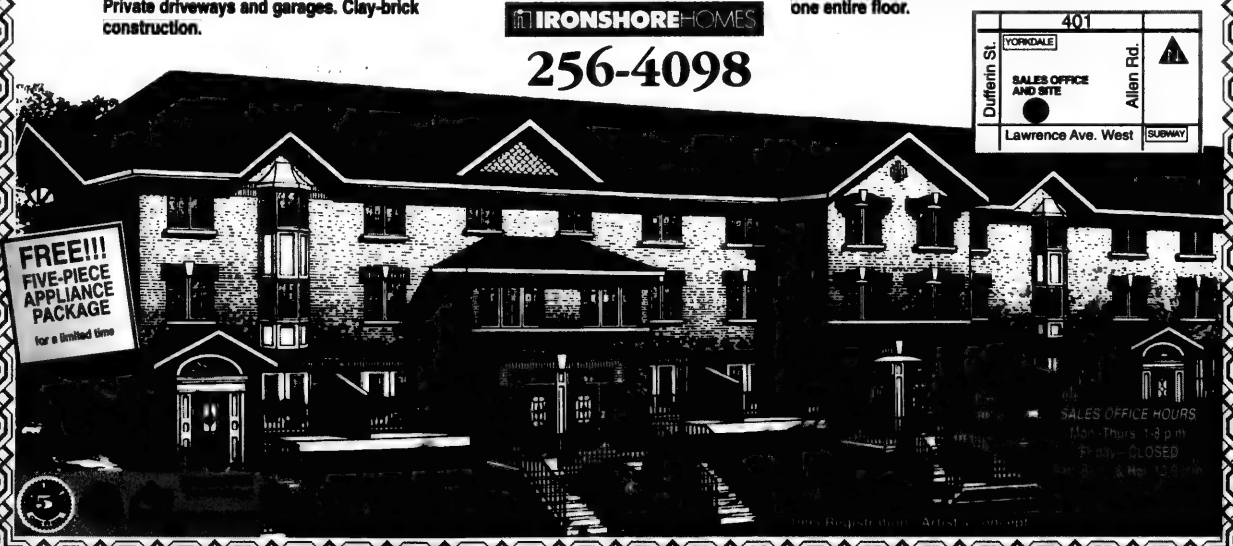

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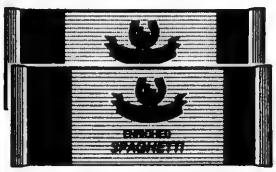

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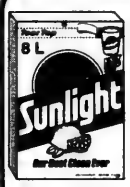

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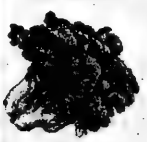

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Crackdown urged on hate crimes

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Parliament should make Holocaust-denial a unique criminal offence, in part to offset the damage done by the Supreme Court decision in the case involving neo-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel, a symposium on hate crimes was told recently.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in Zundel's "false news" trial has been wrongly interpreted by law enforcement officials, said Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

That decision, which struck down the false news law, has "been interpreted [to mean] there is now a licence to deny the Holocaust in a public forum," Sandler said.

Speaking during a three-day Symposium on the Legal Remedies for Hate Crimes, sponsored by the league, Sandler said Zundel should have been charged under the country's anti-hate legislation, which the Supreme Court has upheld.

Looking at proposed government legislation, Sandler said Bill C-41 would direct judges to consider hate motivation in setting sentences. The bill does not create new offences, nor compel judges to set higher sentences for hate-motivated crimes, but it directs judges to see hate as "an aggravating feature" in offences.

Sandler said the league would "like to see sentencing enhancement provisions in the [Criminal Code]," that makes an enhanced prison sentence mandatory, over and above the usual jail term. When the prosecutor shows that a crime is motivated by hate, "the judge should have available an enhanced range of sentences," he said.

By providing a range of sentences, judges would still have their traditional right to exercise their discretion in sentencing, he added.

As the law now stands, a synagogue desecration and an act of simple vandalism like tearing off a car antenna come under the same mischief section of the code. That "undervalues" the seriousness of the hate-motivated offence, Sandler suggested.

Canada should also enact legislation specifically referring to acts like synagogue desecration, he suggested.

In other addresses, Robert Honecker, second assistant prosecutor of Monmouth County, NJ, described the attitude of U.S. courts to hate-motivated crimes. Honecker said the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case involving a municipal ordinance, ruled that a law against public cross-burning was unconstitutional for violating the right to free speech.

And recently, the New Jersey Supreme Court struck down bias charges for painting a swastika and "Hitler rules" on a synagogue and a satanic pentagon on a Roman Catholic church.

American lawmakers are now gearing their statutes towards sentence-enhancement for crimes motivated by hate, he said. Meanwhile, a debate has been raised within legislatures whether to support mandatory penalties. Opponents argue they reduce the judge's discretion, he said.

Greg Fitch, counsel with the B.C. Ministry of the Attorney General outlined the Canadian criminal legislation that has been used against hatemongers.

Lyle Smordin, national chair of the league, served as moderator of the panel.

Nobel Prize winner visits Ottawa

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — This being the season for Nobel Prizes, it's fitting that Ottawa recently hosted a past winner of the prestigious award.

George Charpak, 60, a Jewish French physicist, won the physics prize in 1992. He was invited to Canada by the French embassy and the Chemical Research Institute in Montreal to visit nuclear laboratories and deliver several lectures about his pioneering work.

Charpak was awarded the Nobel Prize for developing a revolutionary particle detector in 1968. Almost every experiment in particle physics since has relied on Charpak's design.

Charpak was born in Poland in 1924, but because life was difficult for Jews, his idealistic young parents packed up their son and in 1926 went to Palestine.

Life in Haifa was not easy, he said. Both parents had manual labor jobs and the family was crushingly poor. After two hard years, Charpak's parents, defeated by the heat, dirt, flies and poverty, returned to Poland and four years later, at his mother's insistence, they moved to France.

By this time Charpak spoke Polish, Yiddish and Arabic. But once in France, he refused to speak anything but French, and demanded his parents do the same.

When the Nazis invaded France, the teenaged Charpak joined the resistance movement. He was arrested by the Nazis in 1943 and sent to Dachau where he stayed until liberation two years later. He was never identified as a Jew; his impeccable French, coupled with his blue eyes, blond hair and 6-foot frame, probably saved his life.

The government of France later awarded Charpak the Military Cross for his role in the resistance movement.

His prize-winning role in physics was solving the problem of mapping fast-moving atomic particles. Early particle detectors capture images of charged particles on film, but the technique was too slow. Charpak invented a simple gas-filled box threaded with wires. When an electric current was passed through the wires, information about the charged gas particles was relayed directly to a computer. It was a thousand times faster than earlier machines and produced much clearer images.

"It was one of the simplest ideas, as all good ideas are," says Madhu Dixit, a physicist at the Centre for Research in Particle Physics at Carleton University.

Carleton was among the first institutions in North America to build the detectors and Charpak made a point of visiting colleagues at the school while he was in Ottawa. He also wanted to see how the university is pursuing another of his interests, adapting particle detectors for medical uses.

Dixit is working on a device, using Charpak's principles, that will produce more precise, error-free mammograms using lower doses of radiation than conventional machines. Charpak himself has developed a wire chamber which is being used in Russia to take X-rays of pregnant women, for whom normal X-ray radiation is a risk.

Correction

In the Oct. 13 Party Supplement to *The CJN*, the wrong photo was submitted to accompany an article that appeared on page B16. It ran under the headline Super Entertainment.

It has been brought to our attention that the photograph that ran is one taken of Hart To Hart Productions located in Long Island, New York. The group is in no way connected to Times Square Entertainment Group or Rick Levine.

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Ezrath Nashim to add new wing

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yaacov Perez knows first hand what it's like when a parent becomes too sick and frail to care for himself. It happened in his family several years ago when his father's health deteriorated to the point where he couldn't walk around the Israeli apartment he shared with his three sons.

At the time, Perez scrambled to find a home for his father. Now he wishes the geriatric centre in the Ezrath Nashim Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital had been available.

"I wish I could have sent him to Ezrath Nashim because the services he got don't approach what he would have gotten there," he said.

Perez cites that experience as a personal motivation for his work on behalf of Ezrath Nashim. During his one-month visit to Toronto and Montreal, he has met with potential supporters of the hospital to ask for their help.

Ezrat Nashim is planning to dedicate a new wing in April 1995, at the time of the hospital's 100th birthday. The wing, which will provide geriatric ambulatory services, will include the Silver-Cooper Geriatric Rehabilitation Centre, named after Canadians Lily and Nathan Silver and Florence and Sydney Cooper, who, along with the United Israel Appeal, contributed to its construction.

The rehab centre will provide physical, occupational and speech therapy to the hospital's in-patients, as well as to out-patients from across Jerusalem.

Ezrath Nashim is currently a 300-bed facility, with nearly 100 in-patients in the psychiatric department and 200 in the geriatric department.

Affiliated with the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, Ezrath Nashim is also a teaching hospital.

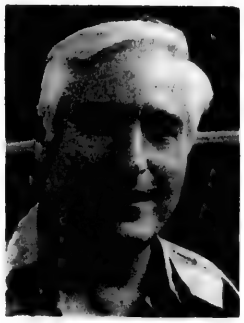
Ezrath Nashim was founded in 1895 by a group of women — the hospital's name translates as "women who help."

It's name was changed to pay tribute to the late rebbitzen Sarah Herzog, whose 40 years of service included serving as president of the hospital from 1945-79. She was the mother of former Israeli president Chaim Herzog, who is international chair of the hospital's centennial celebration.

Originally dedicated to the care of the mentally ill and the homeless, in the 1970s the hospital opened a department of geriatric medicine. Today, the hospital has become one of the country's most renowned treatment centres.

So far, the former Israel Defence Force officer has made the rounds of tea-parties and one-on-one meetings, explaining all the good work Ezrat Nashim performs in Israel.

But judging by his colorful past, people might be as interested in his own history. Born in Marakesh, Morocco, 56 years ago, Perez was part of the youth aliyah movement that brought thousands of Moroccans to the Jewish state. Perez said he was prompted to make aliyah at age 13 shortly after he and his father were set upon by a gang and beaten up; his bike, a bar mitzvah gift, was stolen.



Yaacov Perez

Perez and his 11-year-old sister moved to Israel. They weren't joined by their parents and four brothers until six years later, something that was fairly typical of the time, he said.

Eventually rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the air force, Perez served as chief educator of the Central Command, developing instruction techniques for new recruits. From 1987-90 he served as shaliach for the Jewish National Fund Canada.

Perez has other ties to Canada as well. His brother Avi and sister-in-law Debbie live in Montreal.

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Ezrath Nashim has some other substantial Canadian connections:

- The hospital's Albert and Temmy Latner Institute for Social Psychiatry and Psychotherapy publishes papers on trauma, treatment of the religious, and on psychotherapy.
- The *Jerusalem Post*/David Radler Urgent Care Centre, cares for the immediate needs of the elderly in Jerusalem.
- Prof. Avram Mark Clarfield serves as senior academic physician in the department of geriatric medicine. Clarfield, a native of Toronto, did a family practice residency at Mount Sinai Hospital. He also served as chief of the division of geriatric medicine at McGill University in Montreal.
- Harris Gulko, a former vice-president of JNF Canada who made aliyah, has been appointed international director of the hospital's department of development and public relations.

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On Tuesday, Nov. 1, the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim, will host an evening with Dr. Danny Brom, scientific coordinator of the Latner Institute.

For more information, contact Janice Segal, coordinator of the Toronto chapter, at (416) 446-1515.

Jewish candidates in York

TORONTO — Several Jewish candidates are vying for school trustee positions in the City of York.

Karen Hen is seeking the position in Ward 1. Sam Wales is a candidate in Ward 3 and Gail Fineberg is running for trustee in Ward 4.

Our story last week on the Ward 1 councillor race omitted a fourth candidate, Klaus Willmann.

Correction

A sharp-eyed reader caught an error in the recipe for pumpkin biscuits printed in the Oct. 6 issue of *CJN*. The ingredients should read:

2 cups sifted flour
3 tbsp. sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
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Denis Karalic, a 13-year-old Muslim, about to leave on a JDC rescue convoy in February 1994. Denis was a ward of the Sarajevo Jewish community and now lives in Israel. [Edward Serotta photo]

Serotta's photo exhibit captures devastation of the Bosnian capital

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's the job of photojournalists to document history. Edward Serotta's pictures record history turned on its head.

One would expect a photo exhibit documenting the deterioration of a Jewish community — in this case, Sarajevo's — to show Jewish infrastructures coming apart at the seams and Jews fleeing the bloody, three-way ethnic fighting.

For the hundreds who have seen Serotta's display in six Canadian cities over the past few weeks, including some 200 last week at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, the message this time is decidedly different.

The title of the show says it all: Survival in Sarajevo — How a Jewish Community Came to the Aid of its City. Serotta, a thin, intense 45-year-old photographer based in Berlin, has trained his lens on some truly heart-breaking scenes of the devastation that has torn the Bosnian capital apart since it came under siege by Bosnian Serbs two years ago.

But at the same time, the haunting black-and-white photographs depict Jewish heroism on a truly grand scale.

There were some 1,200 Jews in Sarajevo before the Bosnian-Serb-Muslim-Croat conflict broke out. According to "official" figures, 1,000 have left, leaving 600 today.

"You can question their math," Serotta told *The CJN* in an interview, "but not their integrity."

Whatever the numbers, Serotta arrived in Sarajevo after most of the city's Jews were evacuated but was present for the daring bus convoy rescue arranged by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in February, which eventually took over 200 people to Israel.

Included in that trip was Zeyneba Hardaga, a 77-year-old woman and the first Muslim to be awarded Righteous Among the Nations status by Israel for having hidden a Jewish man during the Nazi occupation of Yugoslavia. Serotta's photo of her does justice to a face that has years of suffering and heroism etched into it.

The photographer, who was born in Savannah, Georgia, spent a total of 33 days in Sarajevo from November 1993 to February of this year, and was given carte blanche to move about freely. In poignant, bitter-sweet photos, he has told the story of a Jewish community that has managed to stay neutral in the ethnic conflict and has taken a leading humanitarian role in the middle of an insane situation.

Serotta has done an admirable job of, according to him, dispelling the myth that the only Jewish heroes are Israelis. The Jewish community of Sarajevo has become one of the leading non-sectarian humanitarian agencies in Bosnia. Serotta's pictures show that for the first time in a modern European war, it is the Jews who are saving and protecting Christians and Muslims.

Sarajevo's Jews have quietly turned their synagogue into a hub of activity, operating under the name La Benevolencija. It employs 54 volunteers, 24 of them Jewish. The rest are Serbs, Muslims and Croats. During the war, they have:

- opened three pharmacies and given away, free, 1.6 million prescriptions, many of them delivered under fire;
- started a first aid clinic that has tended 2,500 patients and made 650 house calls;
- distributed 380 tons of food;
- cooked 110,000 hot meals;
- created their own post office that has handled over 100,000 letters;
- and arranged 11 rescue convoys that sent 2,300 Sarajevans to safety, only half of whom were Jews.

As Serotta puts it: "It's well known in Sarajevo that Jews can get things done."

There's the stark image of a man waiting to leave, dragging his suitcase across the floor of an empty synagogue, and dramatic close-ups of war-weary refugees.

One of the photographer's favorite subjects is Denis Karalic, a 13-year-old Muslim shown working for the Jewish community as a water boy, being treated for a wound received in a mortar attack and finally, crying on a bus en route to Israel.

The exhibit has shown in 30 cities in 11 countries. A collection of the pictures in a book of the same title is sold out. It's little wonder; these are strong images but full of love and even hope.

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Organizations and People

Retailer accepts clarification on 'Carlos' article

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of Toronto's best-known electronics retail stores is resuming its advertising in *NOW* magazine after pulling it over a column that seemed to justify the terrorist murder of a pro-Israel supporter.

Bay-Bloor Radio has resumed advertising with *NOW* after a hiatus of four to five weeks, said Mark Mandlsohn, managing director of the store.

He said the family's decision was made after Mandlsohn was assured by *NOW* publisher and editor Michael Hollett that the article did not represent the editorial policy of *NOW*.

The article in question was written by Zuhair Kashmeri, senior editor with the news and entertainment weekly. Titled, Injustice and Holy Terror, it focused on the career of terrorist killer Carlos the Jackal (Illich Ramirez Sanchez).

"What did this Venezuelan do that was more heinous than the U.S. slaughter in Vietnam, Panama and Iraq, and the continuing murder of Arabs by Israel?" the column asked.

"He shot an Englishman, described by the media as 'a Jew' to hint at anti-Semitism. This was the head of Marks and Spencer, an avowed supporter of Israel who gave the country millions in trade. Did this money purchase the arms that killed 20,000 Arabs during Israel's 'ethnocide' in Lebanon? One can't condone the shooting, but try to explain immorality to a Palestinian whose village has been wiped out by Israel."

The article also discounted Carlos' murder of two French intelligence agents who attempted to arrest him. "French agents? Those trained killers who slaughtered hundreds in the Algerian independence war, destabilized Chad and blew up Greenpeace's ship the Rainbow Warrior? I'll save my tears."

After calling for the indictment of Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Yitzhak Rabin, Ariel Sharon, the CIA and the Mossad, Kashmeri states that "compared to these maniacs, I am tempted to annoint Carlos a saint."

In its issue of Oct. 13-19, *NOW* ran a clarification "of some interpretations of [the] column. . . *NOW* magazine does not condone the killing of Jews, French citizens or anyone else. We apologize for any misunderstandings this piece may have created."

Hollett told *The CJN* that *NOW* ran the clarification because "we were obviously uncomfortable with it [the article].

"Obviously it was a mistake. The paper tries to [express] a broad range of opinions. A line was crossed."

Mandlsohn said the article "was disturbing. It was not a human thing to say. . . The general tone left me with a very bad taste."

The family-run business decided to pull its weekly $1,300 ad. "We didn't threaten them to do this. I simply said I was not comfortable advertising in their paper now," Mandlsohn said.

A sermon by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai helped influence him, Mandlsohn said. The sermon suggested Jews should be more active on issues that concern them.

"I think we have to express our feelings," Mandlsohn said. "We did what we felt was right at the time. We didn't do it for the publicity. We did it because we felt it was right to do. It wasn't done to hurt *NOW* magazine."

Mandlsohn said the store's account with *NOW* is "a reasonable part of our advertising budget. Our [year-long] contract is about to expire and I don't know if we'll renew it."

Hollett said he shared Mandlsohn's concerns about the column. "I agree with [him] 100 per cent. What troubled Mark Mandlsohn troubled me too.

"The killing of people who you don't agree with is not [acceptable]."

Asked if the possibility of losing a major advertiser played a part in the decision to run the clarification, Hollett said he and paper co-founder Alice Klein "did not start this newspaper for advertisers to tell us what to write." He said *NOW* has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in potential advertising revenue, perhaps millions, because of the editorial stance it has adopted.

"Mark Mandlsohn is not a backseat editor. Although it didn't affect my decision, I listened to him. . . Readers know we write what we believe in."

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress said, "I was impressed that *NOW* took action, but only after Mandlsohn voiced his outrage. The article was appalling. I can't understand how it got by the eyes of any editor in the first place."

BRITISH MP BRIEFS CONGRESS

British MP Greville Janner (second from right), president of the Commonwealth Jewish Council and the Inter-Parliamentary Council Against Anti-Semitism, recently met with officials of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. Seen here with Janner are (from left) David Rotenberg, co-chair of the Israel affairs committee; regional chair Gerda Frieberg; and Ruthie Zaionz, co-chair of the world Jewry and international affairs committee. [Daniel Fine photo]

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Arts

A HIT...WITH A FEW OLD MISSES

Jackie Mason had fans laughing in the aisles on his first professional visit to Israel. Although Mason was undoubtedly funny, for the seasoned fan, the four shows were a bit of a disappointment. Old jokes were shamelessly recycled and the new ones sounded extremely familiar. However, Mason won the day and the Hebrew press gave him rave reviews.

Storytelling Festival launched

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The third annual Jewish Storytelling Festival gets under way this week in Toronto.

An evening of story telling on Saturday Oct. 29 is followed by a full day of storytelling events on Sunday Oct. 30. Two major workshops featuring storytellers Yitzhak Buxbaum and Judith Black are being offered in conjunction with the festival.

The festival is co-sponsored by North York Public Library and Jewish Storytelling Arts (JSA), a non-profit storytelling organization that Leslie Robbins and other Jewish storytellers founded in Toronto three years ago.

"We took a stab in the dark when we put on the first festival," says Robbins, the festival's executive director. "The response was great and people loved it. We got a turnout of about 300 or 400 at the first one, and almost 500 at the second one last year. This year, ticket sales have been going very well."

The Saturday night gala storytelling concert, which takes place at the North York Performing Arts Centre, features American raconteurs Yitzhak Buxbaum, author of *Storytelling and Spirituality in Judaism*, and Judith Black, a Bostonian who has performed widely across North America. Tickets are $15.

Famous kugel story

Sunday's program at the Barbara Frum Library at 20 Covington Rd. involves several lectures and workshops during the day and an evening cabaret featuring lighthearted tales and the music of Brian Katz, Alan Merovitz and the Narayever Singers. An all-day adult pass is $25.

The Sunday evening cabaret also features other storytellers including Michael Wex, who according to Robbins will tell his famous kugel story. "This is a story of a reincarnated potato kugel," she says.

Buxbaum is giving a workshop, entitled Storytelling and Spirituality, scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, Oct. 27 and conclude on Friday, Oct. 28. Judith Black's workshop, Creating Your Own Personal Stories, runs from Monday, Oct. 31 to Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Tickets for the Saturday night storytelling concert are available through the theatre box office, (416) 733-9388, or through TicketMaster, (416) 872-2222. For tickets and information concerning all other events, phone (416) 440-1330.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

No Ordinary Time: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II by Doris Kearns Goodwin, Simon & Shuster $30.00 (US)

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt were extraordinary characters who bent and shaped the course of modern history. This book is their dual portrait — against the background of the event-filled war years, 1940 through 1945.

Elected to an unprecedented third term, the president cajoled an isolationist, Depression-ridden nation into supplying arms to England in her struggle against the Nazis. After the shock of Pearl Harbor, he skilfully guided his countrymen in creating a formidable fighting force and in transforming America into a mighty industrial power.

Throughout the 1930s, as thousands of Jews fled Nazi Germany, the United States narrowly opened its doors to accept them. The number who were granted refugee status was pitifully small compared with the number desperately seeking haven. In the years between 1933 and 1940, about 100,000 refugees were admitted.

Roosevelt was not unsympathetic to the plight of the refugees, but he had to face the fiercely xenophobic and anti-Semitic mood of the country. Polls confirmed that the majority of Americans were unwilling to assist Jews, especially if it meant more immigration into the United States. It is well to remember that though Jews were only three per cent of the U.S. population, they represented nearly 15 per cent of Roosevelt's top appointments. Indeed so prominent were Jews in the Roosevelt administration that bigots routinely referred to the New Deal as the Jew Deal and charged that Roosevelt was himself a Jew."

In 1940, when Germany was still willing to grant exit permits to Jews, Roosevelt remained cautious. He was warned by anti-Semitic members of the State Department that the Nazis were using immigration as a means of infiltrating their agents into the United States.

Eleanor fought tooth and nail for a more relaxed and humane policy. She managed to rescue 83 Jewish refugees who had sailed to America aboard a Portuguese vessle. But her efforts met with apathy or disapproval. Goodwin writes, "Eleanor's failure to force her husband to admit more refugees remained, her son James, later said, 'her deepest regret at the end of her life.' "

In 1942, when Roosevelt requested a war-powers bill that would have given him the power to open the gate to wider immigration, the bill was crushed in Congress by a powerful conservative coalition. That week, Goebbels remarked in his diary, "At bottom, I believe both the English and the Americans are happy that we are exterminating the Jewish riff-raff."

In 1944, the president finally created the War Refugee Board that saved untold thousands of lives. Roosevelt believed that the best way to save Europe's Jews was to win the war, but his intensity of focus blinded him to a series of smaller steps that could have been taken, such as applying more pressure in Germany to release Jews and more pressure on neutral countries to take them in. Moreover, the United States Air Force could have bombed the train tracks to Auschwitz, and even the concentration camps themselves.

The author, in this work of prodigious research, has made use of both oral and archival sources. She skilfully threads her way back and forth between the personal lives of the president and members of his family and friends, and the signal and dramatic events of the war.

Roosevelt's death in 1945 left the nation grief stricken. Eleanor continued her work on behalf of many causes for the remaining 17 years of her life.

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A JEWISH OLIVER

Mitchell Marcus of Thornhill will play the lead and Judy Gans of Toronto will play Nancy in the upcoming production of *Oliver*, staged by the Yorkminstrels. There's a special preview Nov. 10. The show runs at Earl Haig Secondary School (100 Princess Ave., North York) Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 17-19, with matinees on the 13th and 19th at 2 p.m. For ticket information, call 905-822-7291. [Photo by Lesley Curow]

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BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Humanity's future: will it be "earthbound" or "spacebound"?

My uncle, the artist Gerald Gladstone, posed this question to me recently outside Yorkdale shopping centre in North York. We were standing in the parking lot near The Bay, beside one of his major works, a bronze colossus called *Universal Man*, which was installed there in late September. He seemed pleased that people were stopping to look at the sculpture and read the plaque; some were even sitting on the pedestrian-friendly platform.

Universal Man stands more than 21 feet high and weighs some 6,000 pounds; it is hard not to notice. Its feet, in a manner of speaking, are made of clay; its legs are thick and rolling, like mountains; the organic lines of a prototypical Canadian landscape may be detected in its midriff; and the billowing imagery of clouds is visible in its upper body. The figure's arm is outstretched to heaven; in its hand is a sphere. According to its creator, *Universal Man* symbolizes "earthbound human energies reaching towards a higher universal knowledge."

Despite its considerable girth (and its considerable worth, now estimated at more than $1 million), *Universal Man* was summarily toppled from its previous location beside the CN Tower, where it had stood since 1976, when construction began on SkyDome in 1987. The piece, Gladstone notes, "already has a history."

Born into a working-class family in Toronto in 1929, Gladstone began painting at age 15. One of a group of eminent artists that emerged here in the 1950s (others included Harold Town and Michael Snow), he had a successful one-man show in New York in 1963 and returned home a recognized artist. His public works since then have included the *Three Graces* sculpture and fountain at Bay and Wellesley, Toronto; the McGillivray fountain at the CNE, Toronto; a sculpture and fountain for Place Ville Marie, Montreal; the Martin Luther King Memorial in California; and many other works across Canada and internationally.

Like the *Universal Man*, Gladstone's feet seem firmly planted on the ground, his head in the clouds. This came across very well when I asked him to tell me more about the sculpture that stood before us so dramatically against the afternoon sky. Instead of a down-to-earth physical description involving design, form and matter, he responded with some lofty ideas on the future of civilization.

"I don't know whether our species is about to face an imminent set of decisions," he said. "Are we going to relate to the planet in future, or are we going to relate to a space environment? Will we abandon the planet as a viable nest, even though it is a spaceship of the highest calibre and contains answers to all the best questions we can ask?"

This dichotomy — earthbound and spacebound — is an important key to Gladstone's art. His "earthbound" pieces feature the organic, sensuous curves of earth: women, men, landscapes, skyscapes. In these works, one can see the influence of his friend and mentor, the late British sculptor Henry Moore.

Alternately, his "spacebound" pieces offer random slices of the perfect geometry of the universe: straight lines, cones, spheres, parabolic curves, nuclear configurations, intricate abstract spatial interrelationships. In these works, one sees affinities to the art of the late Buckminster Fuller, another friend and influence of Gladstone's. The artist says he has also been shaped by a school of abstract expressionists that emerged in New York after 1945, whose ranks include Mark Rothko, Arshile Gorky and Willem de Kooning.

In his earlier days, Gladstone worked at the same engraving house where several painters of the Group of Seven were apprenticed. Like them, he is aware of the overriding importance of the landscape as a tradition in Canadian art.

"Canadian artists are plagued and blessed with this tradition," he said. "It gives them a safe launching pad for their ideas but it can also trap them into not experimenting with newer forms." He said that he has distilled the organic curves and lines of the landscape for use in other forms, such as *Universal Man*.

Art, according to Gladstone, is an essential part of the process of how humankind gains knowledge. Even the primitive cave painters, he said, were doing far more than just beautifying their homes. Rather, they were attempting to gain mastery over the wild and ferocious animals whose images they captured so well in muddy ochre on their walls. Our discussion served as an important reminder to me that good art is more than society's window-dressing, more than mere decoration. Rooted in the soil, it reaches for the stars.

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Genie Nominee: Our best wishes go to Toronto actress Mia Kirshner, 19-year-old daughter of *CJN* writer Sheldon Kirshner, who has been nominated for a Genie Award in the category of Best Supporting Actress for her role in Denys Arcand's Love and Human Remains.

Film targets lethal viruses

TORONTO — The creators of *Deadly Currents*, the award-winning documentary on Middle East tensions, have produced a startling new film on lethal viruses.

Co-produced by Simcha Jacobivici and Toronto's Elliott Halpern, who also directed and wrote the film, *The Plague Monkeys* is touted as the first documentary to explore so-called filoviruses, the most dangerous viral strain facing humanity.

The Plague Monkeys will air on CBC television on Nov. 1 at 9 p.m.

The hour-long film covers the first filovirus outbreak in Germany in 1967, the second in Zaire in 1976 and the 1989 outbreak in Reston, Virginia, where it was carried by 100 monkeys imported for laboratory experiments. To avoid mass panic, the public was never informed.

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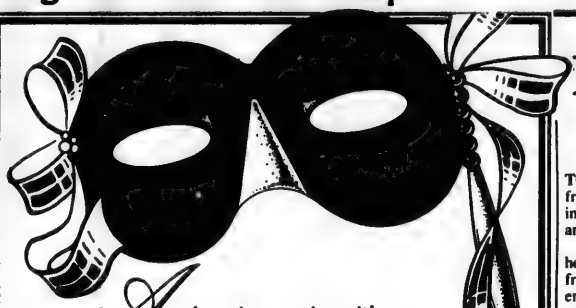

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Israeli persecution called a myth

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Widely-reported claims by immigrants from the former Soviet Union of religious persecution in Israel are largely a myth, says a leading Israeli lawyer and judge.

Jonathan Livny says that of the "thousands" of cases he's handled — the vast majority dealing with emigres from the former Soviet Union — "never once" has he encountered a legitimate claim of persecution based on religious status.

And overall, "only a very small minority" of former Soviets claim religious persecution in Israel, Livny stressed.

Livny, in town last week for a series of speaking engagements for United Jewish Appeal, was one of three experts who appeared before Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) in Montreal in August. The day-long hearing had been called after an angry diplomatic flap occurred between Canada and Israel over Ottawa's controversial policy of accepting Israeli citizens as refugees.

Canada has granted refugee status to over 300 claimants from Israel since 1992. Almost all of them were originally from the former Soviet Union, but were granted Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return upon arrival in the Jewish state.

Roughly 2,000 Israelis are now in Canada seeking refugee status. In fact, Israel is now a major source of refugee claimants here. The vast majority are said to be former Soviets; often they are mixed-faith couples.

Many claimants here allege beatings by Israeli police, threats, harassment, mistreatment of children in schools, rape and state-sanctioned persecution because of mixed marriages or questionable status as Jews.

Jonathan Livny

Livny told *The CJN* that only 30 per cent of all immigrants to Israel from the former Soviet Union — roughly 150,000 people — fall under the category of "half-Jews" or "non-Jews."

"Half-Jews" have non-Jewish mothers, while "non-Jews" have non-Jewish parents but at least one Jewish grandparent, Livny explained. Nevertheless, the Law of Return requires proof of just one Jewish grandparent for the granting of Israeli citizenship.

Livny, who operates a legal clinic for Jews from the former Soviet Union, says emigres' complaints tend to focus on sexual harassment, unfair treatment from landlords and wrongful dismissal from jobs. "But I have never once had a claim that someone was persecuted because they were a non-Jew."

Those now in Canada waiting for refugee status have "tailored" their stories to fit Canadian criteria, he said.

Areas in which former Soviets do suffer, Livny said, are in marriage and burial. Civil marriages are not conducted in Israel; Conservative and Reform marriages are not recognized. Those not of Orthodox background often have no choice but to have civil weddings in Cyprus, at prohibitive cost.

Burial "is a terrible situation" for former Soviets because thousands of them cannot be interred in Jewish cemeteries. "That means many older people will not get a Jewish burial in the Jewish state," Livny said.

A recent Supreme Court ruling allowed non-Orthodox burials but there is still no land set aside, he added.

Reform conversions, however, "have a good chance of being recognized."

Livny said he hopes the outcome of the Canada-Israel flap will be that Ottawa "will want to admit people with skills and training and not on the [false] basis that they are being persecuted by the state."

A major fear he has is that one day, the Knesset will pass laws which will override court rulings.

Livny, a former attorney-general for the West Bank, also sits once a week as a judge on the military court in the territory. Today, he noted, 95 per cent of cases before him involve members of Hamas, whereas a few years ago, they involved membership in the PLO.

Despite the accord with the PLO, there is much more violence and fanaticism today in Judea and Samaria than a year ago, he said.

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Jewish Agency's importance cited

TORONTO — The chair of the UJA-financed Jewish Agency, Mendel Kaplan, is busy these days explaining to the Jewish world why a prosperous Israel still needs Diaspora support.

The Agency oversees the rescue and resettlement in Israel of Jews from distressed countries and funds hundreds of social welfare projects.

Kaplan recently told Toronto UJA volunteers that financially backing Israel is an obligation based on Jewish responsibility.

"It has nothing to do with the wealth, status and comfort of Israel," he said. "Israel is the centre of the Jewish people. We are a people dispersed throughout the world for which Israel is responsible and we are responsible to Israel."

Kaplan called contributing to Israel through UJA more than an act of charity or philanthropy. "It's a holy task, a just task," he declared.

This summer, Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin suggested disbanding the Jewish Agency because Israel no longer required contributions from outside Jewish communities.

But Kaplan detailed how Agency-supported relief and rescue efforts for Sarajevo's Jewish community also benefited non-Jewish residents of the city. Israel absorbed Muslim immigrants along with thousands of Jews.

Toronto's UJA canvassers have completed 20 per cent more cards than last year, and the 1995 contribution total is keeping pace with 1994.

Jewish Museum of Western Canada planned for Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Museum of Western Canada will be part of the future Jewish Community Campus of Winnipeg.

The organization's first public event was a press conference held on the campus's south Winnipeg site on Oct. 13, to announce the establishment of the museum.

The museum is a joint effort of all the Jewish historical societies and communities of Western Canada, according to Harry Gutkin, president of the Winnipeg-based Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada and chair of the steering committee that created the museum.

"We discussed the concept with delegates from across the west at a conference in Winnipeg on April 24," Gutkin said. "Everyone endorsed the proposal and followed up with written letters of support from their regions."

Gutkin described the museum as an important tool for teaching younger Jews about the rich history of Jewish life in Western Canada over the past 150 years, as well as a bridge for other cultures in promoting tolerance and harmony for all Canadians.

The museum will house three permanent galleries: one depicting the history of Jewish life in Western Canada; an interactive Discovery Gallery which will present Jewish customs, music and folklore; and a Holocaust Gallery. There will also be changing displays and exhibits, a library, classrooms, a theatre, climate controlled archives, a lecture hall and a gift shop.

The museum is expected to open by the end of 1996.

Gutkin thanked the federal and provincial governments for their support.

In his remarks, Lloyd Axworthy, minister of Western Economic Diversification Canada, reported that his department is contributing $3.65 million towards the museum's construction, under a program for adapting Western Canadian historic centres such as the Fort Osborne Barracks (where the campus is to be erected) for modern usage.

Speaking for the Manitoba government — which is contributing $1 million to the project — Harold Gilleshammer, minister of culture, heritage and citizenship, spoke of the "rich heritage, skills and knowledge with which the Jewish people have helped build this country." He also spoke of the rejuvenation of the old barracks and its role as a symbol of the past.

The $26-million Jewish Community Campus will also house the YMHA Jewish Community Centre, Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate — the Jewish high school now located in north Winnipeg, the Ramah (elementary) Hebrew School, and various communal offices.

Sheldon Berney, board president, Jewish Community Campus of Winnipeg and master of ceremonies at the press conference, reported that the fundraising and design for the campus were going well and that plans are being made to hold the groundbreaking ceremony in the spring.

Bonds, shul fetes Feldbergs

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We were the refugee kids who came to Canada with nothing and now we're helping others to realize their dreams."

That was the simple and soft-spoken response by Saul Feldberg to the honor accorded to him and his wife, Toby, for their contributions to Israel.

"We arrived here with nothing, but Canada gave us a new lease on life. It is possible with hard work to achieve the impossible," Feldberg said.

He and his wife run Global Upholstery, Canada's largest manufacturer of office furniture. They also established Teknion Industries in Haifa, which exports furniture to Europe and employs 250, including 150 new Soviet immigrants.

The Feldbergs were recently honored by State of Israel Bonds and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at a cabaret dinner, attended by 350, at which the renowned entertainer Mike Burstyn gave a brilliant performance.

Feldberg's mother, Eva Feldberg, was one of the guests, as were their four children, David, Bernie, Janice and Joel, and two grandchildren, Jordy and Alex Feldberg. Sam Crystal chaired the evening.

"I'm happy to be associated with Israel Bonds. The money from Bond sales is helping the security of Jews and helping to attain peace," said Art Eggleton, president of the federal Treasury Board and MP for York Centre, the riding in which the synagogue is located.

"This is the 20th year that Beth Emeth has bought a million dollar Israel Bond and no other synagogue has done that," Eggleton said. "This is a great contribution to Canada and Israel."

To help build Israel's economy, every Jew in the Diaspora should buy a minimum of $250 in Israel Bonds, said Alex Grossman, chair of Canada Israel Securities, stating the gist of a message given to him recently by Israel's finance minister.

"We need millions of Bond buyers, including non-Jews, from all over the world. Investing in Israel is good business for Jew and Gentile alike," Grossman said.

A large serigraph, *Star of Peace*, by an Israeli artist, was presented to the Feldbergs by Beth Emeth's Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

Israel was likened "to a mother with outstretched arms waiting to rescue Jews from around the world" by Feldberg, who lived in Israel for some years, working on a kibbutz. He paid tribute to Israel's record in absorbing so many Jews from the former Soviet Union.

'Proud of warm relationship'

"I am proud of the warm relationship between Canada and Israel, and of Canada's support for the peace process."

Feldberg said he was a product of the Holocaust. "As children we lived through World War II, our only crime being that we were Jews." He said he has always purchased Israel Bonds and visits the country every year.

In fact, Feldberg is leading a tour of Israel in July 1995 of 650 dealers and associates of his firm. "It will be the trip of a lifetime."

By the end of the century, Israel will need $10 billion for infrastructure, 40 per cent of it being the responsibility of Israel alone, Crystal said. Canada is being counted on to buy $100 million in Bonds this year, he said, noting that Israel Bonds are RSP-approved and yield as high as eight per cent interest on some issues. Israel has never defaulted on the capital or interest on Bonds and 100 per cent of every dollar goes to Israel.

Others taking part in the program were Gord Garshowitz, president, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Rabbi Barry Schneider, Cantor Louis Danto and Hank Rosenbaum, who with Max Guttman, was dinner co-chair. A special presentation was made to Bernice Levine, executive director of the synagogue and Aubie Himmel, who with Al LaPorter, is the synagogue's Israel Bond co-chair.

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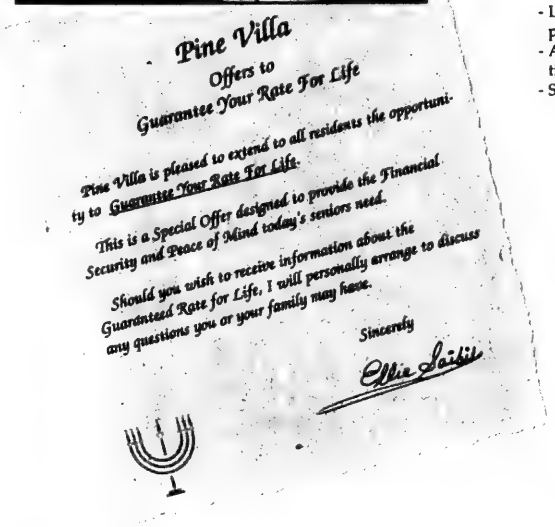
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Canadian Palestinian leader visits Mississauga synagogue

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

MISSISSAUGA — Solel Congregation set a precedent recently by hosting a representative of Palestine House as guest speaker following Friday evening services.

"It made sense to do something locally," said Rabbi Lawrence Englander, spiritual leader of the congregation.

Palestine House and Solel are located about five blocks apart. The former was established two years ago as the umbrella for five Palestinian organizations; the latter is Mississauga's only synagogue, with about 280 member families.

The evening program, which was co-sponsored by B'nai Brith's 50-member Halton-Peel lodge, was initiated by Rabbi Englander. Shortly after the High Holidays, the rabbi invited Rashad Saleh, president of Palestine House, to speak at Solel.

"He was very amenable," recalls Rabbi Englander.

When Saleh was called out of town unexpectedly, Palestine House vice-president Elias Hazineh took his place.

Before reading the 15-minute speech Saleh had prepared, Hazineh made a few personal comments, recalling his childhood in 1960s Jerusalem, where he used to turn off the synagogue lights for his Jewish neighbors on Friday nights.

About 120 people came to hear Saleh's speech, which dealt with the Canadian Palestinian community as well as the Middle East peace process.

The Palestinian Canadian community comprises some 18,000 people, said Hazineh. Over half of them live in Metro Toronto, including almost 6,000 in the Mississauga area.

Palestine House was described as "an educational, cultural and social centre" and "the spokesbody of the Palestinian community in Canada."

Contacts have been established between Palestine House and organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith and the New Israel Fund, Hazineh said.

According to Saleh's speech, Israel must meet certain conditions in order for the peace process to work. Among them are "the dismantling of all controversial settlements" and the "taking into consideration the right...to [Palestinian] self-determination and the creation of an independent Palestinian state."

Hazineh told *The CJN* in a telephone interview that Palestinians want to see "tangible change in their lives," both economically and in terms of personal welfare, in the near future. "That's the only way they would support this process," he said.

Saleh, in his speech, accused Israel of "dragging its feet in terms of implementing the Accord."

The speech concluded on an optimistic note. "I think peace between both communities is attainable. We have an opportunity to work with moderates on both sides. Let's use it and not lose it."

Hazineh is also an optimist, he said. He believes "sitting down together" is the only way to reach compromise, and has been involved in Jewish-Palestinian dialogue in Toronto for close to 10 years (with the exception of a three-year period after the beginning of the Intifadah, when the dialogues stopped).

Hazineh said he felt very comfortable at Solel. Although some people in the all-Jewish audience asked pointed questions which challenged remarks from the speech, the majority wanted information and clarification, Hazineh said.

"The major objective, of getting to know each other better, was achieved. I thought it was a very worthwhile evening," said Rabbi Englander.

Joyce Aster, field co-ordinator for B'nai Brith's Halton-Peel office, termed the program "a very important first step."

"We're hoping it will open the door to other opportunities. We're looking forward to a reciprocal gesture," said the rabbi.

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Paradise Lost should have been

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When *Paradise Lost* by Clifford Odets opened at New York's Long Acre Theatre in 1935, it was panned by the same critics who liked Odets' other plays produced that year, *Waiting for Lefty* and *Awake and Sing*.

Time has not been kind to *Paradise Lost*. A production of the play, 59 years later in Toronto, by Equity Showcase, which ended Oct. 22, failed to reveal any redeeming qualities. It was a windy, unfocused play in 1935, it still is today.

The one positive note is that it enabled 20 actors and a production crew of 17 to gain the experience of staging a difficult play at Harborfront's Studio Theatre, even, if, under Equity Showcase rules, they are not paid. At their pay-what-you-can performances, the cash helped to meet production costs.

A program note by director Natasha Bloomberg says *Paradise Lost* is relevant today because economic recession has raised the same questions for society as the Great Depression did in the 1930s. Well, the world is far different today, and if Odets' preaching didn't sound valid in 1935, it is even hollower now.

It is asking a lot from actors to overcome a poor script, and in this case they weren't helped by a somewhat rambling direction that didn't promote interaction among cast members.

For instance, one of the central characters, household head Leo Gordon, played by Steve Behal, who wanted a better world, seemed to be out in left field most of the time, never fully engaged with the chronic problems of his three children, Julie, Ben and Pearl.

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Richler pulls no punches at Festival of Authors

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Several hours before he gave a reading from his latest book, *This Year In Jerusalem*, at the Harbourfront International Festival of Authors, Mordecai Richler participated in a public question-and-answer session.

His answers to questions on Quebec, Israel, aliyah, the Montreal exodus and other subjects showed that the Montreal writer has lost none of his provocative style.

Was he offended that Yasser Arafat was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize? Hardly, he responded. "Menachem Begin was a terrorist, too, and so was (Yitzhak) Shamir. So it didn't offend me. What worries me is whether Arafat is capable of carrying out his part of the deal or not."

He summed up the Arab-Israeli conflict as "two wrongs confronting each other."

Commenting on Israel's religious fundamentalist parties, Richler said, "They differ from Muslim fundamentalists in that they're not as violent — although someone did shoot 33 people in a mosque. But that's rare."

The session was moderated by former Liberal party strategist Jim Coutts, who asked several pertinent questions to get the ball rolling before the audience joined in. Noting that Richler has indiscriminately provoked English Canada, French Canada, and now Israelis, Coutts asked whether he purposely tries to be provocative "just to have fun."

"Israelis are much more tolerant of criticism than North American Jews," Richler replied. "My books have always done very well in Hebrew translation. People on the left appreciate it when writers are more critical of the government.

"I write about things as I see them. I don't try to be provocative. Some people take offense, but I'm not running for office. I'm just trying to be a witness."

Richler was careful to make clear that he represents only himself. "I don't presume to speak for any community or to be anyone's spokesman. I'm a community of one. I think my function is to be an honest witness of the times. A writer shouldn't be confused with the Anti-Defamation League or the Red Cross."

The celebrated author of *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, St. Urbain's Horseman* and other novels about Montreal Jews, Richler and his family lived in England for about 20 years before returning to Canada in 1972.

"I never had any doubt that I was a Canadian, even when I lived abroad," he said. "I couldn't write a novel about England because I was never brought up there... A writer needs to know the price of a haircut and who the folk heroes are in a place."

Asked how he could write about Israel if he identifies as a Canadian, he responded, "I can identify with Israelis because I'm Jewish, and with the Zionists because I was one. But I can't present them with a program, because that would be pompous."

Numerous questions dealt with Quebec politics, and one specifically about the situation of anglophone Jews living in Montreal.

"It's a very troubling situation," he said. "A lot of young anglophones, Jews and WASPs, are leaving because they can't take the hassle. It's a great loss to Montreal, and the economy is suffering because of it. If I were 25 or 30, I don't know if I'd put down roots there or buy a house there, which is a sad thing to say."

Richler said that Canada was an "empty" country that "could do with a lot more immigrants," and noted that immigrants presently account for about 40 per cent of Canada's population.

"Fifteen years from now, [immigrants] will be the majority, and they will be very impatient about this quarrel between the two founding species, the French and the English."

He agreed with one questioner that a certain hostility emanates from Quebec politicians. "It's in the agenda of the separatists to be provocative to the rest of Canada, and then to go back and say that they were humiliated. If you are a nationalist Quebecois, it's part of your job to be humiliated before 5 o'clock every day."

One of Canada's most prolific novelists, Richler was asked only two or three questions pertaining to literature.

How did he come up with the idea for *Jacob Two-Two*? It was a story he wrote for his own children at their suggestion, he explained.

What does he think is missing in Canadian writing? "There's no need to be ashamed in front of the neighbors anymore," he replied. "There's an awful lot of good writing in this country, and you don't have to read like you're eating health food, because it's good for you."

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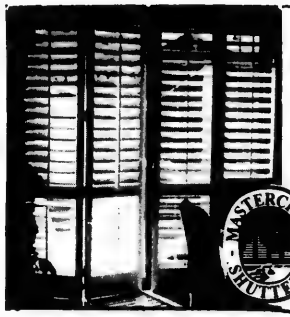

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KELTZER SOCIETY BONDS LUNCHEON

The Keltzer Society held their annual Bonds luncheon at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Ave. Among those present was (from left) Morris Lazebnik, Bond chair; Sigmund Reiser, guest speaker; Max Rosenberg, vice-president; Kalman Sokolowski, social chair; and Phil Platt, financial secretary.

ICRF to hold Le Bal Masque

TORONTO — The Israel Cancer Research Fund will be holding its third annual Le Bal Masque fundraiser Nov. 5 in the Simpson Tower's Arcadian Court at 7:30 p.m.

Last year's event raised $75,000 for cancer research projects in Israel. Organizers of this year's ball are hoping to raise $100,000 and top last year's attendance of 1,000.

The evening features a casino, video DJ, Tarot card readers, pasta bar and a large silent auction where Rolex watches, CD-ROMs and a basketball autographed by Isiah Thomas will go under the hammer along with walk-on television roles, spa days and Broadway trips.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unique and creative masks. The dress code is funky black and white, black tie optional. Masks will be available at the door.

Ticket prices are $45 in advance and $55 at the door. For ticket information please call the ICRF office at (416) 487-5246.

Internet computer network used to fight anti-Semitism

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A Vancouver Island resident is fighting anti-Semites and Holocaust deniers via the global Internet computer network, which serves more than 30 million people.

Ken McVay, 53, who is not Jewish, has compiled for his Fascism and Holocaust Archives a massive amount of anti-Nazi material, which is used by universities, research organizations, Yad Vashem, PhD students and a wide range of other Nazi fighters.

McVay does his work alone on the $1,000 per month he earns from odd jobs.

Philosophy Professor Norman Swartz, of Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Vancouver, heard about McVay and, after studying his output and interviewing him about his work, recently published an 83-page report, *Fighting Electronic Nazism: Finding Financial Support for the Fascism and Holocaust Archives.*

Swartz has enlisted the aid of a SFU colleague, lawyer Marvin Stark of the university's business administration faculty.

In the report, Swartz says that "supporting McVay is of vital importance to all those who are alarmed at the ease with which neo-Nazis, anti-Semites and Holocaust deniers are broadcasting their perverted views worldwide on the Internet. If we don't help him, his voice will be drowned out by the hatemongers who will have hijacked the Internet."

Swartz says Canadian anti-hate legislation and legislation in other countries are powerless to stop the publication of hate fed through the computer network.

"The poison," he says, "can be injected into the Internet in any country on this planet, and the traffic is far too great to try and censor it. The evil genie is out of the bottle again and the only way is to reply with the truth, using the type of material McVay is providing."

McVay personally monitors Internet every day and when he decides a posting by an anti-Semite or Holocaust denier warrants a reply — which is often — "he constructs an appropriate response — usually a meticulously documented refutation."

He has established a worldwide network of associates dedicated to the refutation of Holocaust denial and neo-Nazi propaganda, says Swartz, including staff at the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles; Eli Rosenbaum, chief war crimes prosecutor for the U.S. Justice Department; and researchers at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem.

The network has evolved into the Holocaust Research Mailing List, which has generated more than 1,000 messages a day dealing with the development of appropriate material.

Since September, Jer 1, the Internet site in Jerusalem, has archived all of McVay's material and offers full access via InterNet Gopher. McVay told Swartz that Jer 1 plans to carry multimedia material and many gigabytes of Holocaust-related data. (One gigabyte equals 1,000 million bytes, or roughly 140 million words.)

McVay told Swartz that the neo-Nazis "offend me deeply. They offend my humanity and they offend my friends. If life is to be of any value, then I must do whatever can be done to protect your children and mine from them."

Being gentile, he added, "gives me a certain advantage in that I can't be attacked racially. I'm as pure an 'Aryan' as they come — blue eyes, blonde hair and lineage back to the Mayflower."

The Swartz report provides examples of Nazi lies that can be accessed on the network, as well as McVay's responses.

McVay says his computer work is an avocation but could be a full time job. To access him use the key word WAIS, at Freenet, Victoria, B.C., CA.

For more information, contact the Committee for Racial Justice, 103-1290 Homer St., Vancouver, B.C., V6B 2Y5, (604) 683-6633.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The federal Ministry of Multiculturalism recently approved funding of $25,000 for a series of professional development programs organized and sponsored by the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. The programs are intended to enhance in-service training for teachers. Here Jim Peterson (centre), Liberal MP for Willowdale, presents the cheque to Rabbi Irwin E. Witty (left), BJE executive director. Looking on is Bernard Shoub (right), BJE director of school finances. [Michael Brothman photo]

BJC, BJCC launch campaigns

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) and the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) have embarked on campaigns to retain existing members and attract new ones, in the wake of a 15-20 per cent drop in membership since January.

Two weeks ago, the BJC announced a package of incentives, including a temporary freeze on membership fees. Last week the BJC and the BJCC announced a reciprocal policy of recognizing memberships issued at the other facility.

In the past, membership in the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) entitled cardholders to use both the Bloor and north Bathurst branches. But with the recent re-organization of the former JCC into three distinct and separate corporate entities, questions were raised as to whether membership at one facility would be recognized at the other.

The recent announcement is intended to answer those questions, said BJC spokesman Howard English. The BJC and the BJCC have agreed in principle to allow reciprocal use of membership cards as "a courtesy for [former JCC] members," he said.

Harold Cipin, acting executive-director of the BJC attributed the 10-month drop in memberships to "the instability of the situation and the lack of confidence inside the community. I think people will come back once they know we're on solid ground."

Meanwhile, the BJCC has experienced a surge in new child and family memberships, said BJCC director Bill Emery. He attributed the growth to a special offer on family athletic memberships. Though the fee has gone up $200 to $836, it now includes all children's programs like swimming, gymnastics and dance, which were once subject to separate fees.

In other developments, the BJC announced it will be offering a new three-month membership at half the annual fee. That membership, geared particularly to members who are away for part of the year, must be pre-paid.

The BJC is also holding a telethon on Wednesday evening, Oct. 26 to alert members that they must register by Nov. 1 to obtain new cards and continue their membership, English said. Organizers expect to reach approximately 2,000 members in the one-night blitz.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Oct. 27, is deadline for Nov. 10 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 3, is deadline for Nov. 17 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Oct. 27

INVESTING IN ISRAEL

Investing in Israel — Stocks, Bonds and Business Investments is the focus of the third in the series of Israel programs at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation at 8 p.m. Speakers are **David Baskin**, president, Baskin Financial Services, and secretary-treasuer, Evergreen Canada-Israel Investments Ltd.; **Glenn Bowman**, partner, Acquisitions, Divestitures and Business Valuations, Soberman, Isenbaum and Colomby; and **Charles Diamond**, past executive vice-president of Canada Israel Securities (Israel Bonds) and campaign director for Baycrest. Admission is free. Event is sponsored by the synagogue's continuing education committee; the Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; and Mercaz-Canada. For information, call the synagogue, 633-5500.

Friday, Oct. 28

FAMILY ONEG SHABBAT

The Secular Jewish Association is holding a family Oneg Shabbat, 7:30 p.m., North York Central Library, Room 1, 5120 Yonge St. For information, (905) 731-7066.

Saturday, Oct. 29

ANNUAL FUN AUCTION

Queen City chapter, B'nai Brith Women's annual Fun Auction is being held 7:30 p.m. at Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Here's your chance to bid on theatre tickets, dinners, weekends, merchandise and lots more, $5.

MASQUERADE BALL

The Leukemia Research Fund fundraiser, a Masquerade Ball, takes place 7 p.m. at Toronto Marriot Eaton Centre, with music, prizes for best costume, door prizes and more. Tickets $20. Call (905) 897-2430.

Sunday, Oct. 30

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

Emunah Women of Toronto is having a Salute to Volunteers Dinner at the Wagman Centre. Honorees are **Magda Klein, Magda Ruzohorsky** and **Hannah Schusheim**. Guest speaker is **Ariella Cutler**. For details, call Emunah office, 635-9847.

KOFFLER CLASSICS

Du Maurier Arts Ltd. presents Sunday Afternoons at the Koffler with Music featuring Autumn in North York, a program of classical, klezmer and jazz music with Fern Lindzon and Brian Katz performing, alone and together, on piano, guitar, and vocally, Oct. 30, 2-4 p.m. in the Koffler Loggia Gallery. Admission is free, but donations welcome. [Morris Miller photo]

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MODERN YIDDISH LITERATURE

United Jewish People's Order presents Modern Yiddish Literature and Its Links to Jewish History, an illustrated lecture by **Roz Usiskin** and **David Abramowitz**, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Admission free. Public is invited.

PNAI MEETING

The Toronto chapter of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) meets 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Guest speaker **Lisa Simone**, a lawyer with Goodman and Carr, will discuss Wills, Power of Attorney and Estates.

EXPLORING OUR ROOTS

The Secular Jewish Association adult education series, Exploring Our Roots, focuses on Maimonides: A Guide for Today with **David Bakan**, 8 p.m., North York Central Library, Room 1, 5120 Yonge St. For information, (905) 731-7066.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Temple Sinai adult education program features **Sherry Cooper**, Burns Fry economist, speaking on Canada in a Global Perspective, 10 a.m. at the temple. No charge.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND Society, a peer support group for grandparents seeking access to their grandchildren, meets 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. Guest speaker **Dr. Mario Bartoletti's** topic is Family Mediator. Non-members $5 at the door.

BEATNIK PARTY

Interaction, a non-profit, volunteer-run organization for Jewish people in their 20s, single, attached or married, presents Beatnik Party at The Red Lantern, 228 Merton St. Come and read poetry, sing to accompaniment of the house band, The Hipsters. Tickets $5 in advance, $8 at the door. For tickets, call Interaction hotline, 754-5512 and leave a message.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

BETTY FRIEDAN ON AGING

Betty Friedan, author of *The Fountain of Age* is the featured speaker at Baycrest Centre's public health forum taking place 8 p.m. at North York Performing Arts Centre, 5040 Yonge St. Friedan, who also wrote *The Feminine Mystique* will attack the myths of aging and forever change the way society views growing older. Tickets $20, available through Ticketmaster, 872-2222 and at the box office.

BOOK FAIR

At the Book Fair sponsored by Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, **Corina Batner** of Batner Book Store will be speaking on Changes in Children's Literature, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. There will also be books for sale, birth to Grade 8. All welcome.

TORONTO JEWISH FREE LOAN CASA

Toronto Jewish Free Loan Casa (G'Milath Chasodim Association) invites you to the annual meeting of its members 6:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, Room 419, 4600 Bathurst St. Dinner served. $15 per person. RSVP to **Helen Kastner**, 635-1217.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

Kehillat Shaarei Torah's series on the State of Israel in Modern Torah Thought with **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** continues with Religious Coercion, Personal Freedom and Democracy, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave.

THE ENVIRONMENT & JUDAISM

The Environment and Judaism is the topic **Rabbi Moshe Stern** will be discussing as part of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Halachah Seminar series, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

HERB GRAY TO SPEAK

Herb Gray, solicitor general of Canada, is the featured speaker at Beth Sholom Synagogue's Adult Education Academy, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. His topic is Civil Liberties and the Charter of Rights.

KOLLEL ESH DAT BIRTHDAY

The gala 21st birthday celebration of Kollel Esh Dat (Tel Aviv) takes place at the annual dinner at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue, Silverstein Auditorium, 147 Overbrook Pl., Downsview. **Guest speaker is Rabbi Moshe Stern** spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, and president of Vaad Harabanim, Toronto. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Couvert $40 per person. For reservations, 636-1945.

AGING WITH WISDOM

The sixth annual Walter Lyons Memorial Lecture, Aging with Wisdom, will be delivered by **David Freeman**, professor, University of British Columbia School of Social Work, 7:30 p.m., Baycrest Hospital Recreation Room, main floor. Lecture is sponsored by The Walter Lyons Education Fund.

POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION

A free public information meeting on Understanding Post-Partum Depression with **Dr. Gail Robinson**, director, Women's Mental Health, Toronto Hospital, is being sponsored by Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto. 7:30 p.m. 20 Orchard View Blvd. Call 486-8046 for information.

Thursday, Nov. 3

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

Rosh Chodesh Kislev celebrations for women take place 7:45 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Following Maariv, **Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitz** will present Part 2 of the series, Kaddish, Kiddush and K'dusha.

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

You'll find a wide variety of items to bid on with savings on services, goods, trips and more at the fundraising live and silent auction, 7 p.m. at Central Eglinton Community Centre, 160 Eglinton Ave. E.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH STUDIES AT U OF T

As part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Jewish Studies Program in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, five world scholars will speak at the University of Toronto.

The 25th Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture presents a symposium on The Legacy of Polish Jewry: A Walk Through History, Sunday, Oct. 30, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Medical Sciences Auditorium, 1 King's College Circle. Participants are **Gershon Hundert**, McGill University, Polish Jewry Before 1800; **Antony Polonsky**, Brandeis University, From Shtetl to Socialism; **Peter Wrobel**, University of Toronto, World War I: A Turning Point; **Konstanti Gebert**, author and journalist, Warsaw, The Re-emergence of Polish Jewry.

The Shoshana Shier Memorial Lecture features **Dov Noy** of the Hebrew University speaking on The Rose (Shoshana) in Universal and Jewish Folklore, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m., George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Pl.

Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

PERFORMING MITZVOT

Students of Bais Yaakov High School spent hours of their own time over the Sukkot holiday taking lulavim and etrogim to over 500 Jewish nursing home residents across the city. The students went to Cummer Lodge, Cheltenham, Extendi Care Bayview, Lincoln Place and Extendi Care North York. As the students say, "Not only were the residents overjoyed to see us, but it gave us such a warm feeling to know that we brightened up their holidays."

The project was organized by **Belle Mernick**. **Rabbi Meir** and **Susan Gottesman** donated 14 sets of lulavim and etrogim without which the program would have been impossible. Student chesed heads were **Esther Lieberman, Malky Rabinowitz, Shaindy Weitz** and **Malki Baker**.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rabbi Avram Rothman, executive director of Ohr Somayach/JEP:Thornhill, has announced the establishment of an advisory committee to assist in planning, programs, fundraising, advocacy, leadership. Chaired by attorney **Bram Zinman**, the committee meets twice a month at Ohr Somayach. Among the committee members are **John Kaplan, Arthur** and **Evelyn Jacobs, Gerry Rubinstein** and **David Fluss**, all of whom have taken leadership and subcommittee chairmanships. The committee itself is comprised of individuals from Thornhill who are active in the Ohr Somayach program.

Among the responsibilities are discussions regarding expansion of the present program, plans to solve the overcrowding problems of the Shabbat morning educational minyan, fundraising ideas, further plans for outreach into the community. For information about the committee or Ohr Somayach programs, (905) 886-5730.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Bal Masque fundraiser is Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Arcadian Court (Simpson Tower). Co-chairs are **Andrea Obront, Sharon Liss** and **Annette Wine**. Event features a casino, video deejay, tarot card readers, pasta bar, prizes for unique and creative masks, large silent auction which includes trips, Rolex watch, walk-on TV parts, spa days, shopping sprees, autographed sports memorabilia, and more. Dress code is funky black and white, black tie optional, and masks. Tickets are $45 in advance and $55 at the door. Call ICRF, 487-5246.

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

Medina Theatre Ensemble is presenting *Cheaters*, a two-act comedy by **Michael Jacobs**, directed by **Sean Mulcahy**, Dec. 12-18 at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Cast includes **Murray Cash, Fran Elliot, Edie Goldstein, Michelle Goldstein, Barry Lipson** and **Joseph Soer**. For information, **Roselle**, 633-2057.

THEATRE EVENT

D. Lou Harris chapter of Akim, in support of mentally handicapped youth of Israel, presents *Reunion*, a '50s and '60s musical starring **Billy Hufsey**, Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Stage West. Bus leaves Shaarei Shomayim parking lot 10 a.m. Cost $45, buffet luncheon. Phone **Hilda Green**, 782-0923.

TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO CHOIR

The Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Choir has been re-established under the musical direction of **Varda Hall Berenstein**. The choir rehearses every Thursday, 1:30 p.m., in the Mezzanine Hall, Beth Tzedec Congregation. New members from the community are welcome. Plans are to participate in community functions. Call **Connie Zeldin**, 789-5841.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Israeli folkdancing classes, intermediate and advanced, are held at the Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., main dance studio, first floor, Sundays, intermediate 8 p.m., intermediate/advanced 9 p.m. $5 per session. Please note, front doors close 9 p.m. Call **Temi**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

STRIKE OUT AGAINST LEUKEMIA

The annual Leukemia Research Fund (LRF) Bowlathon takes place Sunday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. (10-pin only). League play (5 or 10-pin) may take place at any location during the week of Nov. 6. Sponsor sheets available at LRF office, 638-8522. Individual donations gratefully accepted.

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT USE

Are you eating your veggies? If you're like 90 per cent of Canadians, you don't eat enough vegetables and fruits. North York Public Health Department would like to interview adults, aged 20-45, with young children, about fruit and vegetable use. Interviews take about an hour and a half. Individual responses will be kept anonymous. The information gathered will be used nationally to develop strategies and programs to increase fruit and vegetable consumption. Volunteers will receive refreshments and a book in return for their time. If you are interested in participating in this study, call the nutrition clerk, 395-7669, by Friday, Nov. 4.

BOWLERS WANTED

Thornhill Maven B'nai Brith Lodge has immediate openings in three separate 10-pin bowling leagues — couples, Sunday evenings at Newtonbrook Bowlerama; men's, Thursday evenings at Club 300; singles, Thursday evenings at Bathurst Bowlerama. Call **Lori**, (905) 737-4675.

OLIVER!

The Yorkminstrels open their 37th season with the blockbuster musical *Oliver!*, directed by **John Weir** with **Bruce McGregor** as musical director and **Joanne Hemming** as choreographer. The show opens with a preview performance Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. then runs Nov. 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19, at Cringan Hall, Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave. Box office number is (905) 822-7291. Patrons are asked to donate canned goods to North York Food Bank.

SOCIAL WORK CLINIC DAY

Baycrest Centre presents Social Work Clinic Day, entitled Connecting the Generations: How to Elicit the Legacies and Wisdom of the Family, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Keynote speaker is **David Freeman**, professor specializing in family theory and family therapy, University of British Columbia School of Social Work. Cost is $175 which includes conference program, lunch and refreshment breaks. For students cost is $75. For information/registration, 785-2500, ext. 2365.

VENDORS FOR CHANUKAH FAIR

A huge Chanukah Fair featuring gift items, cosmetics, clothing, sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham is set for Sunday, Nov. 27, 12:30-5 p.m., at Thornhill Square (Bayview and John St.). Interested vendors can call **Caroline Rosenblat**, (905) 764-6000.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Positive Parenting: Teens, School Age, and Single Parenting (develop new skills to enhance your parent/child relationship); Taking Care of Aging Parents (discuss aging, changing, realistic expectations, begins Oct. 31); Grandparenting Through Divorce, a new group (discuss unique and important role grandparents can play, begins winter 1995). For information concerning fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES

The first two presentations of the North York Community Lecture Series with **Anne Balaban**, adult educator and lecturer who specializes in offering mind and body fitness programs, are How to Get Along With Everyone — Almost!, Monday, Oct. 31, 2 p.m., Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave.; and What Makes Us Tick? Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m., Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr. Admission $5. For information, 222-1515.

BOOK ENDS BOOK SALE

Book Ends, a store for withdrawn library materials, celebrates its first anniversary, Oct. 27-29, with a special sale featuring all adult and young adult hardcover fiction at three for $1. Magazines, records/cassette and pocket books, 25 cents. Book Ends is on the Concourse Level of North York City Centre and is operated by Friends of the North York Public Library. For information, 395-5678.

KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY!

A four-week lunchtime series on heart health presented by public health nurse **Lorraine Ruthven** will run Mondays, noon to 12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. at North York Central Library, Room 2, 5120 Yonge St., Oct. 31 (Are You at Risk for a Heart Attack?); Nov. 7 (Heart Diet — Eating Right); Nov. 14 (Keeping Your Heart in Top Shape); Nov. 21 (Learning to Reduce Stress for Heart Sake!). No charge and everyone welcome. Call 395-7600 to register.

at the JCC/BJC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., offers a new Israeli folkdancing course for beginners with **Teme Kernerman** starting Wednesday, Nov. 2, 8-9:15 p.m., main dance studio, first floor. Call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

for seniors

Bathurst Jewish Centre, Senior Adult Services, 4588 Bathurst St., has three interesting events coming up —

An Oneg Shabbat luncheon, Friday, Oct.28, when **Faye Kellerstein** will entertain with songs and melodies for Shabbat. Limited numbers. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For information, **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Learning Experience program, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m., deals with Safety at Home and in Your Neighborhood presented by **Constable Knutton**. For information, **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, luncheon and entertainment features the Bubbies and Zaidies Variety Group. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For information, **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is Oct. 28. For information, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club events and trips — Nov. 1, 8 and 15, local day trips, members $5, non-members $6; Wednesday, Nov. 16, Stage West to see *Reunion*, members $34, non-members $36; Thursday, Nov. 17, Chanukah party and entertainment, 2 p.m., clubhouse, members $5, non-members $6; Saturday dances, 7-10 p.m., clubhouse; movies, bingo, shuffleboard now in progress. Call 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that a Washington trip in the spring, a Miami trip, and a possible Western Canada trip are in the planning. Ongoing classes sponsored by North York Board of Education include: Tuesdays, exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga 11 a.m.; Wednesday, line dancing 10 a.m. to noon. For information on all programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Come with **Young at Heart Seniors** to the Sherry Frontenac, ocean-front in Miami Beach, no extra charge for kitchenette, special programs for seniors, pool, beach, entertainment, kosher restauarant in hotel. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

LZA Seniors Club takes registration for the Miami trips on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. This is the last call for those intending to join the Washington D.C. trip Oct. 30-Nov. 3. Phone **Libby** 782-2059 for details. Tickets available for Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 3. Next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m. at the Centre.

Funtime 55 Plus invites you to join in the Festival of Lights in the U.S. and the Canadian Niagara Falls, with sit down dinner, Thursday, Nov. 24; Cullen Gardens Festival of Lights with musical show, Thursday, Dec. 8. Come and enjoy a winter vacation at Monaco Hotel Resort, north Miami Beach, four weeks and six weeks. Call **Sylvia** 730-0503.

Sunrise Group upcoming trips — Las Vegas, Nov. 6-10, with two day trips, Grand Canyon, Liberace Museum and more, one buffet coupon, $675; Cincinnati, Dec. 29-Jan. 1, sightseeing, entertainment, meals, $475; Florida super saver, Jan. 14-27, $795. Call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Ida** 636-8696 or **Sonia** (905) 889-9436.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Successful Slimming, a six-week program with nutritionist/dietician **Sharon Zeller** to help you lose and maintain a healthy weight, Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, noon to 1 p.m. Register in advance with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk, 225-2112.

The movie, *Pretty Woman* will be shown Sunday, Oct. 30, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Alan Rock, minister of justice and attorney general of Canada, has announced the appointment of **Sigmund Reiseer** of Willowdale to The Canadian Human Rights commission as a part-time member for a one-year term. Reiser worked for the London Life Insurance Company for 35 years. From 1988 to 1993, he was a council member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and a member of its discipline committee. In 1994, Reiser became vice-president of the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario. He chairs its complaints committee and the committee on transgressions and penalties.

Sigmund Reiser

Reiser has been involved with B'nai Brith Canada and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue since 1968. In 1992 he received a commemorative medal marking Canada's 125th anniversary for service to Canadians.

LANZMANN HONORED

From left, Chaim Nayot, president of the Israel Educational and Cultural Institute; Claude Lanzmann; and Consul General Dror Zeigerman are pictured at a reception at the Park Plaza in honor of Lanzmann and his new film Tsahal. Lanzmann was presented with a Jewish National Fund certificate for trees purchased in his honor in one of the forests in Israel.

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Business is flourishing at Montecassino Place, where Regal caters for all occasions such as weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and special events in the beautiful banquet salons.

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Classy King Solomon's Table, with its panelled walls, intimate lighting, soft music and outstanding service, is "the" place to go for dinner. Additionally, the restaurant is available for business lunches or private parties on Saturday evening or Sunday morning/afternoon.

Patrons can choose from a large, varied, go-back-as-often-as-you-want Chinese buffet, which changes daily, or from a delicious and appealing menu, complete with continental dishes and mouth-watering daily specials. A reduced version of the buffet (fewer items, but still all you can eat) is available at lunch time.

Catering manager Joanne Katz reviews King Solomon's Table's exciting new lunch menu with restaurant manager Albert Massaro

The Wok 'N Deli at Clark and Hilda is a lively, friendly place to take the family, or to drop in for a quick yet appetizing meal. The only problem is deciding between Chinese, deli or continental food. All these options are available for take out too and you don't have to wait until baseball or hockey come back. Why not treat the family to a special Regal meal?

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Ready-to-bake products available at Lenchner's

A little bit of Tel Aviv is flourishing in Toronto.

Forty-three years ago, Dov Lenchner opened a bakery in Tel Aviv, the first wholesale kosher bakery on the city's north side. It is still recognized for the high quality of its products.

Dov's son Zeev established Lenchner's in Toronto in 1987, maintaining the same excellent standards his father has always kept.

Chocolate and cinnamon rogalach, potato, onion, mushroom, feta cheese, spinach with feta cheese and mushroom bourekas, a dynamite apple strudel, French puff dough, croissants, danishes are just some of the products available at the factory retail outlet on Drumlin Circle in the Steeles and Allness area of Concord.

"We originally started as a supplier for the wholesale market," Zeev explains. "But we decided to open to the retail market too."

This is not a regular bakery. All the products are ready-to-bake; Lenchner and his staff prepare all the goods with care and skill, then freeze and package them. All the customer has to do when he or she gets them home is follow the simple instructions, bake them, and savor the flavor and aroma of fresh-baked goodies.

"We do everything so that the customer will have 100 percent success at home," Zeev says.

Lenchner's can even supply baking sheets at a very reasonable price so the food won't stick to the pans.

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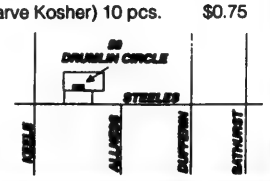

Raisins Almonds & More more products, more kosher

Raisins Almonds and More has a new look.

Brand-new owners Elana and Roni Kalef are renovating the premises. "It's all fixed up now, cleaner, neater, with everything arranged differently but it will be even better when it's finished," Elana says.

The major change, though, is that they are now carrying only kosher, rabbinically certified products on their shelves and in their bins, completely separated from any non-certified goods.

"We had to do a lot of research to find kosher products that are also healthy and, for instance, fat free," she says.

The Kalefs are justifiably proud of their wide selection of grains, bulk candies, and chocolates. As well, there is an extensive selection of specific diet products, fat-free, wheat free lactose free.

"Have you any idea how hard it is to find products like that that are kosher too?" Elana laughs.

A popular service Raisins, Almonds and More offers is their gift baskets. They will make up elegant and appealing baskets, with any kind of kosher products that the customers want, and even deliver it.

They will also deliver large orders of regular store products.

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Two years ago, Sam's son Les joined the operation. While maintaining what he calls "the 1960s tradition of service," he updated and upscaled the menu to adapt to today's trend towards healthier, lighter foods.

"I changed all the menus," Les said. I even added vegetarian offerings, and people rave about our fish dishes. They are surprised that a fish meal can be so terrific."

People think that going to a synagogue for a simcha is too expensive, but Les points out that Firestone Caterers "is less costly than you might imagine. There are no hidden surprises. I deal with customers honestly and in a straightforward way. They know what to expect, and they get what they expect.

Hands-on service

"You don't have to spend a whole lot to have a great party."

And that's another thing — Les, in his capacity as catering manager, offers "hands-on" service. "I'm there from the initial interview until the affair ends, meeting the customers' needs."

He even consults and advises customers on such matters as decorations and colours.

Sam Firestone Caterers does not only do large, lavish affairs (although they are terrific at that too!). You can arrange for a whole range of simchas, from weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, corporate and organizational events, to sheva brochas.

Excellent reputation

And they do it all with style and class, as attested to by their long-standing excellent reputation.

Everything served is the freshest and the best available, from fruits and vegetables in season, whenever possible, to fish, fowl, and meats.

They have had the same chef since Firestone himself came to the synagogue, so you can be sure of getting consistent, elegant and supremely tasty food, Les promises.

He has even updated the children's menu. No longer does the junior set have to settle for hot dogs — they can have such popular selections as fajitas or Chinese food.

Les stresses that, while Sam Firestone Caterers is an integral part of the life of Shaarei Shomayim, they do not only cater to synagogue events. "Non-members are always welcome," says Les.

Sam Firestone Caterers is glatt kosher, under the supervision of the Kashruth Council (COR).

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Humpty Dumpty fills kosher snack food gap

Kosher snack lovers will be pleased to note that most Humpty Dumpty chips and pretzels are kosher.

The company koshered its three plants in Brampton, Ontario; Hartland, New Brunswick;and Montreal, Quebec over 3 years ago and by now most bags have a kosher symbol on them, reports brand manager Catherine Beauchemin.

She says that the companmy is now in the process of working with rabbis to study the possibility of its other products becoming kosher as well.

"Especially in markets such as Toronto and MOntreal, there is a big demand for kosher products and Humpty Dumpty wants to keep up with those demands. Since our snacks and sales have definitely increased."

Made from pure vegetable oil, Humpty Dumpty snacks are low in cholesterol and high in good taste.

"We have just launched a new line of chips, that is kosher as well! And we believe that this product, *the Ripplin's,* is the most fabulous product on the market!" says Beauchemin.

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What's new at Dairy Treats?

What's new and exciting on the kosher restaurant scene? It's an uptown sister store to Dairy Treats, and is scheduled to open in early November in the Spring Farm Plaza at Clark and Hilda.

It will have a new name, (you will just have to wait and see what it is!) and an expanded menu, including, promises owner Shlomo Esses, gourmet pizza.

"It will have the same delicious breads and bakery products, including high quality European cakes, as the Bathurst Street store," Esses says, just everything a bit different and exciting.

High fibre whole wheat, stone ground and multigrain breads, and San Francisco sour dough and rye breads are loaded with taste and goodness.

Besides some 15 varieties of rolls, there are such tantalizing bagel varieties as sesame, poppyseed, multigrain and whole wheat.

Oh, don't worry — you can still get the gourmet Dairy Treats catering you are used to, specializing in crisp vegetables and dip, fresh fruit or fish trays and dairy platters.

(For the catering hotline, call 787-0309.)

Meals at both locations will be luscious dairy selections, while the baked goods will be parve. Everything is under the supervision of the Kashruth Council.

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Eilat looks forward to a 'hot' winter tourism season

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

ISRAEL — Aharon Dekel, chair of the Eilat Hotel Association, is concerned about competing with neighboring Aqaba, Jordan, and hotels in the southern Sinai, but believes his city can remain the area's top tourist destination.

The way to compete, he said, is through increased development. There will always be tourists who want to stay at a secluded hotel and lie on a quiet beach, he said, but most visitors want to be where the action is, and the action is in Eilat.

"If we want Eilat to remain the main city in the Red Sea area, we have to build more hotels and more shopping centers," he said.

Eilat is at a disadvantage with regard to prices, Dekel said, mainly because a hotel worker in Jordan or Egypt makes $70 to $100 a month. A similar worker here costs an employer $1,200 a month, including room and board.

However, Dekel believes tourists will pay more to stay in a place with more attractions, more restaurants and more shopping and proximity to a modern hospital.

Visitors to Eilat can take short trips to archeological sites like Santa Katerina in Sinai and Petra in Jordan, thanks to the recent peace accord with Jordan.

An overnight tour to Petra, the dramatic Nabatean village carved into cliffs, with a stay in a four-star hotel is being marketed by Galilee Tours for $195, not including the fee for a Jordanian visa, which ranges from three dinars (about $4.50) to 30 dinars.

Reli Slonim, manager of the 421-room King Solomon's Palace Hotel, a part of the Isrotel chain, is convinced the ease with which tourists can cross the border will attract more visitors to the area. Last year, 130,000 tourists visited from October to May.

Daniel Roger, marketing director for the Isrotel chain, which, with five hotels and some 1,600 rooms is the largest hotel company operating in Eilat, said his company has regular promotional seminars and workshops for travel agents.

The chain recently hosted the Institute of Travel and Tourism, an organization of British travel industry leaders, at its new Royal Beach Hotel. The chain is concentrating its efforts on the non-Jewish market, which, he said, is where the greatest potential lies.

There are 2,000 seats a week on direct flights from the United Kingdom to Eilat. "That's small change, compared to Spain," Roger said.

David Bernas, manager of the renovated 240-room Caesar Hotel, believes warm-weather destinations like Miami, Morocco, Tunisia and the Canary Islands are Eilat's main competition. Even so, Bernas expects a winter occupancy rate of over 90 per cent for the four-star Caesar Hotel.

'THIS YEAR SOME 170,000 VISITORS ARE EXPECTED'

Dekel said the current round of construction in the city should be completed in about four years. That is when he expects competing destinations along the Red Sea coast to begin their building projects.

By December, Dekel said, the Eilat Foreshore Development Company will open two new lagoons in the north beach area. One, near the Jordanian border, is for bathing and will increase the beach area by 1,200 meters. The other, for sports activities, is to be connected to the existing lagoon and is to have some 1,300 meters of waterfront.

By the end of 1995, the number of hotel rooms should increase 1,000 to 6,500, to 8,000 rooms by the end of 1997, and to 10,000 rooms by the year 2000.

Despite all the construction, the town actually looks less like a huge building site than it has in the past. The building is mainly on the periphery of the present tourist area and builders are now required to enclose building sites with protective walls.

The number of tourists in the town is expected to keep pace with the building, Dekel said. This year some 170,000 visitors are expected.

Among the new charter companies planning regular weekly flights to Eilat are Airtours and Owners Abroad from the United Kingdom, and Jet air from Belgium. Tjaereborg, the giant Scandinavian travel company which pulled out of the Eilat market 15 years ago, is re-entering the scene.

There will be double the number of weekly flights from Holland, Belgium and Austria and, starting in November, a weekly direct charter flight from Moscow, with a capacity of about 190 passengers.

The winter season follows a summer in which — despite the much-publicized Israeli exodus to Turkey — Eilat was filled with locals on vacation.

The hard part, of course, is keeping visitors happy, a job which begins at the airport. Recently Tourism Minister Uzi Baram appealed to his colleague, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, as well as to the police, to increase the number of police handling incoming passengers, both at Ben-Gurion Airport and especially at Uvda Airport, which handles nearly all Eilat charter flights.

Only two or three of the 12 police posts at Uvda are operating, forcing tourists to wait up to three hours for passport checks.

Dekel, however, does not favor using Aqaba's airport as a joint undertaking with Jordan.

"I don't want to have to depend on Jordan, or Egypt, for an airport, although I don't mind if they depend on us," he said. "I want to have the best slots [for take-off and landing times] and in Europe I want to see Eilat up there on the list of destinations, and not Aqaba."

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A trip into Victorian times

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY
Special to The CJN

Visiting the sights of Asheville, N.C., is like taking a trip back to Victorian times.

One of the foremost of the city's century-old buildings is the Biltmore estate, North America's largest private residence (on Highway 25, north of exit 50).

George Vanderbilt's 255-room mansion, completed in 1895, was modeled on the Loire Valley chateaux of the 16th century. Tremendous rooms, many ballroom-sized, are furnished with carefully maintained antiques and decorated with brocade, gilt and superb arrangements of fresh flowers. The bed chambers could easily qualify for five-star hotel ratings.

In the basement is a huge tiled pool and an exercise room, as well as the kitchen and pantries and the quarters that housed the servants.

Some of the many art works (purportedly 50,000) include antique furniture inlaid with beautiful wood, as well as paintings by artists such as Pierre Auguste Renoir and portraits by famous American painter James Whistler, who was an occasional guest at the mansion.

A three-mile avenue of trees leads to the 8,000-acre Biltmore house gardens, which visitors can drive through. The formal and informal gardens were designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead just after he completed New York's Central Park.

On the property there is a winery (North Carolina is rated 10th in U.S. wine production) where guests can enjoy generous samples of four distinctly different wines.

Visitors to Asheville can choose to stay at one of a number of Victorian bed and breakfasts, such as the Cedar Crest at 674 Biltmore Ave., where beds are make with lace-trimmed linens. Sparkling cut glass pitchers of iced tea and lemonade are served with cookies on the porch or on the croquet lawn next to the Victorian flower garden. Elaborate formal breakfasts are served by the hospitable McKuens, who willingly share their extensive knowledge of the area.

Also worth visiting is Biltmore Village, whose boutiques and galleries are in the restored English-style homes once intended for George Vanderbilt's employees in this model village.

Novelist Thomas Wolfe's house, the Old Kentucky Home boarding house at 48 Woodfin St., was once so filled with lodgers he couldn't have a room of his own. The furniture in the large frame house is spartan, but one can see samples of marble angels carved by his father, and the room where his brother Ben died, bringing to life memorable scenes from his first acclaimed novel, *Look Forward Angel*.

Perhaps the most moving item on view is the large suitcase Wolfe brought with him when he came home to die. It is so shabby, as are the neatly-folded clothes on top, that it seems more likely to have been the suitcase of a farmer or a travelling salesman than that of a talented writer.

Asheville's Folk Art Centre, famous for its local crafts, features the creations of regional artists, sculptures from native woods and red clay, as well as fine weaving and glass sculptures.

Even if you don't stay at the Grove Park Inn Resort at 290 Macon Ave., it is worth visiting to see the Mission furniture and massive stone fireplaces, as well as prize-winning tennis courts and golf courses, and an unforgettable sunset over the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Forty minutes from Asheville lies Carl Sandburg's Connemara at Flat Rock Playhouse off Little River Road. Sandburg's working clutter and goat-keeping are brought back to life by a guide who leads a dramatic walking tour of the house and grounds. The romantic setting next to a lovely lake serves to remind visitors of Sandburg the poet.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Rothschilds Exhibit in Frankfurt: The Rothschilds — A European Family is the exhibition that opened this month at the Jewish Museum of Frankfurt in conjunction with the city's 1,200th anniversary celebrations. The Rothschilds' banking dynasty, which in two generations came to dominate financial circles in London, Paris, Vienna and Naples as well as Frankfurt, originated with the five sons of one humble Frankfurter, Meyer Amschel Rothschild.

Objects in the exhibition have come from all parts of Europe, Israel and the United States, and are displayed in the villa that was the Rothschild family home in the late 19th century. The exhibition is on view until Feb. 27, 1995. For details, contact the German National Tourist Office, 175 Bloor St. E., North Tower, Suite 604, Toronto M4W 3R8. Phone (416) 968-1570.

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Florida Keys: Many Canadians visit Florida every winter, but relatively few go south of Miami to the chain of narrow islands that dangle southward from the tip of the Florida peninsula, known as the Keys. Tenuously linked to the mainland by the ribbon of blacktop called Highway 1, the Keys feature such interesting communities as Key Largo, home of a large coral reef state park, and Key West, which offers a multiplicity of diving opportunities.

Also on the Keys is Bahia Honda State Park, which features camping, picnic sites and great beaches. For more information on the Keys, phone 1-800-FLA-KEYS (352-5397)

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Chanukah in Virginia: The Grand Illumination officially opens colonial Williamsburg's holiday season on Dec. 4, when candles are lit in hundreds of windows of restored and reconstructed buildings in this historic Virginia town. Similar candlelighting festivities occur in the neighboring regions of Yorktown, Gloucester County and Newport News. In the port city of Norfolk, the festival of lights begins on the morning of Dec. 4 with an observance of Chanukah at the Moses Myers House, the home of one of Norfolk's earliest Jewish citizens.

For a free Virginia Is For Lovers travel guide and state highway map, contact the Virginia Division of Tourism, 1021 East Cary St., Richmond VA 23219, or call (804) 786-4484. Toll-free: (800) 932-5827.

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Sanibel and Captiva Islands: This pair of islands, situated in the Gulf of Mexico off Fort Myers, Florida, is known for their unspoiled, pristine beaches — and the many Canadians who come here to prowl for sea shells. The waters here are warm, clean and very calm, the three ingredients needed for observing shallow water creatures.

Captiva is an environmentally protected island, with the state limiting the number of man-made structures built near the wide beaches. Sanibel Island, much of which is preserved as a wildlife refuge, is home to more than 200 species of subtropical birds, alligators and wildlife.

For hotel reservations or to obtain a visitor's guide, call the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, (800) 533-4753.

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V-E Commemorations in England: Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII, and London's Imperial War Museum plans a series of special events. May 8 is Victory in Europe (V-E) Day, but the Victory Festival runs from March 17 to August 28, featuring exhibitions, talks, films, music and other events. Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ. Phone: 071-416-5000.

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Other British Notes: A comprehensive, pocket-sized guide to vegetarian eating in London is available for $10.40 from Cruelty Free Living, 126 Churchfield Rd., London W3 6BS.

Visitors to Britain seeking unusual accommodations should contact Distinctly Different, whose booklet details bed-and-breakfast and self-catering establishments originally built for quite different purposes. They include watermills, two Welsh lighthouses, rectories, schools, a post office, an onion store, a windmill, a 200-foot New Forest folly tower and an early 19th-century fort. 4 Mason's Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltz BA15 1QN.

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Halloween in Salem, Mass.: It is an irony of history that some three centuries after witches were burned at the stake in Salem, its residents participate in an assortment of spine-tingling events in the last 10 days of October, up until the pagan celebration of Halloween. Join them in a candelight walk on the Witch Trial Trail, or a haunted scavenger hunt, or a costume party for witches. Contact the Salem Chamber of Commerce, (508) 744-0004.

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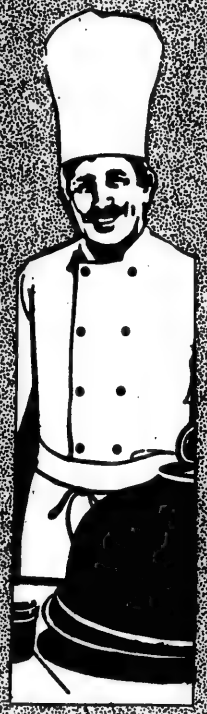

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Firm develops a medical probe

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A rapidly growing medical technologies company has found a way to ease post-operative pain and reduce hospital stays for neurosurgical patients.

A probe developed by ISG Technologies Inc. utilizes computerized three-dimensional cross sections of the head and body to allow surgeons to make more precise cuts. "You should do far less damage to the patient you're operating on," said neurosurgeon and company head Dr. Michael Greenberg.

Greenberg recently spoke to more than 100 members of the Hi-Tech Division of the United Jewish Appeal at his sparkling new Mississauga headquarters.

He said the usual post-operative hospital stay for a patient undergoing tumor removal is 10 days. By using ISG technology, the surgeon can make a smaller hole in the patient's skull and avoid unneccessary cutting while searching for the tumor, all of which can mean a quicker recovery.

The technology, called the Viewing Wand, shows the surgeon exactly where the patient's tumor is located. "You'll be traversing through less of his brain," Greenberg said, "finding the shortest or the best route to the tumor."

After using the Viewing Wand for 250 operations over the past year and half, a neurosurgical facility in Bristol, England, found patients were getting out of hospital in about five days instead of nine.

As cash-strapped hospitals are looking for medical technology that improves care while lowering costs, the Viewing Wand has been a marketplace success. So far, the company has sold 50 of the units priced at $250,000 dollars each to hospitals around the world.

Along with the Viewing Wand, ISG produces a variety of two- and three-dimensional medical imaging technologies used by radiologists, surgeons and others to analyze patient anatomy. It also supplies imaging software to scanner manufacturers.

Listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and New York's NASDAQ, ISG Technologies has grown at a phenomenal pace since Greenberg founded the company's visual data processing business. He has been president since 1988.

ISG revenues rose from $1 million in 1988 to $20 million in 1994, and the company reported its first profit in the latest quarter of this year. In 1993 and 1994 it was listed among the top 100 growth companies in Canada.

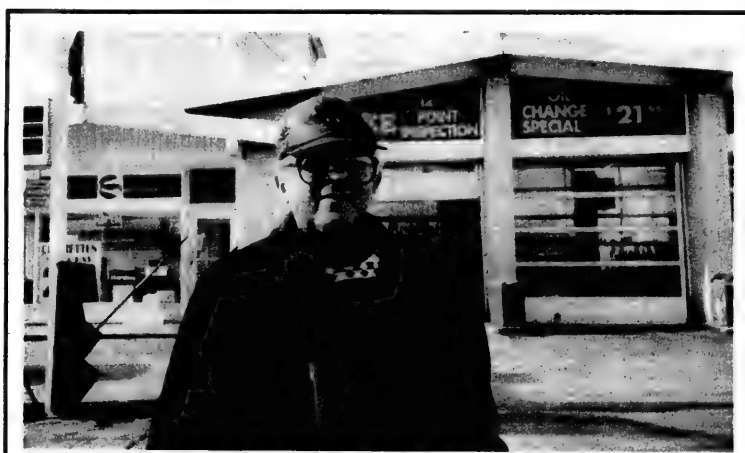
The company, said Greenberg, had rather inauspicious beginnings, in part because the software available seven years ago was not sophisticated enough to create high quality medical imaging.

"We got to the point in one year when we went from nothing to merely being the worst company in the field, but we were now in the field," he remembered. "We were at the bottom of the heap but we were in the heap."

At a medical imaging trade show in Chicago, Greenberg was impressed by the three-dimensional image of a hand produced by Israeli company El Scint. The image's creator, Doron Dekel, was recruited to head research and development at ISG.

Under Dekel, ISG developed the Viewing Wand, and in 1989 negotiated its first big deal with a U.S. distributor. "We grew at about 20 per cent a quarter for the next nine or 10 quarters," said Greenberg.

Currently ISG has aggressively set out to become the dominant player in the medical imaging industry. "Our goal is that every box where vizualization is done has to have our software," said Greenberg. "In that way we supply the industry, they use our software and fight among themselves to sell it to the doctors and hospitals."



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This week The CJN features... O Mei Restaurants

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On the 10th anniversary of O Mei, a restaurant specializing in Cantonese, Szechuan and Peking cuisine, Ringo Ip still believes in giving his customers great food, personal service and good prices.

Since opening the original restaurant at 618 Sheppard Ave. W., Ip and partner Jimmy Tang have expanded to include locations at 420 Highway 7 E. in Richmond Hill, 248 Steeles Ave. W. in Thornhill and 5150 Yonge St. in the North York City Centre.

"The business has grown, but the personal touch is still very much there. My philosophy is to stay in touch with the customers and to do so, I am constantly moving between locations. I'm always around because it is important for everyone to know who I am," says Ip.

Quality dishes are a mainstay at O Mei and to maintain this quality, ingredients are brought in daily and food is always made to order. "Our food has been imitated, but because I invent the recipes and make all the major sauces myself, it will never be duplicated," Ip says.

Always keeping abreast with the times, O Mei has changed its cooking to minimize fat. "We use a lot of vegetables, and many dishes are stir fried or steamed. People have become very aware of their diets so we make sure our dishes are not greasy."

Party time, either at home or at the restaurants, is a favorite time for Ip. "I attend every party and I am even the disc jockey for the first half hour. If there is more than one party, I get to each one and make sure everyone is happy."

O Mei supplies serving staff and a disc jockey. For home parties, "we make more than one trip to ensure that the food is hot and crispy." Hors-d'ouevre are brought first, followed by main dishes after about 40 minutes. Staff finish these dishes at the home, using boiling water to steam the dish to completion. "That way," Ip says, "everything has a nice fresh color, is steaming hot and tastes good."

With the initiation of lunch-time delivery in September, O Mei becomes a pioneer in the field. "Fresh, hot lunches delivered quickly are something that customers have wanted for some time," Ip says. "It will be a great service for those having business meetings or those who just can't get out at lunch time."

Ip cannot stress enough how much he values his customers. "It is important to me to walk around, meeting new customers and greeting the regulars. We provide fast service so waiting isn't long and we make sure there is always enough staff on hand.

"When we say we believe in quality food and personal service, we really mean it."

Business & Finance

Israel is undergoing a media explosion

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Israel is in the midst of a revolution.

With the recent coming of cable television, satellite technology, and the information highway to Israel's homes and offices, the country is undergoing a media explosion with far-reaching implications, according to a veteran of Israel's television industry.

As a sign that it has indeed become a player, says Johanna Prenner, a former director of Israeli Education Television (IETV), Israel was chosen as the focus of a "gala evening" during the fifth international scientific film festival held recently in Montreal.

Prenner, who served as a judge (the only female judge, she points out) during the festival, spoke during the evening that showcased several IETV productions.

In an interview, Prenner said the days are gone since the only choice Israelis had was between the one home-grown Hebrew channel (ITV) and Jordanian television, with its 5-year-old reruns of vintage American fare.

Since the advent of cable in 1992, Israelis have had up to 40 channels to choose from — including CNN, the British Broadcasting Service, a sports channels, an all-movie channel, and a children's channel — just like their North American couch potato counterparts.

"It's been a bit of a trauma," said Prenner. "It used to be that all Israelis talked about the same thing every day because everybody watched the same thing.

"Now it's hard to find two people who watched the same show the evening before."

The television and media techology revolution has had far-reaching implications within Israel, Prenner said.

The first is that much of the parochialism that marked the Israeli sensibility until 1992 has been forced to become more media "pluralistic," she said.

Last fall Israel began a second national commercial channel to compete with ITV. Unlike ITV, which is financed through licensing fees, the second Israeli channel is being funded through three private franchises.

This second channel, along with the cable stations now available, is forcing Israeli television, grown complacent through the years because of an absence of competition, to adapt to the times.

Evolution

"To succeed, we have to become competitive," Prenner says. "For so long, Israel was a closed society. Now there is craving for communications."

Prenner, now an independent media consultant, has a decided interest in the success of the new channel since she was hired to help get it going.

In the mid-1960s, Prenner, then a school teacher, got into Israeli television when she joined the fledgling IETV, funded by the Rothschild family.

Maybe as a reflection of the importance its society placed on education, the commercial station (ITV) started broadcasting about a year after IETV. But IETV and ITV have shared the same channel position for about 30 years.

The evolution of IETV is also something of an indication of how Israeli television progressed even before the advent of cable.

When Prenner began as an all-in-one producer, writer and host of educational science programs, IETV did not even have an editing machine. Every time she made a mistake, she now recalls with a laugh, she had to start from scratch.

Thirty years later, IETV has a budget of $25 million, ⅓ of which comes from the education ministry.

Its programming, Prenner says with pride, has received acclaim both in Israel and abroad for its scope and sophistication.

Of IETV's 3,000 hours broadcast annually, ⅔ is home-grown, the rest imported productions.

One of IETV's most popular shows is the Israeli version of *Sesame Street*, called *Rechov Sum-Sum*.

Over the last few years, the Israeli version has been well-received on the U.S. educational network under the name *Shalom Sum-Sum*.

In the works as well is a possible bilingual Israeli-Palestinian version of *Sesame Street* by the Carnegie Foundation.

Internationally, IETV programming has won several prizes in Japan and was nominated for the prestigious Jules Verne Prize in Paris last year.

Prenner is convinced that the evolution of IETV and Israel's entering the competitive media and information highway fray will make for a better overall Israeli product and work to the benefit of all its people.

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TIPS FROM PROS

By VERA N. HELD
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The information highway poses a major challenge for all business communicators. For example, how can we use technology like Voice Mail and E-Mail well — and still keep them human?

In conjunction with technical training, Voice Mail and E-mail users need communications coaching on using good judgement skills, and common sense in choosing the appropriate tool, message and tone.

Many organizations today are faced with management and staff who use technology because they have to, not because they are committed to using it nor to using it productively.

How can organizations gain management and staff commitment? How can they eliminate some of the 70 per cent of workplace errors that stem from a lack of quality communications? Here are some tips to get management and staff focused on using technology, keeping it human, and increasing their professional productivity.

E-Mail Communication Tips

Ask yourself if this is the best medium to get your message across, especially with the person being addressed. Will the reader feel comfortable receiving this message in writing? On the system? Who is the reader? What does the recipient need to make a decision? Is a phone call needed? A face-to-face? A meeting? A lunch?

If you decide to go with E-Mail then focus on:

(a) giving a clear purpose

(b) selecting content: right kind, right amount

Example: *Benny:* I'd appreciate your feedback on Monday's strategy session. Can we get together Friday at 11? Please confirm. Thanks. Edith.

When dealing with a "hot topic," bang out your message — and let it sit. Come back to the text for an objective edit before you fire off the final version. Your goal is to solve a problem, and this will be clear in the commitment you show in your message.

Voice Mail Communication Tips

Adapt all the E-Mail tips as appropriate.

Before you call, think about how you're feeling. Your tone of voice will affect how your message is interpreted and responded to.

Example: Is your tone pleasant? anxious? enthusiastic? frustrated? Will your tone encourage or discourage a response by the listener? Will your tone create goodwill?

Phone messages need to be crisp; if the situation calls for more than a simple exchange of information, then ask the person to call you and leave a time when you can be reached.

Example: Hi. Ruth. It's Jerry Busbaum. I hope you're having a good day. Just wanted to let you know, Stan's got the figures you were looking for. He's around today after 10:00 at extension 613.

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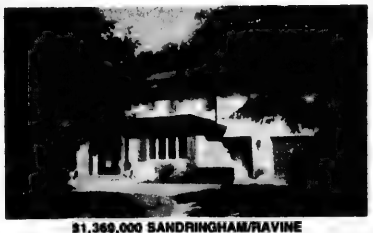

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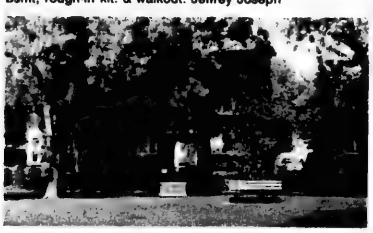

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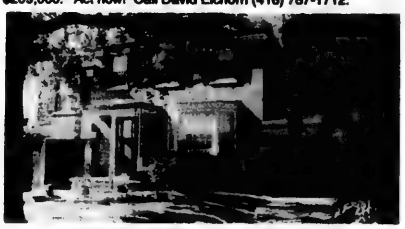

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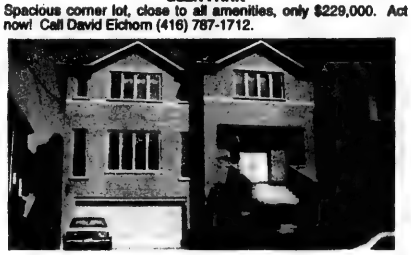

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5 HOUSES FOR SALE

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$269,900 – WESTMOUNT – Exclusive 4 bdrm. vacant home in top area. Neutral decor, quick possession.

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$356,000 – AVENUE RD./EGLINTON – Charming 3 bdrm. centre hall tudor in top condition! Almond kit, f. bsmnt w/nanny's suite, Jan/95 possession!

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$428,000 – WESTMOUNT – 5 bdrm. home abt. 3500'. White & Black decor. Motivated Vendor, Jan/95 possession!

$494,500 – WESTMOUNT – Abt. 3625' & f. bsmnt on pie lot w/pool, hot tub, white kit, upgraded!

$525,000 – BAYVIEW GLEN – Super 3 bdrm. ranch bungalow on mature 120'x 150' lot, build or move in.

$589,000 – BATHURST N. STEELES – 2 yrs. new custom home. 5 bdrms, black & white decor, loaded!

$599,000 – BATHURST/CENTRE – Immac. 5 bdrm. home on prime street! I/G pool + hot tub, f. bsmnt., prem. lot!

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2 yrs. old, 4 bdrm. 2 storey situated on a 40.3x148.29 ft. lot. Approx. 3,086 sq. ft. of luxury living! Close to all amenities, TTC & synagogue.

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KEELE/GRANDRAVINE/SHEPPARD — $306,000
Immaculate 4 bdrms., 5 level backsplit situated on a 47.5' x 178.11' ravine lot. Approx. 2,400 sq. ft. of luxury living.

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YONGE/BLOOR — $113,000
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60 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

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65 ACCOMMODATION/ SWAP/EXCHANGE

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145 FLORIDA SHARED ACCOM. WANTED

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162 FURN. ISRAEL PROP. FOR RENT

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175 ISRAEL ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

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10 HOUSES FOR SALE PRIVATE

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30 CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE

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258 HEALTH CARE

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Very kind, lovable, very reliable, honest, large-sized lady,39, wants to meet a gentleman who is warm, non-smoker, 45-55, outgoing & very honest. Box 6305 CJN

280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpert--Dagan
Irene and Howard Alpert and Ellen and Isaak Dagan are delighted to announce the engagement of their children Sharon and Danny. Best wishes from the Dagan, Haber, Alpert and Yoskowitz families. A May 1995 wedding is planned.

I would like to thank my daughters Sharon & Elaine for the lovely party they made for me. And their relatives & friends that attended my 80th birthday. And for all donations made on my behalf. From Harry Fromstein

Lisa Franschman and Aaron Louis Brown wish to announce their engagement. Wedding planned for January 7, 1995. Proud parents are Sheila Franschman and the late Lou Franschman, Dorothy Brown and Neil Brown. Happy grandparetns Harry Chernick, Rosa Franschman and Ruth Brown.

300 ARTICLES FOR SALE

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330 OBITUARIES

Abitbol, Josue on October 10, 1994, Late of Red Robin Way.
Braun, Ernest on October 16, 1994, late of 37 Fraserwood Ave. #6
Citron, William on October 13, 1994, late of 57 Overbrook Place
Cohen, Joseph Moses on October 11, 1994, late of 120 Promenade Circle #104
Gale, John on October 13, 1994, late of 492 Drewry Ave.
Gelernter, Efraim on October 13, 1994, late of 1101 Steeles Ave. W. #1402
Goldenberg (Adler), Faye on October 10, 1994
Ladowsky, Rose on October 11, 1994, late of Baycrest
Melen, Leon on October 14, 1994
Sokoloff, Nora on October 13, 1994

Steeles Memorial Chapel

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Ivan Valle on Oct. 7, 1994, late of 650 Briar Hill Road
Gertrude Goldfarb on Oct. 7, 1994, late of 35 Canyon Avenue
David Plener on Oct. 8, 1994, late of 250 Charlton Ave.
Samuel Gold on Oct, 9, 1994, late of 79 Roselawn Avenue
Nae Toma on Oct. 9, 1994, late of 3560 Bathurst Street

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

335 UNVEILINGS

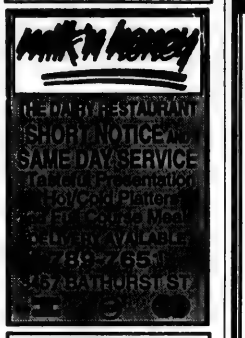
The unveiling of a monument to the memory of
Avrum (Alfred) Kohl ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
11:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Bathurst south of Steeles
Adath Israel Moldover Section
Relatives and friends are welcome to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Robert Goodman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
11:00 a.m. sharp
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
(Dufferin St. north of Major Mackenzie)
Community Section "EE"
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Eric אידשקה Schwartz ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
10:30 a.m.
Pardes Sholom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
BLANCHE SHIELDS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
11:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Sholom Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

330 SHIVA CATERING



335 UNVEILINGS

Dubinsky
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of Norma Dubinsky will take place Sunday Oct. 30th, 1:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Cemetery.

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Bertha Goldman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Oshawa Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Jacob (Jack) Finn ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
11:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Sunnyside Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Gertrude Himelfarb ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
9:45 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Ave.
Independent Section #10
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JOE GERSTL ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Oct. 30th
10:15 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JOHN POMER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 30th, at 10:30 a.m.
Pardes Sholom Cemetery
Temple Sinai Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

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In nonstick skillet, heat oil; saute mushrooms on medium-high heat until tender and any liquid has evaporated; set aside. For thin pizza crust, separate each pita into 2 rounds; for thick crust, use 1 whole pita. Place bread, hollow-side up, on baking sheet; sprinkle 3/4 cup (175 mL) mozzarella cheese over each. Top with mushrooms, tomatoes, Parmesan cheese, oregano & red chili peppers to taste. Bake in 350°F [180°C] oven 15 minutes or until hot & bubbly. Makes 6 servings.

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PEACE BALLOONS

U.S. President Bill Clinton (centre), Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (left) and King Hussein of Jordan stand against a backdrop of "peace balloons" released at the end of the peace treaty signing ceremony at the Wadi Araba border crossing near Eilat. [Canapress photo]

'Never again', Clinton says at Yad Vashem

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — U.S. President Bill Clinton concluded his trip to Israel last week with a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, where he expressed the hope that the Jewish people will never again "suffer and die because of their race or their faith."

Accompanied by Israeli President Ezer Weizman and Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev, Clinton took part in a memorial ceremony at the Ohel Yizkor Memorial Hall, where the names of Nazi death camps are etched into the floor.

During last Friday's ceremony, Clinton, flanked by two U.S. Marines in dress uniform, rekindled the Eternal Flame and laid a wreath at the symbolic grave for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The U.S. president pulled a kippah from his pocket, put it on and bowed his head when Kaddish was recited.

Clinton then continued to the memorial for the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. Emerging from the dark chamber with its thousands of flickering lights, he remarked that it was "an extremely moving experience."

Clinton, who earlier in the week attended the historic signing of Israel's peace treaty with Jordan, inscribed a message of hope in the Yad Vashem visitors book.

"Today we have come one step closer to the time when the people of Israel will live in peace with all of their neighbors; when the awful events of death and destruction memorialized here will be banished to the past; when the people of Israel will never suffer and die because of their race or their faith. May G-d make it come to pass," the president wrote.

Shalev, who has guided other world leaders through Yad Vashem, said later that Clinton asked many questions about the Holocaust.

"He was one of the more interested and warm visitors I have met," Shalev told reporters.

Clinton toured Yad Vashem after attending an early morning breakfast with Weizman, following which he told reporters that he would not rule out the possibility of returning to the region soon to help move the peace process along.

Clinton also said that he had promised Weizman to do all in his power to get information about missing Israeli soldiers from Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, with whom Clinton held talks during his tour of the Middle East.

Weizman said such information would be regarded by Israel as a confidence-building gesture on the part of the Syrians.

It was also announced that the Israeli president and his wife, Reuma, would make a state visit to Washington early next year.

Israelis, Canadians attend historic economic summit

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CASABLANCA — The historic economic summit that opened last Sunday night in this Moroccan city included an Israeli delegation comprising no less than seven government ministers, members of the Knesset, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Israeli delegates were in the company of more than 720 politicians from 60 countries and 1,200 top executives from private firms in the Arab world, Canada, the United States, Europe and the Far East.

The three-day Middle East-North Africa Economic Summit, hosted by King Hassan of Morocco, was hailed as a first-of-its-kind meeting to consolidate peace in the region through economic cooperation and development.

Several Canadian blue-chip companies had been invited to attend, among them, Bell Canada, Northern Telecom, Canadian-Pacific, Alcan and Hydro-Quebec.

Canadian delegates included Lison Benarroch, a member of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec (CSQ) and chair of Montreal's Ecole Maimonide.

Rabin used the occasion to announce the re-opening of Gaza Strip border crossings which were sealed following the Oct. 19 bus bomb attack in Tel Aviv.

The borders are slated to re-open this week to the 30,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip who work in Israel, but Rabin vowed to do "whatever is needed" to stop violence by Palestinian extremists.

Rabin also held talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who also attended the conference. It was the first meeting between the two since the bus bombing.

In his opening remarks, King Hassan said the conference would strengthen peace and enable residents of the region to live in harmony.

Hassan congratulated Rabin, Peres and Arafat for being named co-recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize. The king also hailed the peace treaty signed last week by Israel and Jordan, which Arafat has strongly criticized.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher called on the Arab countries to end their economic boycott against Israel. He also emphasized the importance of investment — in particular from the private sector — to fortify peace in the region.

Arafat said he hoped the 21st century would see the establishment of a Palestinian state, and he stressed the importance of economic strength in forming the basis for regional peace.

In his remarks, Rabin thanked King Hassan for his role in nurturing the Middle East peace process.

"I came to you 18 years ago, disguised, in secret, in search of peace," the prime minister said. He was referring to his secret visit to Morocco in November 1977, a move that paved the way for the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and the signing of a peace treaty with Egypt in 1979.

Rabin called on the international business community to invest in the autonomous Palestinian zones of the Gaza Strip and West Bank Jericho district as a means for overcoming terror and forming a strong economic life for Palestinians.

"Poverty is the fertile ground" for the Islamic Jihad, Rabin said, referring to one of the fundamentalist Muslim groups opposed to Israel's ongoing peace initiative with the Palestinians.

All countries from the Middle East and North Africa took part in the summit, with the exceptions of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Syria and Lebanon. Syrian and Lebanese businesspeople were reportedly participating in a private capacity.

Some 200 of the 800 companies in attendance were American, including Bechtel, Citibank, DuPont, General Electric, Hewlett-Packard and Phillip Morris.

The conference represents a landmark for Israel, which, for the first time, was welcomed at the highest level in an Arab country as an equal partner.

Israeli and Arab business leaders came equipped with proposals for specific investment and cooperation projects.

Israel is proposing more than 100 joint projects worth about $25 billion (U.S.), half of them for water projects, Israel Radio reported.

Other Israeli proposals include a cooperative project for tourist development in the Red Sea area. Israel Television reported that Egyptian and Jordanian participants brought with them similar proposals.

There were news reports that the creation of a regional development bank would be announced at the conference, as would the establishment of regional councils for business and tourist issues.

The plans for these regional bodies were to be announced in a "Casablanca Declaration," at the conclusion of the summit.

The economic summit is seen as another step toward ending the Arab economic boycott of Israel, with Peres saying the conference essentially ended the boycott in practice.

"It is impossible to have such a conference and continue the Arab boycott," he said.

In deciding not to formally attend, Syria complained that the conference would weaken the economic boycott as a bargaining chip in negotiations.

Still, few of the participants, including Israelis, expected hard deals to emerge from the summit. Rather, it seemed a forum to establish contacts and nurture international investment in regional development projects.

"We're definitely expecting to build the infrastructure for economic contacts," said Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

The conference also presented a forum for diplomatic encounters.

While the Israeli media devoted nonstop coverage to the summit's opening events, a flurry developed in Israel over whether the size of the Israeli delegation should have been as large as it was.

Knesset member Naomi Blumenthal of the opposition Likud Party complained that even the weekly cabinet meeting had to be canceled because most ministers were out of the country.

Among the absentees were Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who was in Tunisia for a two-day conference on the environment with counterparts from Mediterranean nations.

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Bagging a bargain at the Bazaar

More than 30,000 bargain hunters turned up at last Wednesday's 70th annual Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar. Clockwise from top: Marilyn Weinrib and Sarica Pizanti hawk donated pastry for Carmel Chapter; 11-year-old Jared Rose holds a $10 bear from B'not Aviva; Leah's Helen Papp shows off artwork; smart shoppers Michelle White and Dianna Plumridge work hard to spend their $200; Margalit's $3.75 salamis are fast movers; and (centre) Haley Usher, 3, shows off autographs by entertainers Sharon, Lois and Bram (value: priceless). [Photos by Amy Sattin, page design by Edward Dunbar]

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Jordan's ambassador to Canada, Hani Khalifeh (centre), presents a silver platter depicting the ancient city of Petra to CJC president Irving Abella (left) and Israel affairs committee chair Moshe Ronen.

Peace agreement celebrated

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella and Hani Khalifeh, Jordan's ambassador to Canada, met in Ottawa last week to toast the historic Israel-Jordan peace agreement hours after it was signed.

But it was a bittersweet meeting. Abella and a small CJC delegation were also there to say good-bye to the genial ambassador who is leaving Canada after almost nine years to take up a new posting.

"He's an open, friendly, moderate diplomat who the moment the [peace] process began made contact with us to have a relationship with the Jewish community," said Abella after the meeting. "There wasn't a month that would go by without him calling to ask about the community."

Sadness about the departure was easily overshadowed by delight over the accord.

"I shared with Professor Abella the feelings of happiness that peace has been acheived and will be continued in the history of the region," Kalifeh said. "We look forward to the future with optimism and great hope. I am very optimistic. I think it is great."

Abella said the ambassador was proposing a Congress university presidents' mission to Israel and Jordan, similar to last summer's mission to Israel. With peace, the ambassador said, Congress could now lead a mission to establish trilateral research and teaching agreements between universities in Canada, Israel and Jordan.

Abella said the suggestion will be given priority.

The ambassador also spoke highly of Canada's role in supporting the peace process.

Jordan is the second Arab country to sign a formal peace agreement with Israel. The ambassador said it will usher in an era of prosperity for both countries.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, greeted the Jordan-Israel peace treaty with enthusiasm tempered by sadness.

Only days after the Hamas suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that claimed 22 lives, members of Congress' Ontario and national leadership in Toronto were briefed on the Islamic extremist group by visiting Israeli journalist Ron Shaked, one of Israel's foremost experts on terrorism.

Following the briefing, Ontario region chair Gerda Frieberg said "we'd like to be euphoric about the peace agreement. But the sadness is still there.

"We're deeply concerned about Hamas."

Frieberg, who visited the Jordanian port city of Aqaba last summer, said Jordanians she met "were very enthusiastic about peace. They are looking forward to tourism and exchanges. They don't want their young people to die [in wars].

"There is a real possibility that [peace] will bring prosperity. We consider this a warm peace."

Stephen Victor, national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), said the treaty-signing ceremony "is a significant step toward the achievement of the enduring Israeli goal of peace and normalized relations with its Arab neighbors. We hope [it] will lead other Arab countries to formalize peace arrangements with Israel as well."

Na'amat Israel president visits

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — If there is one thing Ofra Friedman, the new president of Na'amat Israel has to say to Canadian Jewish women, it is "Thank-you."

Thanks for supporting the Na'amat daycare centres, legal aid clinics, family violence counselling centres and the new women's shelter in Tel Aviv, a joint Canada-Israel project.

But don't sit back and rest, she warned; there will be plenty of work in the coming years as Na'amat builds on its successes.

The Israeli lawyer was in Ottawa last week to meet the national board of Na'amat Canada and talk about the organization's projects.

The goal of Na'amat is to advance the status of women in Israel. To this end, the organization runs the country's largest network of daycare centres, accommodating 23,000 children, which enables women to join the workforce. This has been particularly helpful to the thousands of Soviet immigrant families, many headed by single parents, who have come to Israel in the past few years, Friedman said.

Na'amat has legal aid clinics in cities and villages throughout Israel that help women with equity, harassment, discrimination and divorce complaints. And it runs 14 vocational schools to teach trades to students who don't suit the academic stream.

Ofra Friedman

As a political organization whose past presidents have all gone on to hold seats in government, Na'amat is trying to encourage women to run for office.

"We believe if women are in those positions they influence the agenda," Friedman says.

Na'amat was ahead of its time in supporting the peace process, the item that tops the agenda of the moment. Peace is the only sane course for the Middle East, Friedman says.

"We believe that when we have peace many women's problems will be solved... We believe dollars that are transferred to security issues will be transferred to social issues."

The key to peace is to bind Israelis and Arabs in joint projects, she adds. To that end, Na'amat has long included Arab women in its chapters. An Arab woman currently heads Na'amat Israel's foreign affairs department. And because language is critical to communication, all Na'amat chapters in Israel now teach Arabic.

Despite the bombing last week of a bus in downtown Tel Aviv just down the street from Na'amat's offices, Friedman says the peace process will continue.

"There are people on both sides who are against [peace]...The sane people have to lead. There is no other way."

While Na'amat Israel is grateful for financial support from its Diaspora chapters, says Friedman, the organization is taking a new direction. She would like to see Diaspora chapters volunteer time in their own communities. Friedman said the new focus will appeal to Jewish women who want to make a local contribution by working, for instance, at local women's shelters.

Na'amat made a start last year when it organized vigils across Canada in support of agunot, women whose husbands refuse to grant them a Jewish divorce.

Etty Danzig, president of Na'amat Canada, says the organization is preparing to launch its Hand in Hand campaign to financially support women's services in Israel. The goal is to enhance the dignity of women.

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Rosalie Abella speaks at CJC Western Conference.

Rosalie Abella stresses need for human rights

VANCOUVER — Human rights allows one to be "proudly different" without fear of the consequences, an Ontario judge told delegates to the Western conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), held here recently.

A strong proponent of pluralism, appeal court Justice Rosalie Abella geared her talk to the conference theme, And Justice for All.

Human rights, she said, protects individuals discriminated against because their group has been stereotyped.

When barriers impede individuals, they should be removed, she said, even if this means treating people differently.

She contrasted human rights with civil liberties, which grants freedom from arbitrary state intervention.

In Canada, Abella said, unlike the United States, "we have always considered the right to integrate, based on differences, compared to the assimilation in the United States ... That is why we believe in and promote multiculturalism."

She said human rights are the basis of civilized society. "[It] requires willingness to see first and then define, so we can listen and respond to people whose identities have kept them out and who want in. And they want, and should have, the choice of who they want to enter as."

Justice is the policy of Israel, says Shelef

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

CJC WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER — The path of "justice and righteousness" as proclaimed by G-d to Abraham is the Jewish response to life, said Israeli ambassador Itzhak Shelef at the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress, held here recently.

Speaking at a session on ethnic relations, Shelef said it would be presumptious to talk about the "Jewish response," but as a representative of the world's only Jewish state, he said Israel's "instinctive response to the victims of ethnic strife is rescue — or at least attempted rescue."

The policy of rescue, he said, "springs from the values, culture and tradition which are deep within Judaism."

The first man to understand and respond to the Lord's desire "that justice, justice thou shall pursue" (Deuteronomy) was Abraham, "and this has been his chief legacy to his children — to you and to me, for all generations."

It's a legacy which Abraham's legendary descendants at Mount Sinai "endeavored to engrave into the stoney hearts of all mankind and which the rest of us, through dispersion and persecution, have borne with dignity."

Although justice and righteousness cannot necessarily constitute foreign policy, Shelef said, "it did and it does get factored into decisions around the cabinet table. Ben-Gurion referred to it as the policy of 'active virtue'."

In the late 50s, Golda Meir introduced a rescue policy in Third World countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Mediterranean basin.

Between 1958 and 1973, Israel sent thousands of experts in agriculture, hydrology, regional planning, public health, engineering, community service, medicine and education to the developing countries of the Third World. At the same time, Third World students came to study in Israeli universities. In all, Israel carried out more than 200 development programs in more than 80 countries, Shelef said.

In 1977, Israel accepted 66 Vietnamese refugees, mostly children, and earlier this year absorbed hundreds of refugees from Bosnia and Serbia, including many Muslim families.

Over the years Israel has sent medical aid missions to Armenia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and Zaire.

"Wherever we have resided on earth it has been infused in the psyche of the Jewish people, by the voice of conscience and by the ethics of the prophets, to provide justice and righteousness, action and rescue," he said.

"Isaiah's injunction that we be 'a covenant people, a light for nations, to open blind eyes and bring out prisoners from the dungeon,' encapsulates the Jewish response to international ethinic strife within our means and capabilities. It is also the response of the Jewish state."

He recalled that establishment of a convent at Auschwitz, "the world's largest Jewish graveyard," caused a dilemma. However, "considering our inter-ethnic relations," the World Jewish Congress was eventually able to negotiate with the Pope for the removal of the convent.

"Tolerance," he added, "is fundamental in relations with other groups, but it doesn't mean forgetting our principles."

Canadian national unity called hopeless pipe dream

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — National unity in Canada is a hopeless pipe dream and will never be achieved, agreed three veteran Western observers of the Canadian scene at a session of the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress, held recently at the Jewish Community Centre in Vancouver.

Prof. David Bercusson of the University of Calgary bluntly stated the problem of regionalism versus national unity has no solution. Only the departure of Quebec, or a realization by a new generation of Quebecers that Canada isn't such a bad place after all, could ease tensions, he said.

Dr. Leroy Little Bear of the University of Lethbridge called Canadians a "conglomerate" of individuals.

"We talk about unity in diversity but don't live up to it," he said. If all the cultures in Canada were combined, "we would have an identity that nobody else has. But there are no leaders to achieve this."

Vaughan Palmer, provincial affairs columnist for the *Vancouver Sun*, said he was pessimistic about the future of national reconciliation.

Palmer pointed out that British Columbians opposed Meech Lake and rejected the Charlottetown refereundum. "National reconciliation is not part of B.C.s policy," he said.

Prof. Gerry Gall, in giving thanks, said there is no commonality among Western provinces. Multiculturalism is under attack in Canada, he warned, "and Alberta is trying to abolish it."

Bill Yee moderated the session, attended by a large audience in the new Norman Rothstein Theatre.

CCCJ convention to unite Reform Jewish leaders

TORONTO — The Canadian Council for Reform Judiasm is holding its biennial convention Nov. 10 to 13 in Mississauga and Thornhill.

The CCRJ represents Canada's 24 Reform congregations.

Keynote convention speakers include Rabbis Daniel Syme and Eric Yoffee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Israel Religious Action Centre in Jerusalem, and Jewish history professor Michael Meyer of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati.

Activities include the national assemble of Reform Zionist organization Kadima, a pre-convention kallah and the official dedication of the Canadian Centre for Reform Judaism/Dan Family Building, home to Leo Baeck Day School.

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Beilin's message fails to stir delegates at B.C. conference

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The audience at the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) was not fired up by Yossi Beilin's message.

The Israeli deputy foreign minister's prescription for Jewish continuity called for a Beit Israel, an international organization to serve as the liaison between Israel and Diaspora Jewry (*CJN* Oct. 27).

In the message transmitted to the conference at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre through the Israel Embassy in Ottawa, Beilin advocates that this organization bring Jewish 17-year-olds from all over the world to Israel for a month, at the expense of social welfare activities in Israel.

Beilin's words were read to delegates by Joe Wilder, a Winnipeg lawyer who presided at a forum on Israel, Diaspora and the Jewish community.

Nobody spoke for or against Beilin's proposal. Indeed his suggestion for strengthening Jewish continuity and identity resulted in very little discussion.

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), said Jewish continuity is the latest Jewish catch phrase, which, he added, "bothers me. We should be pushing aliyah and we should be talking about it. That's the real solution for our relationship with Israel."

The central issue since 1948, has been the security and well-being of Israel and it will continue to be the central issue, Steinberg said.

He said the Jews of the Diaspora don't know how to deal with the peace process. When Israel's security was at stake, Jews in the Diaspora could pressure their governments to help the Jewish state. "But we can't serve as intermediaries with our governments any more — we must now deal with a free market in Jewish life — a market economy."

Steinberg noted that more than $100 million is spent in the United States by Jewish defence organizations to fight anti-Semitism. He suggested that instead, $95 million be spent on Jewish education and $5 million on "wiping out swastikas."

Moshe Ronen, national chair of CJC Israeli affairs, said being Jewish without Israel is irrelevant.

The partnership with Israel is unequal, he said. "We care for Israel but Israel's role is in the front line — in the forefront in saving Jewish lives all over the world."

The focus has changed. As Israel heads for peace, he continued, Zionist leadership in the Diaspora is becoming bankrupt. Funding for Jewish education is reduced, even though "we raise funds for local needs on the back of Israel."

It is essential to form a response to create an equal relationship with Israel. At present "we are only a suburb."

Ronen called for strong activism on behalf of Israel to help the cause of Jewish continuity. "We must arm Rabin with our feelings for peace. We must set the mood."

Ronen urged Canadian Jews to take up the challenge of convincing the government to become proactive in the peace issue and ban Hamas in Canada. He said the strong action Prime Minister Trudeau took in Quebec when separatist terrorists committed murder and carried out kidnappings and bombings is the precedent for dealing with terrorism.

Itzhak Shelef, Israel ambassador to Canada, called for stronger commitment to Jewish education to maintain a Jewish future in the Diaspora. He suggested that Israel can play a key role in education and outreach.

He urged a new relationship between the Diaspora and Israel in helping reduce the high incidence of intermarriage.

Shelef proclaimed his readiness to "serve as midwife" in developing a partnership. "We are ready and able to play our part with your educators," he said. "We are children of the same parents and our future is intertwined. We must work hard to secure the future of the next generation."

All the panelists agreed that Jewish education must tie in with Jewish religion and this must begin in the home

B.C. aims to eliminate racism

VANCOUVER — The British Columbia government "is working hard" to ensure B.C. is a welcoming province, free of racism and discrimination for everyone, Premier Mike Harcourt told delegates to the Western conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress held here Oct. 22-23 at the Jewish Community Centre.

"Hate is insidious," the premier said at a luncheon session. "If unchecked it will destroy the community from within."

He declared that multiculturalism, anti-racism and human rights "are a top priority of my government, as they are with the Canadian Jewish Congress."

He said the government is committed to ensuring no one is discriminated against because of ancestry, religion or skin color.

Harcourt pointed out B.C.'s Multiculturalism Act states that racism and discrimination have no place in the province. This policy statement is backed up by an anti-racism pro-

Mike Harcourt

gram administered by Multiculturalism B.C., a division of the ministry of multiculturalism. The minister has a special advisor on racist activities.

Harcourt told delegates his government last year passed Bill 33, an amendment to the Act, aimed specifically at combating hate propaganda, and has provided an additional $1.7 million in funding for immigrant serving organizations. "Part of these funds will go towards anti-racism, immigration settlement and cross-cultural understanding projects."

The premier recalled that in 1985, when Vancouver's Temple Sholom was razed by arson followed by a similar attack on the Schara Tzedeck funeral chapel, "I was proud, as mayor of Vancouver, to stand by your side and lend support. During this time of crisis many people who weren't Jewish also provided overwhelming support to the Jewish community. This gives me great hope that British Columbians of different cultures and religions stand together to overcome racial attacks."

The premier praised CJC for its work. "It is through the work of dedicated community organizations such as Congress that the multiculturalism goals of this province are reached." M.L.

Racist groups using new methods

VANCOUVER — Racism in Canada has developed new ways of getting its hate messages across.

A panel on anti-Semitism and racism addressed a forum at the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) here recently.

Even more disturbing than the extent of racism are the means and methods racist groups use to spread their poison, said Michelle Falardeau-Ramsey, of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

"When I find out that hate propaganda is circulating in school grounds, I am particularly incensed," she said. Hate groups are not only using traditional printed paper messages, but have started using computer information lines and bulletin boards, she added.

While there are high profile examples of neo-Nazi extremists, more difficult to combat is the subtle racism that keeps people in specific groups from being hired or being accepted at universities, she said.

"When we talk about employment equity, that's the type of discrimination we are trying to combat," she said.

Former journalist Warren Kinsella, who wrote about racism in Canada in his book *Web of Hate*, said the growth of the extreme right in Canada is "alarming." He said, "They definitely cling to an ideology of hate."

Kinsella, now an Ottawa lawyer, said the hate groups are not just a problem for government but for everyone in Canada. "Together, we need to find ways to combat the racist tide of hate," he urged.

In his book, Kinsella linked white supremacist groups in the United States to individuals he claimed are active in Canada. He even uncovered an international group of Nazi lawyers, which has Canadian lawyers as members.

Panelist Bill Black, a Law professor at the University of British Columbia, is reviewing the British Columbia Human Rights Act for the B.C. government. M.L.

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PROGRAM CANCELLATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Downtown Jewish Community Council Program

PROGRAM CORRECTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 10:00 am
Temple Emanu-el, 120 Old Colony Road, Willowdale
"The Question of Memorials."
Program now: SUNDAY, NOV. 13- same time & location

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 7:30 pm
Secular Jewish Association - *"March of the Living: How Jewish Youth Confront the Holocaust."*
Location: HILLCREST PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5801 Leslie St., Willowdale

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 1:30 pm
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. West, Willowdale
"Holocaust Denial and the Rise of Neo-Nazism."
New Speaker: STEVEN H. SHULMAN, Associate Director, Community Relations, Canadian Jewish Congress

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 7:30 pm
Generation to Generation Sub-Committee, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, North York Board of Education, 5050 Yonge St., Toronto
"Eyewitness to the Holocaust: A Testimony by Liberators."
Additional Panelist: EDWARD CARTER-EDWARDS
Moderator: SANDIE RINALDO, News Anchor, CTV NEWS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 7:30 pm
Advent Lutheran Church - Film *"Shadow on the Cross."*
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 4:30 pm
Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto
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"Telling the Holocaust" by Jewish Storytelling Arts (Ontario)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 4:00 pm
Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto
Sid Smith Building, 100 St. George St., Room 1072
"What I Have Learned From the Holocaust"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 4:00 pm
Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto
Sid Smith Building, 100 St. George St., Rm. 2130
"Survivors' Personal Testimonies."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 4:30 pm
Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto
Sid Smith Building, 100 St. George St.
"Canadian Refugee Policy During World War II" with Professor Irving Abella.

The 14th Annual Holocaust Education Week, November 3-15, is coordinated by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

Promoting Aliyah changing with times

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Aliyah, at the end of the 20th century and closing in on the 21st, is stressing mobility and marketing, said Judy Amit, executive director of the North American Aliyah Delegation.

She was interviewed during a recent visit to Montreal

Already, she said, aliyah is being promoted primarily by getting kids to Israel by bar and bat mitzvah age and by making use of the information superhighway to reach the e-mail and Internet generation.

Amit, a former New Zealander who made aliyah 28 years ago, is the first woman to oversee the running of 29 aliyah offices in North America, three of them in Canada (Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver).

The new global outlook for promoting aliyah in North America, Amit said, is taking into account the very high prospects for peace. These will be creating new markets and industries and more demand for professionals in Israel's hi-tech industries.

"Israel and the Diaspora have to reassess their relationship," Amit says. "Within the next 10 years Israel will for the first time overtake the United States in Jewish population.

"We have to de-traumatize the way the North American Jewish community has perceived Zionism and aliyah. The world is now a mobile society. Zionism no longer means spending 12 months in Israel. People can move backward and forward."

This strategy seems to be working, if the aliyah figures cited by Amit are any indication.

Three years ago, North American aliyah to Israel numbered 1,900. This year, it is expected to hit 4,000. Montreal alone expects its number of olim to go from 86 last year to 150 in 1994.

Amit says, "Up to the year 2000, we expect the figures to go up 15 per cent a year."

The precise strategy to reach those figures fits in neatly with the continuity agenda of the Diaspora community. The thinking now is to get as many young Jews to Israel as soon as possible to minimize assimilation, establish an emotional connection, strengthen Jewish identity, and plant the potential seeds for future aliyah by providing a realistic for-taste of Israeli society, she said

Judy Amit

Now, aliyah departments, as well as programs like the Israel Experience, are seeking to guarantee exposure to Israel to as many North American Jewish youth as want it.

"The people with no contact with Israel are the ones who are not going on aliyah," Amit says. "It is a fact that Jewish children who go to Israel at a younger age have a greater chance to identify as Jews. You can't identify properly as a Jew without Israel."

Adults, by contrast, are being targeted through pilot trips that give them a realistic picture of what to expect after they move to Israel.

As well, Israel is sending delegations of professionals from high tech industries to North Amercia to attract U.S. and Canadian talent, which is in high demand

The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI), a support group and social network for olim from the United States and Canada, now has a data base to help new immigrants track down jobs

Compared to years ago, North American shlichim are adopting a more realistic approach in promoting aliyah by furnishing prospective olim with the facts, Amit said.

The result is "a much smaller recidivism rate," she said. "Now, the majority of people who go on aliyah have already visted Israel several times."

For those who do make the decision to go, "the chance for successful integration is much higher," she said.

Tourism's importance to Israel is stressed by IGTO director

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

During a recent 10-day period, the world watched in awe as a series of highly dramatic events, both good and bad, unfolded in Israel.

They included the kidnap and murder of an Israeli soldier, the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat, the death of 22 Israelis in a Tel Aviv bus bombing, a peace declaration between Israel and Jordan, and a visit by U.S. President Clinton.

For Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, the peace process is unstoppable, despite the terrorism that seems to push the country one step back for every two steps it advances towards peace.

"We're fighting the terrorists and we're proceeding with the peace process," she said in her office in Toronto. "These are not two opposite things. The willingness and the desire of all parties in the Middle East to achieve peace and harmony is so strong that there is no way that any small group of extremists can stop it."

Ben-Tzur met recently in her office with several Canadian Arabs and found their desire for peace and moderation was no less strong than her own.

"I felt so free, like I was looking to a partner," she said. "We seem to have the same interests, and we want to achieve the same things, using the same methods. It makes one ask, 'Why didn't we discover each other years ago?'"

Despite the Tel Aviv bombing, visitors to Israel are just as safe as they would be in England, the United States, Canada and many other countries, Ben-Tzur insists. Random acts of violence can occur anywhere, she says, not just in Israel. "I don't see any reason for anybody to postpone or cancel a trip, because by doing that, in a way, we're acting out of fear or terror, and doing exactly what the terrorists want."

Tourists play a strong positive role in cementing regional peace, Ben-Tzur asserts. Tourism revenues will bring prosperity to all parties and ease dissatisfaction among Palestinians and others.

"I'd like to ask the Jewish community of Canada to show their support for the people of Israel and to show them that they are not alone," says Ben-Tzur. "The way to do this is not just with donations, but by coming to visit."

Israel cracks down on its most dangerous foe

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel is at war with Hamas, known officially as the Islamic Resistance Movement.

Last week, the Israeli government announced new measures to combat Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist group which marks its seventh anniversary next month. An Israeli cabinet minister said that Israel will mete out "special treatment" to Hamas, suggesting that Israel's secret service will hunt down and eliminate its leaders.

Hamas, as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has warned, is Israel's most dangerous guerrilla foe, a disciplined, well-trained enemy committed to undermining the peace process, destroying Israel and establishing an Islamic state on its ruins.

In the past few weeks, Hamas has intensified its grisly campaign of terrorism — killing two civilians in Jerusalem; kidnapping, then murdering, a soldier after a failed Israeli commando raid designed to free him; and detonating a bomb on a bus in the centre of Tel Aviv which snuffed out the lives of 22 people.

And Hamas, which has claimed responsibility for the majority of attacks against Israelis since the signing of the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles in September 1993, promises more such assaults in the future.

So even as Israel makes headway in the peace process, Israelis should expect Hamas to carry out its threats.

Hamas was founded in December 1987, literally days after the intifadah (the Palestinian revolt) on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip exploded.

It was established by seven Palestinians under the leadership of Sheik Ahmed Yassin, a wheelchair-bound firebrand who was sentenced to life imprisonment plus 15 years in October 1991 for ordering the murder of Palestinians accused of collaborating with the Israeli authorities.

Since then, Hamas has become a force to be reckoned with, especially in Gaza, its chief base. By all accounts, at least 40 per cent of Gaza's inhabitants are sympathetic to Hamas. The comparable figure for the West Bank is reportedly 20 per cent.

As a result, Hamas and its chief rival, the secular PLO, are embroiled in a fierce power struggle for hearts and minds. The PLO is wary of seriously confronting Hamas, fearing that full-scale fighting could touch off a civil war.

Hamas, whose political strength is reflected in its control of local chambers of commerce, trade unions and professional associations, springs from the Muslim Brotherhood. The latter was founded by a charismatic preacher, Hassan al-Banna, in Egypt in 1928.

Having spread its tentacles throughout the Arab world, the Muslim Brotherhood promotes Islamic values and advocates the formation of Islamic states in the region.

Its deadly clone in Lebanon, Hezbollah, emerged in the wake of Israel's 1982 invasion.

Yassin, the most respected figure in what is now Hamas, set up a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood — the Islamic Centre — in the territories in the early 1970s.

With Israel's permission, he created a network of religious, social and welfare institutions. Israel did not oppose his activities, regarding them as a useful counterweight to the PLO.

But Israel misjudged Yassin. In 1984 Yassin was charged with stockpiling weapons. Sentenced to 12 years in jail, he was released in a May 1985 Arab-Israeli prisoner exchange.

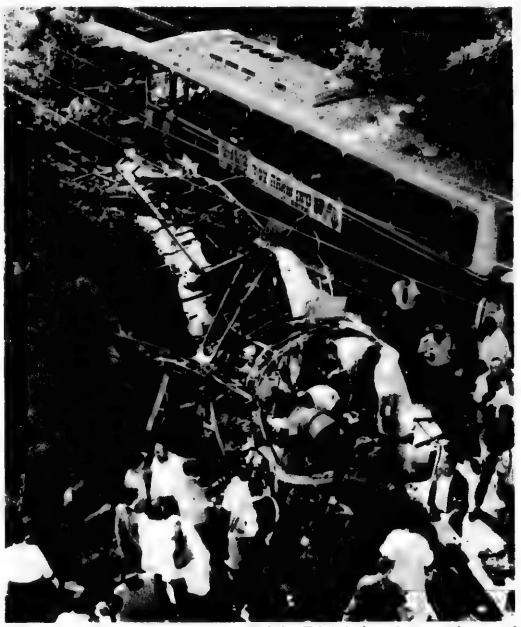
By the time he was freed, Yassin's organization had grown significantly, spurred on by the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran, the 1981 assassination of Anwar al-Sadat at the hands of Islamic fundamentalists and the 1982 Israeli thrust into Lebanon.

With the intifadah, Yassin switched gears. He and his loyalists had remained largely aloof from the violent protests against Israel's occupation, leaving the field to the PLO. But once the intifadah broke out, Yassin changed tactics.

He and six associates formed Hamas, which cooperated with, but never joined, the PLO-dominated intifadah leadership. Hamas demanded a 40 per cent share of the seats in the Palestine National Council, the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile, but the PLO balked.

In August 1988, shortly before the PLO recognized Israel and accepted United Nations resolution 242 (which acknowledges the sovereignty and territorial integrity of *all* states in the Middle East), Hamas issued its charter.

Clear and unambiguous, the charter calls for "the liberation of Palestine in its entirety, from the (Mediterranean) sea to the (Jordan) river." In a sense, Hamas is a throwback to the old PLO, which espoused a secular Palestinian entity in place of Israel.



Rescue workers comb the wreckage of the Tel Aviv bus that was destroyed by a Hamas terrorist bomb. [Israel photo]

Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, one of Hamas' founders and head of the Gaza Medical Association, told the *Jerusalem Post* in a 1992 interview that its long-term goal is "a pan-Islamic state."

As for defusing the Arab-Israeli conflict through diplomatic means, he observed: "We do not trust the peace process. The Jews will give us nothing because they want the land from the Nile to the Euphrates."

In line with this rejectionist philosophy, Hamas has struck a strategic alliance with Palestinian factions opposed to the 1991 Madrid peace process. Its allies include the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by George Habash, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine:General Command, led by Ahmed Jibril. Both groups are based in Damascus.

The military wing of Hamas, the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades, has killed Israelis — civilians and soldiers — in Israel and the territories. Among its victims was Lieut. Col. Meir Mintz, the highest-ranking officer ever killed in Gaza during the intifadah. He was gunned down in an ambush in December 1993.

With its loose, decentralized structure, Hamas is hard to track down and infiltrate. Members of its military wing, said to number fewer than 100, are organized in small, self-contained cells.

Israel has been locked in battle with Hamas since 1987, but it has proven a resilient and resourceful adversary.

In December 1992, following the kidnapping and murder of Israeli border policeman Nissim Toledano, Israel expelled some 400 Hamas leaders and activists to southern Lebanon. But within about a year, under international pressure, they were allowed to return to their homes, although some were rearrested.

In the past, Hamas has received funds from Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Today, Iran appears to be its main backer. Reports suggest that Iran has funnelled $30 million (US) to Hamas and allowed it to open a liaison office in Tehran.

Iran opposes the current peace process and rejects Israel's existence.

The Hamas Manifesto — 10 Principles of Faith

1) Hamas swears to conduct a holy war over Palestine against the Jews until Allah's victory is achieved.

2) The land must be cleansed of the filth and evil of the tyrannical conquerors.

3) Under the wings of Islam, it is possible to have peaceful coexistence with other religious groups. But without Islamic rule over the Dome of the Rock, there can only be hatred, controversy, corruption and repression.

4) By command of the Prophet, Muslims must fight the Jews and kill them wherever they are.

5) Hamas strives to set up an entity wherein Allah is the highest purpose, the Koran is its law, jihad [holy war waged on behalf of Islam as a religious duty] is its means, and dying for the sake of Allah is the noblest wish.

6) Palestine is a holy Islamic entity until the end of time. Therefore, it is non-negotiable and no one can give up any part of it.

7) It is a personal, religious commandment for every Muslim to engage in the jihad until the land is redeemed.

8) Hamas opposes any kind of international talks or negotiation as well as any possible peace arrangement. Sovereignty over the land is strictly a religious matter and conducting negotiation over it means giving up some measure of control by [Islam's] believers.

9) The Jews control the media and the world financial institutions. By means of revolution and war, and organizations such as the Masons, Communists, capitalists, Zionists, Rotary, Lions, B'nai B'rith, and the like, they undermine human society as a whole in order to destroy it. By their evil corruption they try to gain domination of the world by such institutions as the United Nations and its Security Council. More details of their iniquity can be found in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

10) Hamas opposes any secular state the PLO would seek to create in Palestine, since by definition it would be anti-Islamic. On the other hand, if the PLO would adopt Islam and follow its flag, then all of [the PLO's] members would become freedom fighters who would light the fire to consume the enemy.

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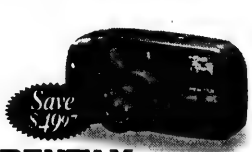

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CJC MEETS WITH BOUCHARD

Bloc Quebecois and opposition leader Lucien Bouchard (centre) met last week in Ottawa with Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella (right) and CJC Quebec region chair Manny Schacter. On the agenda was hate propaganda, Holocaust denial and the controversy over Canada's spy agency, CSIS. On the issue of Nazi war criminals, Bouchard said he would look into the status of several cases which involve denaturalization and deportation.

Neo-Nazi movement targets campuses for new members

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Holocaust-deniers are increasingly targetting youth on university campuses and using the most modern communications technology to get out their message of hate, said Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC).

"The neo-Nazi movement has changed its emphasis from trying to recruit membership to trying to get their message out," Littman said.

They have climbed on board the Internet computer network, employed video and audio tapes to record their views and attempted to broadcast their message through local and satellite television transmissions, he said.

In recent months, the Holocaust-denial movement has aimed its message at Canadian and American campuses, Littman said. Bradley Smith of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust has taken out full-page advertisements in about a dozen U.S. campus newspapers, questioning the Holocaust.

Toronto-based neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel has also attempted to promote a "debate" on the Holocaust in Canadian campus newspapers, Littman said.

Campus newspapers, as well as *The CJN* have received an "open letter" from Zundel inviting a debate about the Holocaust and touting his "work for German-Jewish reconciliation."

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre, in conjunction with Canadian University Press, has published a 66-page booklet to counter Holocaust "revisionists."

Titled *Holocaust Denial: Bigotry in the Guise of Scholarship*, the booklet has been distributed to all campus editors in Canada. Other copies will be sent to Canadian and U.S. academics, to members of the Canadian media and to high school teachers.

The SWC last winter held a workshop for campus editors in Regina to inform them about the Holocaust-denial movement, he said, adding that Zundel has been unsuccessful in getting his message into campus papers.

While campus editors have the discretion to refuse advertisements, there is currently no way to prevent Holocaust-deniers from accessing the Internet, Littman said. The material on the computer network "is as vile as we've ever seen. It's smearing, taunting, degrading."

Littman said the SWC is considering setting up a special international bureau to monitor and respond to the message of Holocaust-deniers and other hatemongers.

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Ontario extremists continued to get a close look at the Canadian criminal justice system — from the inside. Three members of the white supremacist Heritage Front are facing weapons charges following an argument recently at an east-end apartment, the Toronto *Sun* reported.

Following complaints from Front member George Harbottle, police searched the home of James Scott Dawson, 34, who allegedly pointed two guns at Harbottle and his companion, Karen Lyons. Police searched Dawson's home and seized an AK-47 assault rifle, ammunition and a .25-calibre handgun. Dawson, one of the founding members of the Heritage Front, was charged with two counts of pointing a firearm and one count of unsafe storage of a weapon.

"It's something to be deeply concerned about that a man involved with extremist racism should have in his possession dangerous weapons," said Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Farber said the conflict between Front members is a sure sign of the decline of the group. Others in the organization, including its leader Wolfgang Droege, are facing a variety of criminal charges, while one of its key members, Grant Bristow, has been identified as a CSIS informant.

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Suspended University of Toronto professor Robert O'Driscoll, author and editor of books considered anti-Semitic, was arrested last week in a village near Arthur, Ont. Police said a man "in a state of inebriation" broke into a home, caused damage, smashed windows and assaulted the occupant.

O'Driscoll is charged with break and enter, mischief, driving while intoxicated and breach of bail conditions.

Islamic group denies call for war against Zionists

MONTREAL — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles says it has intercepted a statement, written on the letterhead of a Montreal Islamic group, describing Israel as a "cancer" and calling on Muslims everywhere "to declare a war without pity on the Zionists and their allies until the flag of Islam flies over Jerusalem."

The statement is signed by Dr. Youssef Mouammar, director of the Fondation Internationale Musulmane du Canada Inc. and dated Oct. 20.

But in an interview last Saturday with the *Gazette*, Mouammar said that, while he agrees with some elements of the statement, he does not favor terrorism outside Israel's borders, and he denied having written the call to arms.

The statement, written in French, says Muslims "must take all measures to torpedo and sabotage" the Israel-PLO accord, "which will be torn up in the blood of those who signed it."

It continues: "We consider armed struggle as being the only means to provoke the definitive disappearance of Israel from the map of the world.

"We demand all those fighters in the Path of Allah to intensify their attacks against the forces of evil [Israel] ...Everywhere, reprisal actions against Israel and its allies must take place. Israeli personalities and officials must be eliminated and companies representing Israeli interests in the world must be destroyed. These reprisal acts must spare no one.

"Every Muslim is personally responsible before God for the task to which he has been assigned."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre said the statement was intercepted in France.

Mouammar was quoted as saying that while his group supports the destruction of Israel and the foundation of a Palestinian state, he believes violent acts of terror should be limited to Israel proper and the territories.

He added that he has no idea who could have used his group's letterhead to produce the statement.

"Extremists on any side could have done this to discredit me," he reportedly said.

The mandate of the Fondation Internationale Musulmane Canada is to teach Islam, added Mouammar, a French-Canadian convert to Islam.

The group lists a Montreal post office box as its address.

Rabbi Cooper said he hopes Canadian authorities will investigate the statement's origins.

Soldier killed in attack in Lebanon

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — One Israeli soldier was killed and two others slightly wounded last Saturday when terrorists from the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement unsuccessfully attempted to overrun an Israeli position in the southern Lebanon security zone.

Staff Sgt. Almog Klein, from Moshav Shafir in the northern Negev, was killed when a mortar shell fell next to the position where he was standing guard.

He was buried Sunday afternoon.

Klein was a month short of his 21st birthday and completion of his military service.

The wounded soldiers were treated in the field, in the eastern sector of the zone, and later evacuated by helicopter to a government hospital in Safed.

Israeli military sources described Saturday's attack as one of the fiercest launched at positions of the Israel Defence Force and its allied South Lebanon Army.

There was no immediate word on the number of Hezbollah casualties.

The fighting in southern Lebanon, which began a day after U.S. President Bill Clinton completed a visit to the region, continued through Sunday.

NAME GAME

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SYRIAN JEWRY'S SPIRITUAL LEADER IN ISRAEL
Former Chief Rabbi of Syria Avraham Hamra (centre) arrived in Israel last month. He was greeted by a number of political and religious dignitaries including Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau (left) and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Bakshi Doron (right). [IPPA photo]

Rabbi Goren dies at age 77

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Rabbi Shlomo Goren, a former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel and one of the country's most colorful and controversial religious figures, died last Saturday night of a heart attack at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital. He was 77 years old.

He fell ill Friday night, as he made kiddush with his family at his home in Tel Aviv. He was admitted to the hospital's cardiac intensive care unit, where he died at 2 a.m. on Oct. 29.

His funeral Sunday left from the Tel Aviv Komimiut Synagogue, which he had established, to the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem, where a large crowd assembled.

Rabbi Goren was a forceful religious presence, particularly opposing Israel's accord with the PLO. He even issued what amounted to a death warrant this past June against PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

And he called for a day of fasting to protest "an agreement that has no halachic validity."

He also issued a ruling that soldiers should disobey orders rather than help oust settlers from the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

Despite his rulings on the West Bank and Gaza, however, Rabbi Goren was prepared to hand back much of the Golan Heights, which he did not regard as part of the Biblical Land of Israel.

In 1986, he sharply criticized a Interior Ministry regulation that the word "converted" be stamped next to "Jewish" on identity cards, saying Halachah forbids stigmatizing a convert.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren

Rabbi Goren's history paralleled Israel's. He was the first Israel Defence Force military chaplain and established the Army's Chaplaincy Corps.

He was also known for his physical exploits.

An avid parachutist, Rabbi Goren arrived at the cave at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls had been discovered, dangling on a rope from a hovering helicopter, in order to retrieve 2,000-year-old skeletons for religious burial.

During the Six-Day War, the rabbi advanced through Jerusalem with IDF troops and was among the first to reach the Western Wall. A photograph of him clutching a Torah in one hand and blowing a shofar with the other became famous.

Despite controversy, many of his religious responses were regarded as innovative and modern.

He wrote a work on the religious law concerning the Temple Mount, ruling that there are areas on it where Jews may pray. That was regarded as important because the area had been declared off-limits to Jews, as it had been the site of the Holy Ark, which could be entered only by Kohanim, or high priests.

His ruling also nullified a ban that followed the 1967 government decision to continue the status quo on the mount, which was run by the Supreme Muslim Council.

He also fashioned much of the halachic observance in the Army and wrote numerous halachic responses relating to religious observance during active warfare.

His rulings also eased the plight of war agunot — women whose missing husbands' deaths could not be confirmed and who thus could not remarry until proof of death was somehow established.

Rabbi Goren was Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi from 1972 to 1983. But his controversial period began after he left the chief rabbinate and founded the Idra Yeshiva near the Western Wall.

Politically, he became more outspoken in his criticism of the Labor-led government and to any talk of trading what he referred to as "G-d-given territory" in return for peace.

This past February, Rabbi Goren expressed displeasure at the secular burial of an Israeli soldier, the country's first. Rabbi Goren said IDF orders call for all military funerals to be performed by a chaplain. "Religious rites are an integral part of military funerals and cannot be separated by any desires of the bereaved family," he insisted.

This past summer, as fear gripped Jewish communities worldwide following bombings of Jewish buildings in Buenos Aires and London and a plane in Panama carrying mostly Jews, Rabbi Goren declared that Jewish law permits Diaspora Jews to move mezuzot from outer doorposts to inner doorposts to minimize danger.

Rabbi Goren, whose family name was formerly Goronchik, was born in 1917 in Zambrov, Poland. He immigrated with his family to Kfar Hassidim, which his father helped found.

TODAY'S UJA
1995 Campaign Update

Welcome to the inaugural column keeping you up to date about UJA's fast-paced Campaign '95.

Where are we now? About 10% ahead of last year with our volunteer batallions canvassing some 2,000 cards every week. So far, Business Cabinet co-chairman **Scott Staiman** has picked up pledges — many of them face-to-face — from over 30 contributors.

Super Sunday, September 11, the telethons that followed that week and Federation Sunday, September 18, accounted for well over $4 million of our goal to date. What an operation! Hundreds of volunteer campaigners covered dozens of shifts, canvassed non-stop on 156 phones, consuming at the same time, 20 dozen bagels, 10 dozen danishes and hundreds of cookies . . . Many thanks to **Roz Davidson**, who chaired this year's Super Sunday spectacular.

Marlon Levin, past chairman of the Young Business Network, has every reason to recommend changing UJA's slogan from *Saving Jewish Lives* to *Meeting Jewish Wives*. Marlon met his wife **Hannah Springer** at UJA. They were wed on October 2 . . .

It's hard to imagine how **Cynthia Cooperstone** found the time to write such elegant, lengthy diary entries during the Young Leadership Network's busy summer mission to Israel and Prague. Here's how Cynthia saw the city's Jewish cemetery:

> *"Stones have sunk into the earth so that only the tops peek out and others are embraced by tree trunks grown around them. Time is wiping the stones smoother, more nameless every day . . . "*

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Peace Watch keeps eye on leaders' actions

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Israel was still counting its dead and wounded after the Hamas bus bombing in Tel Aviv when Dan Polisar picked up a telephone in his Montreal hotel room to book a flight home.

Polisar was anxious to return because as executive director of Peace Watch, a fledgling Israeli watchdog group with a mandate to impartially monitor Israeli and Palestinian compliance with the Declaration of Principles, he had to get back to assess the situation.

Polisar was invited to Montreal by Inter Amicus, McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler's human rights group, to speak before the McGill University law faculty on the Oslo Accords.

"When something like this goes on," said the soft-spoken Polisar, "we have to look at how both sides react."

"The PLO has a specific responsibility in light of this event," Polisar said. "Peace Watch will look at where the attack came from, where they got their weapons, and whether there were any steps the Palestinian police could have taken to prevent it."

Peace Watch was looking towards PLO chairman Yasser Arafat for his reaction, Polisar said, because it could signal the Palestinan Authority's commitment — as the DOP stipulates — to clamp down on terrorism. Arafat condemned the Oct. 19 attack.

Since Peace Watch was formed about last year, it has hired seven full-time and four part-time workers and investigators, including Palestinians. The group issues monthy reports on issues ranging from Palestinian council elections to statistical breakdowns of terrorist acts since the signing of the fragile peace accord between Israel and the PLO.

Primarily, though, Peace Watch studies how scrupulously Israel and the Palestinians have been sticking to the letter and spirit of the accords.

Polisar believes Peace Watch, modelled after Helsinki Watch, which monitors the Helsinki Agreement, is the only group in Israel reporting on the implementation, compliance and possible violations of the accords.

The U.S. born Polisar, 30, is Orthodox and a Harvard graduate. He has spent the last year raising the group's visibility and winning credibility as an independent and impartial watchdog.

Polisar did so by putting Israelis from the left and right on the Peace Watch committee. They include Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, a founder of the Gush Emunim settlers; former prisoner of conscience Natan Sharansky; and Mookie Tsur, former secretary general of the United Kibbutz Movement.

Polisar has also won Peace Watch points by showing a willingness to criticize both sides.

The group, for example, criticized the Israeli government for failing to crack down on violence-prone citizens — particularly in the wake of the Hebron massacre — and for delaying Palestinian elections.

And remarkably, Polisar swears that Peace Watch has managed to achieve consensus within its ideologically broad committee without having to water down its reports.

The group, to be sure, has also not spared the Palestinian side from criticism.

The group reproached the Palestinian Authority, for example, for not confiscating illegal weapons in the Gaza strip, and for releasing suspected terrorists from custody.

Peace Watch has also taken the PLO to task for not rescinding the PLO covenant and Arafat for not making unequivocal public statments calling for the end of the "armed struggle" against Israel.

Peace Watch has made it clear that Arafat has to act forcefully to end Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorism, as the Gaza-Jericho Accord stipulates.

"He is expected to do all that he can," Polisar said. "But guns were not confiscated, people were released from jail. There has been a concerted effort not to punish.

"The performance of the Palestinian police has been poor. There have been more than 50 shooting attacks against Israelis in Gaza, but no suspects, no arrests, no extraditions."

Polisar conceded that while Israelis have by and large accepted Peace Watch as a neutral party, the average Palestinian has not. One reason, he agrees, is that no Palestinians sit on the Peace Watch committee, perhaps out of fear of being viewed as sell-outs.

Within Israel, Polisar said the reaction to Peace Watch has been "uniformly favorable," except for rejectionists who say the group has "legitimized the accords" and other critics who say Peace Watch focuses too much on the negative.

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RALLY FOR RON

An Israeli child at a Free Ron Arad rally held earlier this month in Tel Aviv. It's been eight years since Arad, an Israeli airman, was captured in Lebanon. His whereabouts, or even if he's alive, are unknown. Israel suspects pro-Iranian forces of having held Arad. [IPPA Photo]

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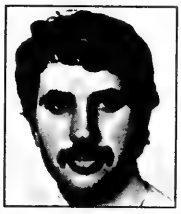

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Leave to Appeal Sought

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools announced last week that they are seeking leave from the Supreme Court of Canada to appeal an Ontario Court of Appeal decision on the public funding of independent and religious-based schools.

In July, the Court of Appeal ruled that Ontario's failure to fund those schools does not violate the freedom of religion and equality sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In a statement, CJC said it has always believed that the ultimate decision on public funds for Jewish day schools would come from Canada's highest court.

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Thank-you From Rabin for Grit MP

TORONTO — Toronto area Liberal MP Sarkis Assadourian has received a thank-you letter from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Earlier this year, Assadourian, the member for Don Valley North, sent a letter to the Nobel Prize committee in Oslo, nominating Rabin for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Prior to his co-winning the prize, Rabin wrote Assadourian, thanking him for the nomination. "I am truly honored by your gesture," Rabin wrote.

"I was both surprised and honored to received the letter from Prime Minister Rabin," Assadourian responded.

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Rabin to Attend GA

DENVER — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will attend his second consecutive General Assembly (GA) of the Council of Jewish Federations, to be held here Nov. 16-19.

The theme of this year's GA is Jewish community building in the context of the larger society.

Hundreds of community professionals and lay leaders are expected to attend the GA, which features dozens of plenaries and workshops on the whole range of issues facing Diaspora Jewry.

World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman will deliver a keynote address. Rabin will address the GA the evening of Nov. 17.

Others expected to attend are Israeli education minister Amnon Rubinstein, Likud MK Dan Meridor and health minister Ephraim Sneh.

U.S. Vice-President Al Gore is also expected to address a session.

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Arabs, Jews on 'Peace Flight'

JERUSALEM — A special peace flight accompanied U.S. President Bill Clinton to the Middle East last week, as American Arabs and Jews traveled together to the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan.

Nineteen Arab-American leaders, 30 Jewish-American leaders and five additional religious leaders joined the U.S. delegation as Clinton's official guests. They were joined at the ceremony by additional American Jewish leaders, who had vied for coveted invitations.

The atmosphere on the plane was "warm and joyous," said Lynn Lyss, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. She said the rapport with the Arab-Americans "was like a coming together after we have been kept apart for so long."

Just before the plane landed, the travelers organized an impromptu interdenominational prayer service. One of the Arab-American leaders read from the Koran, and Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor Ismar Schorsch said the prayer Oseh Shalom.

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Most Disagree With PLO Talks

JERUSALEM — More than 77 per cent of Israelis disagreed with the government's decision to unconditionally resume negotiations with the PLO following the Oct. 19 Tel Aviv bus bombing which killed 22 passengers, according to a Gallup Poll.

Only 15... per cent supported the move, the same ratio which agreed that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is doing his best to combat Hamas.

The overwhelming majority in every demographic and geographic group — including those traditionally identifying with left-wing parties — supported making the talks conditional on "the PLO taking significant measures against Hamas and its leaders."

The telephone survey of 396 Hebrew-speaking Israelis was taken on Oct. 23, the day Foreign Minister Shimon Peres resumed talks with PLO officials in Cairo.

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IPO To Tour China

TEL AVIV — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will perform two first-ever concerts in China this month during a tour of the Far East, the orchestra has announced.

The Asia tour, under the baton of orchestra director Zubin Mehta and with violinist Yitzhak Perlman performing as soloist, will open in Tokyo Nov. 6.

The first of the China concerts will be held in the 10,000-seat auditorium of the House of the People government building overlooking Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Nov. 23. The performance will be repeated in Shanghai the next day.

Tickets for the Beijing performance will be steep, costing up to $50 — the average monthly wage for a typical Chinese worker.

Because of the cost, the Chinese Broadcasting Authority will air the performance throughout the entire country

From China, the Israeli Philharmonic will travel on to India, where it will hold concerts in New Delhi on Nov. 27 and in conductor Mehta's native Bombay from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3.

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Two More Arrests in Bus Bombing

JERUSALEM — Two more arrests were made last week in connection with the Oct. 19 bus bombing in Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said.

"With regard to the attack in Tel Aviv, we know who [the perpetrators] are," he said. "Two of them are in our hands — one of whom gave [the suicide bomber] lodging before the operation. This one is not from Gaza."

The two arrested were Hassan Souwi, 25, the suicide bomber's brother, and his cousin Eid.

Some 10 to 15 Islamic activists in the Kalkilya area have been arrested over the past week, including Sheikh Abdel-Rahman Hamad, a former deportee, and Sheikh Anwar Marabeh, Palestinian sources said.

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Vatican, PLO Establish Ties

VATICAN CITY — In a move that has been expected for some time, the Vatican last week established ties with the PLO.

"I don't think there is any negative element," said Avi Granot, counselor for church affairs at the Israeli embassy in Washington, noting that Israel itself has ties with the PLO.

"If anything, I can see the positive aspect of the Vatican having relations with everyone in the region and working toward the promotion of peace and friendship," Granot added.

Under the terms of the agreement, the PLO will open an office at the Holy See, and the apostolic nuncio in Tunisia will be responsible for contacts with PLO leaders.

The ties fall short of full diplomatic relations.

The Vatican-PLO talks began almost immediately after the Vatican's establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel last December.

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Precise Figures on French Children

PARIS — According to French Nazi hunter and lawyer Serge Klarsfeld, 11,104 Jewish children were arrested and deported from France to their deaths in Nazi extermination camps during World War II.

The figure appears in a book by Klarsfeld published last week and which contains the names and, in many cases, photographs of the young victims.

The book, *Memorial to the Jewish Children Deported from France*, was created with the help of Klarsfeld's organization, the Sons and Daughters of Jews Deported from France, and provides a close-up view of the deportations, even going so far as to provide the exact addresses where the Jewish children were arrested.

"This is not a book of death, but a book of life," Klarsfeld said. "It is as if the over 1,500 children photographed were testifying at the witness stand about the crimes committed against them."

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Front Line

Leaders thrown off balance by prospect of peace

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

The dominant faith of American Jewry is civil religion with its strong emphasis on identity: the people of Israel rather than the God of Israel.

Coupled with it is the belief that Jews everywhere, including Israel, are beleaguered by a hostile world that is waiting to finish what even Hitler did not accomplish.

Historically, there is, of course, good reason to fear the worst. But in our time the dread of impending doom is, mercifully, turning into a myth. Though we still have to face many dangers, imminent physical destruction is probably not one of them. The failure to see this may account for many of the surprisingly negative reactions to the peace process among Diaspora leaders.

Emil Fackenheim's oft-quoted formulation of "the 614th commandment" — to survive — which has had such a profound impact on contemporary Jewish life, has been — probably deliberately — misinterpreted by the exponents of civil religion to imply that it should take the place of most, if not all, of the other commandments. Many Jews have been prepared to break every mitzvah with a clean conscience, as long as they could persuade themselves that they were keeping this one.

Financial support for Israel became an important manifestation of Jewish civil religion. But the recent successes of the Jewish state, both economically and politically, have challenged the myth of its total vulnerability.

Though we need not be as cynical as those who assert that Diaspora Jewry needs enemies, preferably far away, to justify its priorities, there is little doubt that Jewish leaders in North America have been caught off balance by the prospect of peace in the Middle East. Despite a vociferous opposition, the Israeli public seems to be much more ready for it.

Tendency is to welcome critics of present government

Of course, it is possible that the peace scenario is unreal, and that we should beware of premature assumptions about a post-Oslo era in Jewish history. But the signs are there, and it is difficult to ignore them, whether we approve or not.

It is also possible that the present government of Israel is squandering the security of the state. But it is not easy to dismiss Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin — the great general, the seasoned diplomat and the experienced politician — as incompetent, irresponsible, or less patriotic than his opponents.

Yet, many leaders of Diaspora Jewry are doing precisely that. Though inhibited, so far at least, from calling Rabin a traitor, they are nevertheless distressed by the prospect of the destruction of the myth on which their leadership was founded. Hence the tendency to welcome every Israeli critic of the present government as an honored guest among us.

Geoffrey Paul, the former editor of *The Jewish Chronicle* of London and now its American correspondent, has written recently that "none sems to have been more surprised by the swift pace of events in the Middle East than the coalition of Jewish leadership represented in the Presidents' Conference, which having been taught by generations of Israeli governments to parrot its slogans about Arafat, the PLO and the Golan Heights, has found itself back-pedalling on deflated tires."

American Jewish leaders are ideologically confused and personally peeved. Though polls indicate that the majority of those whom they lead support Rabin's peace initiative, the leaders themselves do not always reflect it. Even if they are not on the right of the political spectrum, they often display remarkable and inexplicable lack of enthusiasm for current Israeli government policies.

When a representative body of American Jewry came out in favor of the peace process, Hirsh Goodman, the editor of *The Jerusalem Report*, wrote jokingly that "had it not, it may have had to fight the next war without Israel."

The situation in Canada is the same as in America, only more so. Not only do our leaders take their cues from the United States — despite their protestations to the contrary — but they have, on the whole, also been more intuitively hawkish than their American counterparts, partly because of the strong presence of Holocaust survivors in the two major centres of Canadian-Jewish life, and partly because Jews in Canada are one generation "behind" American Jewry in the process of acculturation. We seem to have a little more reason, and much more need, to identify enemies.

An additional complication has been the competition between Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith as to who is more zealous for Israel and Jewish dignity. Significantly, the tension is most acute in the Canada-Israel Committee.

The irony, though painful, should not escape the supporters of the peace effort. When the Likud government was in power and "peaceniks" in Canada were critical of its policy towards Arabs, many of their opponents accused them of disloyalty whenever they voiced criticisms. Today, when the situation is reversed, the erstwhile loyalties have suddenly lost their inhibitions and are not only critical of the government, but some even suggest that monies previously sent through the UJA or Bonds should now be given to the settlers' organization. Is this "situational loyalty"?

Apart from the political divisions and the personal confusions, there are also differences along denominational lines. Because Canadian Jewry is religiously more to "the right" than American Jewry, the mood here is likely to be more hawkish, or at least ostensibly prudently cautious. That is particularly so in the Orthodox community. Conservative congregations, in this as in so much else, often follow a similar pattern.

Reform Judaism, with its traditional liberal stance and Labor sympathies, has, on the whole, remained steadfast in its support for the peace process. But, as many Reform Jews are in the forefront of Jewish philanthropy — and thus Jewish leadership, a growing number of anti-Rabin voices are being heard also in Reform circles. It seems that liberalism is susceptible to expediency.

Money is always the currency of suppressed feelings, in communal affairs no less than in matrimonial disputes. Recognizing that they are neither wanted nor needed at present in Israel, many community leaders have turned their attention to the internal problems of the community, usually under the slogan of "continuity." The fact that the recession has starved our own institutions of funds has accentuated the need to work on the home front. That is the good news.

The bad news has been articulated, for example, by Barry Shrage, the head of Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston. In a *Wall Street Journal* article (Sept. 14), Shrage is quoted to have said that "by focusing so single-mindedly on Israel, American Jews have neglected to build a strong, unified religion and culture at home." The danger of a new kind of Diaspora isolationism is a grim prospect. To ignore the centrality of Israel is to jeopardize the Diaspora. If the term "continuity" becomes a code-word for not sending money to Israel, we have reason to be concerned and to see it as an oblique way of creating a deep rift.

The British equivalent of UJA has shown the way. It has decided to provide some $8 million to that country's continuity project. It probably suspects that otherwise its ability to raise money for Israel will be seriously impaired. The fundraisers, it appears, would rather share the fruits of their labor than lose them — and thereby their Jewish status as leaders — altogether.

Toronto has, of course, produced its own continuity report along similar lines.

If anybody needed ammunition to justify the indignation and the change of direction, Yossi Beilin, deputy foreign minister of Israel, provided it when he is reported to have said that Israel doesn't need Diaspora money, especially when it is being sent through the Jewish Agency.

But Beilin is also saying that Zionism needs an ideological framework. Having been overshadowed for so long by philanthropy, it has lost its bearings. Now, when philanthropy is no longer the same dominant force it once was, Zionism proper needs to be heard again.

An interesting contribution towards a new partnership, not inconsistent with Beilin's proposal, has been made in a recent paper by Dan Bevly, a Tel Aviv accountant, and his colleague Eliahu Salpeter. They argue that now, when money from the Diaspora is no longer the primary concern, Israel should provide human resources to strengthen Jewish life — in the Diaspora.

They write: "If the past has guidance for the future, Jewish history offers us a fundamental lesson: from ancient times there has been a repeated shift of life-giving Jewish creativity between the Land of Israel and the most flourishing centre in the Diaspora. Has the time come for the focus to shift back to Israel?"

The answer may very well be yes. Having given Israelis money in recent years, and thereby helped to establish our own identity as Jews, the time may have come for us to get some content from our Israeli siblings. God knows we need it. If it comes about, it could lead to a happy outcome of the current potential crisis.

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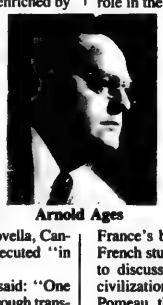
Voltaire was an anti-Semite

By ARNOLD AGES

This year (Nov. 21) France and the civilized world in general celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Francois Marie Arouet, better known as Voltaire.

Voltaire dominated Europe and 18th century France both chronologically (he lived until 1778) and intellectually. As the self-appointed chief of the *philosophes*, that band of French intellectuals who sought to bring enlightenment to France and the continent, Voltaire carried the battle against all the forces of coercive religion, political reaction and political obscurantism in his country.

The good news is that French literature and civilization have been immeasurably enriched by Voltaire's contribution to history, theatre, poetry, short stories and journalism. And he was far more than a writer; Voltaire was an activist who fought religious intolerance, national chauvinisms, and obscure philosophical systems.



Arnold Ages

As a stylist in French prose, Voltaire had probably no equal in his century. He had the gift of being able to sum up the human condition with pithy maxims. "People who believe in absurdities," he said, "will eventually commit atrocities." In his great novella, Candide, he has an English admiral executed "in order to encourage the others."

Of the metier of the translator he said: "One should not try to get to know a poet through translations; that's like trying to see color in an engraving."

Perhaps the most famous quotation commonly attributed to Voltaire — "I disagree with you but I will fight to the death to preserve your right to say what you believe," — has the ring of Voltairean truth but no textual source for the quotation has ever been found.

So powerful was Voltaire's prose that, according to an 18th century maxim, kings who feared no mortal power, trembled when confronted with Voltaire's pen.

It has been said that without Voltaire there would never have been a French revolution. That is an exaggeration. Voltaire was a radical but he was also a conservative. He sought change and reform in France's prison system and in its political and economic structures, but he saw those changes coming through evolution and the spread of advanced ideas — not through bloody insurrection.

Although critical of the monarchy, Voltaire was a monarchist who believed in the sanctity of the crown. One of the reasons for Voltaire's conservatism can be seen in his private carnets (notebooks) in which he recorded his incredibly successful business transactions in real estate and finance. He was also one of the few French writers in the 18th century who made money from his art.

The good news about Voltaire, one of France's "immortals," must be balanced, however, by the bad news. He was a snob who looked down upon the masses as ignorant peasants who deserved no role in the life of his nation; he was also a bigot who entertained racist ideas about blacks which would have endeared him to the Ku Klux Klan. In his plays, journalism and historical essays he often presented a cruelly caricatured portrait of Muslims and of Islam.

And he was an unrepentant anti-Semite. This blemish on his reputation does not, of course, sit well with apologists for Voltaire.

Several months ago on the French television series *Apostrophes*, Bernard Pivot, the amiable host of one of France's best programs, assembled a group of French students and three specialists on Voltaire to discuss the latter's contribution to French civilization. One of the students asked René Pomeau, the dean of Voltaire experts in France, why Voltaire, so highly touted as a progressive thinker, was an anti-Semite.

Pomeau parried the question by attempting to correct the student. Voltaire, he said was against Judaism as a religion but was not anti-Semitic in the ordinary sense of the word. Unfortunately, Pomeau fudged the truth. Voltaire was against Judaism (a religion which he hardly understood) but he was also an anti-Semite who used his not inconsiderable prestige to denigrate both the religion and the mores of the Jewish people.

Pomeau's cosmetizing of the truth about Voltaire has been a staple of French literary history for almost a century. Generations of students have been told that Voltaire's hostility to Judaism was a stratagem he used to attack the Catholic Church. Since Christianity was founded on Judaism, Voltaire could, in this scenario, attack Christianity indirectly by targeting Jews, Judaism and the Hebrew Bible — all of this with impunity. Thus he could sap the religious authencity of the Church by demolishing its shaky Jewish foundation.

There is some truth to this thesis, as Mark Twain would say — mostly. But it is not the whole truth. Having re-read the major portion of Voltaire's collected works once again recently, I have come to the reluctant but painful conclusion that Voltaire crosses the line between anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism so frequently that these distinctions, so beloved by the establishment French critics like Pomeau, evaporate.

The zeal and frequency with which Voltaire assaults Jews and Judaism (it would be participating in the obscenity to reproduce Voltaire's coarse anti-Semitic diatribes) show clearly that those attacks are not merely vehicles for his argument against Christianity. They are part of the medieval legacy of Church-inspired hatred of Jews which Voltaire, despite his broad-minded philosophical stance, grafted instinctively onto his prose.

There is also a personal factor in the fractured equation which produces Voltaire's anti-Semitism. On two occasions, once in London during a youthful sojourn in the English capital and once in Berlin in the 1750s, where he was hosted by King Frederick the Great, Voltaire had unpleasant financial transactions with Jewish businessmen. He never forgot the ignominy of these encounters, one of which compromised his friendship with Frederick.

In his published works and in his voluminous correspondence, Voltaire refers constantly to the wretchedness of these Jewish "scoundrels" who had made his life so miserable. Like all anti-Semites Voltaire generalized his hatred of two Jews to all Jews. I believe he retrojected a combination of his own personal prejudices against Jews and the traditional Catholic teaching of contempt for Jews onto the Hebrew Bible and its heroes.

Three hundred years after his birth, Voltaire remains, despite the indelible taint of his anti-Semitism, a major spiritual ancestor of the democratic ethos which we all enjoy in western society.

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A mighty leap

King Hussein put it best. "This," he said of Jordan's ratified peace treaty with Israel, "is our gift to our peoples and to generations to come."

Under the glare of a broiling desert sun last week, Israel and Jordan took a mighty leap forward, putting behind them nearly five decades of suspicion, fear and bloodshed.

Approved by the Knesset by an overwhelming majority, the agreement promises to be mutually beneficial and warm. Aptly enough, King Hussein described it as "the peace of the committed."

According to the text of the accord, the two nations will exchange resident ambassadors within a month, paving the way for economic and cultural relations. Tourism will soon blossom, turning the desolate Arava into a valley of peaceful coexistence and plenty.

In all probability, this treaty — Israel's second with an Arab country — will be warmer than Israel's 1979 treaty with Egypt. And there is hope that Israel's rapprochement with Jordan will encourage more Arab nations to enter into diplomatic relations with Israel. Significantly, the representatives of eight Islamic countries attended last week's historic ceremony in the Arava. As expected, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, all of which have ties with Israel, sent emissaries. In addition, officials from Oman, Qatar, Algeria, Mauritania and Malaysia were present.

But even on this auspicious occasion, there was a discordant, threatening note from the rejectionist front. Hezbollah forces in southern Lebanon shelled the northern Galilee. And in East Jerusalem, Hamas and the PLO, each for their own reason, called a general strike to protest the treaty. Hamas is extremely opposed to any development which fortifies Israel's existence and legitimizes its presence in the region, while the PLO was angered by a clause in the agreement which recognizes Jordan's special role as guardian of Muslim holy places in Jerusalem.

Not surprisingly, President Bill Clinton's talks with President Hafez al-Assad in Damascus were rather inconclusive. Assad suggested, as he has previously done, that he is ready to make peace with Israel under certain conditions. But regretfully, he downplayed the importance of meeting Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin face to face, and scoffed at the idea of offering confidence-building gestures to the Israeli people.

The peace process has taken flight, but turbulence still lies ahead.

Righteous Gentiles

Recognizing the good deeds of gentiles towards Jews during the Holocaust is a meritorious exercise and one which is consistent with the Hebrew dictum hakarat hatov (expressing gratitude).

The State of Israel has taken the lead in this regard with its Avenue of the Righteous dedicated to gentile rescuers of Jews. It has also conferred honorary Israeli citizenship on gentile rescuers whose exceptional acts of heroism saved Jews.

In 1990, at the first international conference of Hidden Children held in New York City, a special session was set aside to honor more than a dozen Dutch, French and Belgian individuals who had risked their lives to save Jews from the Nazis.

Highlighting the deeds of the virtuous few stands out in prominent relief against the back-drop of the majority populations of Europe who, during the Holocaust, were indifferent at best or hostile at worst towards Jewish fate. But 50 years after the liberation of the death camps, it is the emphasis on isolated virtue that occupies our concerns. Evidence of this preoccupation, suggests Diana Jean Schemo (*New York Times*, June 4) may be seen in *Schindler's List*, the publication of Samuel Oliner's *The Altruistic Personality* and academic conferences on the Holocaust in Europe and America, which ignore the barbarism of the Nazis in order to concentrate on side issues.

The time, therefore, may have come for the injection of some necessary perspective. Schemo is undoutedly correct when she notes that while survivors "live to tell their stories of the kindly farmer, or of the neighbor who hid a hunted family, there is nobody left to speak in the voice of the millions who could find no haven."

Claude Lanzmann, whose *Shoah* is still the most authentic film document on the Holocaust, shares this view. He notes paradoxically that neither survivors nor their rescuers can relate the full tale. "There is an essential contradiction in telling the story through the eyes of the living when the essence of the Holocaust was industrialized slaughter." Lanzmann also suggests that an over-emphasis on isolated goodness not only distorts historical reality but gives "fodder to revisionists and moral relativists."

There is some truth to the arguments advanced by Schemo and Lanzmann but they are too hard on the survivors. The latter do not, in general, claim to tell the whole story but only the small part which they occupied on the concentric circle of Hitler's hell. Nor do they assert that they are the voice of the martyred millions. They are simple witnesses, some eloquent, some less than eloquent — but all messengers from a tragic Jewish past who speak in their own voices about the absolutes of evil and good which intersected their lives.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

If Mr. Yasser Arafat is awarded the Peace Prize, then we should not discriminate against people like President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, Libyan leader Muammar Khadafi, Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Gerry Adams of the IRA and Mohammed Farrah Aidid of Somalia. The list is endless.

Nageshwar Rao Yendamuri
Toronto

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NOT REINSTATED

In the Oct. 13 *The CJN* article regarding the JCC, my name was published in such a manner as to imply to your readership that I have been reinstated as a staff member of the now-named Bathurst Jewish Centre, formerly the JCC, formerly the YM & YWHA.

On August 25, I received my notice of immediate dismissal along with 30 other employees. They, as well as I, were given no advance notice or explanation. Like them I received no severance, no sick benefits or vacation pay. I also lost all group life and medical insurance benefits.

After 36 years of continuous service I felt very distressed and angry. To put the record straight, I am not on staff at the Centre, I have not been reinstated to staff, and like the 30 other terminated employees, I must manage my life under great financial stress.

Rabbi Plaut in his excellent article Oct. 20 mentioned that some staff members have been reinstated. I don't know of any, and feel this kind of misinformation, however unintentional, only leads to further clouding of reality.

It is true that the Koffler Centre School of Dance is continuing to operate. This is as a result of the teachers forming a collective and agreeing to collaborate for the purpose of maintaining one of the finest schools of its kind in Canada.

Jacque Foesier
Toronto

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THE REAL CRISIS

On Sept. 17, Sir Karl Popper, one of the greatest philosophers of our era, died. He was one of an illustrious roster of Jews who converted voluntarily to Christianity in this century: Amnesty International founder Peter Henenson, mathematical giant John von Neumann, philosophers Mortimer Adler and Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, sociologist Peter Berger, Bishop Hugh Montefiore of England, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger of France and former New York gubernatorial candidate Lewis Lehman.

This doesn't include the even greater number of elite Jews who have been enraptured by the humanity and personality of Jesus, people like poet Joseph Brodsky, futurist Barbara Marx Hubbard, George Steiner, Bob Dylan, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, writer Boris Pasternak and mystic Simone Weil. The leading intellectual Jewish magazine in North America, *Tikkun* published (January/February 1992) a paean to Jesus by a Jew, which would have been unthinkable a few years ago.

Why then the obsession with Jesus cults when we Jews face a far greater crisis? The number of followers of these puerile hybrids are exaggerated and insignificant as compared to those who abandon Judaism. Thus the horrifying intermarriage rate, their attraction to the spirituality and teachings of the New Testament, such as the Sermon on the Mount, and their affinity to the intellectualism of Buddhism.

The solutions are Jewish education and a meaningful dialogue among Judaism's three main branches on rescuing the mass of alienated Jews. Then again, supplanting the hostility, if not hatred, among many of them is a utopian dream. Yitzhak Rabin has shaken hands with the archterrorist Yasser Arafat, but a chassidic rebbe would not deign to make peace with a Reform rabbi.

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

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WARPED PRIORITY

In her letter of Oct. 20, Eva Goldfinger indicates that the first priority of the Jewish Federation should be to support the local Jewish needy, and the second priority should be to promote "Jewish culture."

She indicates that the private religious day or afternoon/weekend schools should be supported by their users and benefactors, i.e., that they should not be entitled to Federation funds.

One can only hope the Federation would not take Mrs. Goldfinger's warped priorities seriously. It is only by ensuring a solid Jewish education for our youth that we have any hope in guaranteeing Jewish survival and continuity to future generations.

Certainly we must take care of the Jewish needy, but a very high Federation priority must always be the support of the educational institutions of our city.

Jerrold Landau
Toronto

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CAMP RAMAH ISSUE

We were astonished to learn from the Oct. 13 *The CJN* that the summer 1994 issue of *Ramah: The Magazine* has been withheld from Canadian Ramah families because it included an article about female camp alumnae who are now conservative rabbis and cantors.

As active members of a Canadian Conservative synagogue and parents of Ramah campers, we are only too aware that the Conservative movement in Canada is more "traditional" when it comes to egalitarianism than its American counterpart, and that Ramah Canada has no fully egalitarian minyan (despite the fact that a high percentage of campers are American).

This is a situation that we deplore and are working hard to change. For families like us, it is a matter of some encouragement to be reminded occasionally that the American branch of the Conservative movement is indeed egalitarian. Such reminders offer some hope that change can occur in Canada as well.

Is the point of withholding the magazine to avoid offending more traditional and Orthodox supporters of Ramah Canada for fear of losing their financial support?

Surely the Canadian office of Ramah realizes that Conservative and Orthodox Jews in Canada are well aware that the American Conservative movement ordains women and that there are conservative women rabbis and cantors in American synagogues.

Is there a fear that Orthodox families may cease sending their girls to Ramah lest they follow in the footsteps of the alumnae featured in the article?

Surely the choice to send a child to a Conservative camp suggests parents do not feel overly threatened by the nature of the religious activities at that camp or by other aspects of the movement by which that camp is sponsored.

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Mirror on the wall shows a Jewish face

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Around the beginning of October, the *New York Times* published a piece by Roger Cohen, sent from Sarajevo in embattled Bosnia. It was entitled, Bosnian Foes Gaze at History's Mirror and See a Jew. Strange as it may seem, in this complex and multi-faceted political and religious conflict the Jews have become a paradigm.

In the former Yugoslavia, no people have been put more heavily on trial than Bosnia's Muslims. In addition to physical abuse and danger, they face a serious identity crisis, which led one of them to say:

"We have many similarities to the Jewish people. We must learn self-sufficiency and prepare for a long struggle. Before this war there were 27 mosques in Banja Luja — now there are none. Banja Luja is our Jerusalem. The Jews fought 2000 years for Jerusalem. My lifetime is nothing in this struggle."

Cohen comments: "For the Muslims of Bosnia, the comparison stems from the notion of an identity lost or diluted . . . that is then recovered through struggle. This struggle, in turn, involves a realization of the need for self-defense. Bosnian leaders now repeatedly say it was an error to expect outside help when Muslims were being killed in large numbers by the Serbs in 1992."

Rabbi Plaut

They then draw the parallel with Jewish deaths in the Holocaust. The lesson for them is: We must learn to fight alone because nobody will help us.

But the Serbs, too, invoke the history of the Jews. They see striking parallels between themselves and us — two small misunderstood peoples that have suffered greatly but remain true to their ideals.

"During World War II, both Serbs and Jews were persecuted with equal savagery by a puppet Nazi regime in Croatia, and were placed in the same concentration camps." (Incidentially, it is well to remember that the Serbs protected Jews, while the Croats generally persecuted them with vim and vigor.)

Here is Cohen's last paragraph which sums up his article:

"Croatia — whose leader, Mr. Tudjman, has apologized to the Jews for past anti-Semitic writings — now claim to be interested chiefly in peaceful solutions. But it remains striking that at a time when Jews and Palestinians have looked each other in the eye at last, the peoples of former Yugoslavia are using Jewish history to turn away from each other and cement the illusions necessary to fight a war whose fiercest exchanges in Sarajevo have often been, and remain, across the front line of the old Jewish cemetery."

Reading this article brought to mind an experience I had a quarter of a century ago. It was the time when the media brought us day after day the faces of starving Biafran children — Biafra being a secessionist province of Nigeria, with which it was embroiled in a bitter civil war. I was persuaded to go to Biafra and see for myself the extent of the suffering, so that on my return I could help to stimulate Canadian generosity.

I eventually arrived in Biafra, after making circuitous routes and landing on a blacked-out little air strip in the middle of the night, only to be shot at by dive-bombing MiGs. (I found out to my surprise that I still remembered the technique acquired in World War II to dive into the nearest ditch).

What remains now most clearly in my memory is the way in which the Biafrans — surrounded by a vastly superior Nigerian force — looked at themselves. They did not know what a rabbi was and they knew very little about Jews, but they knew a lot about Israel. "We are Africa's Israelis," they said, "and we are fighting for our identity."

Finally, in a little journal called *Akili*, the journal of African-Canadian Studies, I found this paragraph in an article by Owen Rowe about a celebration which his church had recently held: "Its purpose was to remind us of who we are; from where we have come; and to instil in ourselves and our children pride and self-confidence in our heritage." Mr. Rowe did not mention the Jews as an example, but the parallel struck me as compelling.

Golan Heights must not be given away

By ARIEL SHARON
The Jerusalem Post

Israel is being asked to relinquish strategic assets while Syria grows stronger

It isn't their homes or personal futures that the people on the Golan Heights are concerned about. They are fighting for the lives of the country's northern residents and the future of the state of Israel. They are fighting for Israel's ability to go on existing securely, with or without peace.

It isn't enough to be "with the Golan," as the slogans have it. The motto needs to be: "The Golan must not be given up."

Why?

• The Syrians have attacked Israel without provocation three times. And for 19 years, up to the Six Day War, they waged a costly and unceasing war of attrition against the Jordan Valley and Hula Valley communities, causing many casualties. Again, there was no Israeli provocation.

The Golan is the price the Syrians must pay for their aggression.

All things considered, it's a small price.

• Thirty per cent of the water Israel uses comes from the Golan and Lebanon's Beka'a Valley. This is a question of life and death for Israel.

As far back as 1964, the Syrians, together with other Arab states, attempted to divert the waters of the Jordan's sources and prevent us from using this water. This Syrian diversion project signaled the beginning of the deterioration which ultimately led to the Six Day War.

• Syria, having occupied Lebanon, now rules there. (The Syrians say they were "invited" in, but that doesn't change the fact of their military presence in the country.) Syria's presence in Lebanon harms our strategic position on our northern border.

The Syrian army is growing ever more powerful, and in unprecedented proportions. It now has close to 5,000 tanks and about 1,000 ground-to-ground missiles with a range of 40-300 miles. Many of these are capable of delivering chemical warheads.

Israelis would do well to remember the damage that just 39 Iraqi Scuds were able to inflict. They ought to recall the tension, if not outright panic, that gripped the nation. Now, Israel is being asked to give up strategic assets that will weaken it, while Syria grows stronger.

• Damascus knows that the immense proliferation of its military power will allow it to make marked territorial gains that Israel would find very difficult to reverse. It could achieve this acting alone, especially if it launches a surprise attack, as it did in 1973, and if it is reinforced by Iraq, as in previous wars, or Iran.

All this holds while the Israel Defence Force is still on the Golan, and in front of its deployment stands one of the deepest, most formidable obstacle systems on earth. It was constructed 20 years ago and maintained to this day because during the Yom Kippur War Israel realized that the Golan, even in its entirety, lacks the minimal depth necessary to prevent an enemy land breakthrough into eastern Galilee.

Any withdrawal on the Golan means relinquishing that obstacle system, without which - even today - the IDF has no real chance of repelling a surprise Syrian attack. Losing that obstacle system and our strategic depth means losing the army's ability to prevent the Syrian army penetrating west of the Jordan and occupying all or most of eastern Galilee.

A concession in the Golan like the one the prime minister has already agreed to means that the government, backed by the IDF general staff, is prepared to sacrifice Israel's security for the sake of a peace treaty.

Once such a peace exists, Israel's continued existence or destruction will, in effect, depend more on the good will, or absence of it, of the Syrian dictator than on the IDF or the wisdom of its commanders.

"But there will be peace," say the supporters of concessions. "Who will need strategic assets?"

They should be told that we live in a constantly changing world. For instance, until 15 years ago, Iran was Israel's main ally in the Middle East. Overnight, it became Israel's most dangerous enemy.

Who can guarantee that Islamic extremists won't take over Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan or Algeria? The whole Middle East is a boiling cauldron. And who knows how Assad's successors will behave?

One doesn't make such a dangerous move just for the sake of four more years of political power. One must have a sense of responsibility; unfortunately, the government seems to lack it.

The fashion is to want everything American-style. Indeed, it would be a good thing were Israel to adopt America's responsible approach to its national security.

Americans don't rely on peace agreements, or on the other side's pronouncements or intentions. They repeatedly stress that their point of departure is the enemy's capabilities. What concerns them is what the enemy is able to do if all estimates prove wrong, or if the situation changes.

In our place, the Americans would never retreat from the Golan. "Don't scare us," say the supporters of withdrawal. My reply: "Don't endanger us. You have no right to do so.

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How to survive a kiddie birthday party

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My next door neighbors, my husband and I have just thrown a 15-hour "sleep-over" birthday party for our 8-year-old daughters, and lived to tell the tale. In fact, my neighbor's husband said that we fulfilled all the criteria for a successful kiddie party: no trips to the emergency room, no hysterics, no fist fights. It's a minimal list of achievements, but I'll take it.

The 15 guests (all the girls in their third grade class) arrived at just after Sabbath, at about 9 p.m. Saturday night. They promptly inhaled two gigantic kosher, double-cheese pizzas right down to the crusts and set up their sleeping bags in the family room, which we had carpeted wall to wall with mattresses and sofa cushions. The first movie put a few girls to sleep. Halfway through the second movie, most of the others passed out, too.

Gazing over the sea of sleeping — and thus extremely well behaved — children, I told my neighbors that, since it was 1 a.m., I thought it was safe for them to go home. I told my teenage niece, who was there to help, that she could go to bed. I was sure, I said, that the rest of the second movie would send the few sturdy, awake survivors to dreamland.

At 2 a.m., the movie ended and three moppets remained in action, chorusing, "We can't sleep." One wanted her stuffed animal; I found one of ours that served. One wanted to get off the floor, I tucked here in on the living room couch. The last wanted, in no particular priority order, her mother, a snack, a drink, something to read, and 100 shares of a preferred blue chip stock.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

I instantly discarded the idea of calling her mother, a devoted parent who would never have recovered from a 2 a.m. phone call. After all, the child wasn't upset, she was just being extremely adept at obtaining massive amounts of pre-dawn attention. My idea of a 2 a.m. snack for recalcitrant children is a slice of bread and a glass of milk, but bribery demands stronger stuff, so I gave her soda and chocolates. I added a stack of Archie comic books and she read herself to sleep in no time at all, still clutching her candies, having once again triumphed over the grownup world.

I thought that I should be the first one up in the morning, so I set the alarm for seven. No luck. I came in about eighth or ninth. When I stepped out of my bedroom, half the party was sleeping and half the party was cozily huddling amidst the sleeping bags, trying to decide which movie to watch.

My neighbor came over early to help. We toasted a stack of waffles and put out orange juice and an array of sprinkles, spreads, sauces, and whipped cream, so the girls could build their own breakfasts. Little kids can consume an awful lot of chocolate syrup and rainbow sprinkles early in the morning. And fast, too. It's a marvel to see.

We had planned a series of relay races we thought would keep them busy for a couple of hours: an egg-and-spoon race, a wheelbarrow race, a three-legged race, a sack race, and a wonderfully comic exercise called a costume race. Each team gets a costume: baggy vest, floppy hat, big skirt and high heel shoes. The first girl puts on the costume, runs to the base and returns, flinging off the costume so the next girl can put it on and run. This is pretty funny to watch (just come by and see the video tape) but, alas, the whole thing took about 25 minutes.

There we were, at 9:45 a.m., with 15 little kids dependent upon us for entertainment and activity. Their mothers weren't coming to get them until 11 and all we had left to offer was birthday cake.

My niece solved part of the problem. A whiz with hair, she lined the girls up so she could give each one an intricate, fancy braided hairdo (as well as a new comb of her very own). The kids solved the rest of the problem: they wanted to watch the movies again.

When 11 finally came, they were sticky with birthday cake, bug-eyed from watching so many movies, and adorned with French-braided, ribbon-laced hairdos that would be perfectly appropriate for their senior prom (and that were anchored with enough mousse to last that long).

So what if their mothers would have to immerse them in their bathtubs for an hour each to melt off the sugar and dissolve the hairdos? We had fulfilled the final criteria for a great birthday party: our daughters were happy and, hey, we never had to call an ambulance.

Features

Waldheim affair left its mark

Reporting from Vienna, Sheldon Kirshner looks at the Jewish community in Austria.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Waldheim affair has basically run its course, but for many Jews in Austria, it still resonates.

The events surrounding Kurt Waldheim's successful bid for the presidency of Austria in 1986 remain a source of angst.

Some people in the community, such as Chief Rabbi Paul Eisenberg, try to repress the incident. "I really forgot it," he says, putting up a brave front. But most Jews here seem doomed to relive the trauma when the topic is brought up by a foreigner visiting Austria.

Three months before his election, Waldheim — the former two-term United Nations secretary-general — was rudely jolted by grave accusations that he had covered up details of his service in the Wehrmacht during World War II. The World Jewish Congress in New York City, the chief finger pointer, suggested that Waldheim's hands were less than clean because, as an intelligence officer in the Balkans, he had taken part in military operations against civilians, including Greek Jews.

What happened next is described by Anton Pelinka, a professor of political science at Innsbruck University and director of the Institute of Conflict Research in Vienna.

A number of Waldheim's supporters — particularly those in the conservative People's party — launched a campaign reeking of anti-Semitic undertones against his detractors. Inevitably, Austria's Jewish community — nearly destroyed by the Nazis — was caught up in the shrill, divisive debate. When the dust finally settled, the Jewish community had been more or less traumatized.

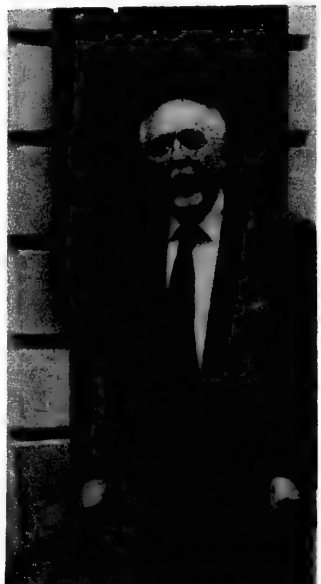
Pelinka, a Catholic, believes the Waldheim affair had negative and positive aspects. "Psychologically, it made Jews feel more vulnerable, less integrated, though the situation has improved of late. I'm sure it's extremely complex to be a Jew in Austria."

But due to the seemingly endless debates revolving around Waldheim (who retired two years ago), the Austrian roots of anti-Semitism, and its continuing existence, were highlighted. Furthermore, Austria was finally brought face to face with its Nazi past. As a result, Pelinka explains, post-war Austria "lost its innocence," and anti-Semitism became "a problem with which Austrian politicians and academics were forced to grapple."

To Richard Mitten, an American history professor at the University of Vienna and author of *The Politics of Anti-Semitic Prejudice: The Waldheim Phenomenon in Austria*, the affair produced a climate of uncertainty and a sense of fear and intimidation among Jews.

"The anti-Semitic threshold was lowered. You didn't know who your friends were."

Yet, with the passage of time, the affair had a salutary effect. It compelled Austrians to accept the unpalatable fact that Austria was not merely a victim of German aggression in 1938, but also a willing participant in Nazi crimes during the Holocaust.

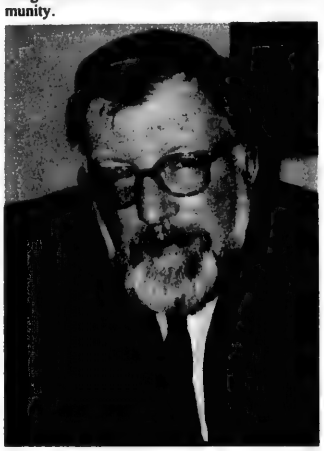


Paul Grosz. [Sheldon Kirshner photos]

And, Mitten points out, it persuaded the younger generation of Jews to act more militantly, to take a greater interest in their Jewish heritage and to be less tolerant of implicit anti-Semitism.

Paul Grosz, president of the community and a forced laborer during the Holocaust, takes up this theme.

The affair, he observes, exposed the children and grandchildren of survivors to the bitter reality of "anti-Semitism from above, something they had never seen." And it brought heretofore estranged Jews out from the cold and into the community.



Avshalom Hodik

During the height of the recriminations, he adds, he gained the disconcerting impression that his non-Jewish neighbors identified him "solely as a Jew," not as an Austrian. And this left its mark. As he puts it: "I've seldom heard Austrian Jews refer to Austria as 'my country.' I wish I could feel like an Austrian Jew with less compunction."

To Avshalom Hodik, executive director of the community, the affair had a lasting impact. "People woke up and realized that their dream of being fully integrated was just a dream. It made Jews feel more like Jews. I consider this a beneficial outcome. It made the community more tight-knit."

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Today, the community is but a shadow of its pre-war self.

Before Germany's annexation in 1938, Austria's Jewish population was about 200,000, concentrated in Vienna, the lively, cosmopolitan capital.

Their contribution to Austrian — and international — culture, science and jurisprudence was immense. Their names still conjure up visions of intellectual fecundity — Sigmund Freud, Arnold Schoenberg, Gustav Mahler, Bruno Walter, Stefan Zweig, Joseph Roth, Lise Meitner, Hans Kelsen and Arthur Schnitzler, among others.

But in the wake of Germany's annexation of Austria, and Austrians' fervid embrace of Nazism, the Jewish community was harassed, humiliated, disenfranchised, impoverished and pushed out. Virtually all those unable to leave were deported to death camps. Approximately 65,000 Austrian Jews perished in the inferno of the Holocaust.

Following the war, Austria, occupied by Allied armies, became an important transit point for Holocaust survivors en route to Palestine/Israel, North America and elsewhere.

Today, there are 7,500 registered Jews in the country, residing in Vienna, Linz, Graz, Salsburg and Innsbruck. Another 5,000 or so are not registered.

Few, like Grosz, are of Austrian origin. Most are from Central and Eastern Europe and the old Soviet Union. A handful are Iranians.

Thanks to the influx of 2,000 to 3,000 Soviet Jews in recent years, the community has experienced a measure of growth. But since the passage of restrictive asylum and residency laws in 1992 and 1993, the Soviet tide has all but been stemmed, according to Hodik.

"It's almost impossible for them to enter Austria. They can if they're able to prove they've been persecuted. Serious immigration has just about stopped."

Without a fresh infusion, the community may well decline. The latest yearly statistics, supplied by Rabbi Eisenberg, reveal 75 births, 150 deaths, 25 marriages and 25 bar mitzvahs. As of December 1993, 1,700 of its members were between the ages of 40 and 60, while 1,585 were 60 to 80 years old. More than one-third were pensioners.

Aliyah remains negligible, even though community subsidies are available to poorer members interested in relocating to Israel.

By and large, it is a traditional community, with a network of synagogues, schools, yeshivahs, clubs, organizations and kosher restaurants, bakeries and butchers. "There is a complete infrastructure," notes Hodik. "We have all you can imagine."

Reform Judaism is a thin reed in Austria. A progressive community, Ohr Chadash, was established four years ago. And while it has 150 members, it possesses neither a synagogue nor a permanent rabbi, according to Linda Kneucker, an American expatriate married to an Austrian.

Although Ohr Chadash receives funds from the World Union of Progressive Jewry, it is not financially viable, and is therefore ineligible for federal government recognition.

The Chabad movement, which is fairly strong here, has threatened to withdraw from the Israelitschen Kultusgemeinde Wien — the official religious community — should Ohr Chadash be admitted. Meanwhile, 90 per cent of Ohr Chadash's congregants belong to the Israelitschen Kultusgemeinde, but as individuals.

"It's not a pleasant situation," concedes Rabbi Eisenberg. "I have nothing against Ohr Chadash in principle." However, in the interest of unity, he claims, has no choice but to withhold official recognition.

Although the community has real estate holdings throughout Vienna — some 60 buildings which were returned after the war — it is running a deficit of about $1 million (US) annually. "We owe the banks $8 to $10 million," laments Hodik. "We're financially hard put."

There is a plan to eliminate the deficit within five to 10 years. But operating costs are constantly rising. And since 1986 — when the affair broke — the community has been compelled to spend about $1 million per year on security measures.

There are anti-Semitic incidents, to be sure. But Rabbi Yaacov Biderman, the Chabad representative here, contends that anti-Semitism is "not the real problem. Our real problem is assimilation." The intermarriage rate, he claims, is "extremely high."

Another drain on community coffers is the need for imported teachers. "We're dependent on teachers from Israel," says Hodik, "and it's an expensive proposition." The community is simply too small to generate its own corps of teachers.

Despite these problems, the consensus is that the community is on a solid footing.

Rabbi Paul Eisenberg

"In the last 15 years, there has been a complete change of attitude among Jews," says Hodik. "People are no longer sitting on their suitcases."

In his view, the majority of Jews consider Austria their home, although they tend to classify themselves as "Jews in Austria" rather than as "Austrian Jews."

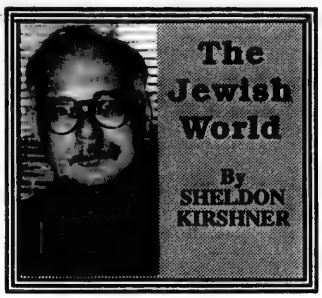
Dana Teichner, a 20-year-old law student at the University of Vienna and president of the Jewish Students' Movement, typifies this mindset. "The first thing is that I am a Jew. The second thing is that I live in Austria. I feel comfortable here, but I'm not sure I want to stay."

Rabbi Eisenberg has the last word.

"I'm not saying that Vienna is the best place in the world for Jews to live. Israel is. But Austria is definitely not the worst place."

He adds: "It's simply not true, as some American Jews claim, that Austria is a centre of anti-Semitism."

Looking ahead, he exudes optimism. "We have a good future. Austria won't be a hub of Judaism. But we have schools and institutions. Maybe the community won't flourish, but we'll do fine."



Jottings from a notebook...

The subject is restitution payments. The prognosis is promising.

Austria's Jewish community and the Austrian government are deep into negotiations whose outcome could be a windfall for upwards of 30,000 former Austrian Jews living abroad, including Canada.

"Their claims have yet to be met," said Avshalom Hodik, executive director of Vienna's Jewish community.

Paul Grosz, president of the community, is optimistic that the talks will reach a successful conclusion. He offers this prediction in the full knowledge that some Austrians grouse that Jews have been "extraordinarily well taken care of and pampered" by the government.

Gerda Themel-Sterk, the person in charge of Jewish affairs in Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's office, is also sanguine that the discussions will yield positive results. And it wouldn't surprise her if an official announcement is made to that effect next year on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe.

Themel-Sterk, who was appointed last May, urges former Jewish citizens of Austria to contact her. The address: Bundeskanzleramt, Hohenstaufengasse 3, A-1010, Vienna.

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The common assumption, especially in North America, is that Adolf Hitler was born in Linz, Upper Austria. He was actually born in Braunau, an Austrian border town along the Inn River not too far from Linz. The year was 1889.

I spent nearly eight hours in Braunau in late June, wandering through its cobblestone streets, gazing upon the house where Hitler was born, and asking a variety of residents, from the mayor down, how they felt about living in a place stigmatized by its most infamous son.

Restitution payments

During the course of my visit, I chatted with Stefan Hoffer, the parish priest at the handsome Gothic church where some of Braunau's official records are stored. On an impulse, I asked Father Hoffer whether I could see Hitler's birth certificate. He nodded his head, rose and returned with a decaying tome containing a record of births from June 1881 to December 1891.

Flipping through mouldy pages, he suddenly stopped, pointing his finger at several lines of crabbed handwriting. There it was — the official registry of his birth, accompanied by a typewritten entry stapled over it.

The persons born immediately before and after Hitler were Rudolf Josef Chleborat and Theresia Grabmayer. What, I wondered, had they done with their lives?

Normally, Father Hoffer informed me, he does not show visitors the registration book. I felt somewhat privileged. But when I asked him whether I could photograph the heavy volume, he demurred, saying he needed permission from his bishop.

Father Hoffer is neither ashamed nor bothered by Braunau's association with Hitler. "I have no problem with it. It's an historical fact." However, he is troubled when neo-Nazis converge on Braunau to mark Hitler's birthday.

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Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism, was born in Budapest and grew up in Vienna. After studying law there, he gravitated toward journalism. Eventually, he was appointed the Paris correspondent of the *Neue Freie Presse*, the most prestigious Viennese daily. Appalled by the Dreyfus affair, Herzl — an assimilationist — turned to Zionism.

After the Anschluss in 1938, the newspaper was expropriated by the Nazis from its Jewish owners. Today, the *Neue Freie Presse* is known as *Die Presse*. .

Andreas Unterberger, the foreign editor, is well aware of its historic cachet. In a tone suggesting regret, he says there are no longer Jews on its staff. Such are the vicissitudes of time.

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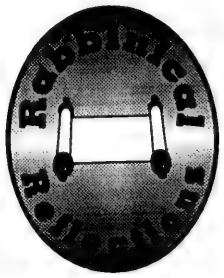
Yosef Govrin, Israel's ambassador to Austria, is accredited to neighboring Slovakia and Slovenia. "We have excellent relations with them," he said. Nevertheless, Israel has no immediate plans to open embassies in either Bratislava or Ljubljana.



By
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Isaac more than Abraham's son

Several years ago I was leading a study group on parshat Vayera. We were discussing the story of the binding of Isaac when someone asked, "Why in the world do we count Isaac as one of our Patriarchs? He was such a shlemiel. How stupid and passive do you have to be not to realize that your father is about to slit your throat and burn you to a crisp?"

Harsh words about someone whose merits keep us in favor with God. But there is a great deal of truth in the criticism that was laid upon Isaac.

In parshat Vayera and in this week's parshah, Toldot, we gain clues to the personality and contributions of Isaac. Isaac is one of the most enigmatic figures of the Torah. It is not so much what we know about him that calls his character into question as that which is unsaid. Isaac is never really in the centre of the action, never the protagonist. In biblical scenes, Isaac tends to be acted upon by others.

Isaac is bound for sacrifice to God without so much as a whimper. The Midrash tells us that Isaac was 37 years old at the time and keeps asking Abraham, his father, about the absence of the ram. The ram was never absent, for Isaac was it and he never realized this. In the biblical text he is silent.

Isaac is the only biblical character who is missing from his own betrothal. Both Abraham and Jacob picked their wives. Isaac's engagement to Rebecca is handled through the hands of a messenger. Isaac is silent; Abraham's slave speaks for him.

In the stories of the redigging of Abraham's wells and of the encounter with Abimelech recounted this week, Isaac does nothing new; rather, he replays the scenes of a generation earlier. He is elsewhere manipulated by Rebecca into giving his blessing to Jacob instead of Esau. His personality is like an echo, not clear or defined in itself. He seems almost like a non-entity, always known as the son of his father or the father of his son.

This is primarily what Isaac was. In this week's portion we read: "And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac." Following close on the heels of this verse is the birth of Esau and Jacob. Isaac appears to be only a link between Abraham and Jacob.

Isaac needed to find his own place in a world that was dominated by the genius of his father. How did Isaac do this? He simply carried on. Isaac became Abraham's "successor." Being a successor is probably one of the most unrewarding of callings. A successor is called upon to carry on what was accomplished before without changing things too much, if at all. A successor is constantly being compared to the predecessor and criticized for not being more like that person.

While it has been said that "all beginnings are difficult," continuation can be even more difficult. While it is true that all revolutionaries have to struggle against imposing forces and circumstasnces, the verdict on their success lies with their successors, the generation that works to stabilize the fruits of the revolution. It is often the generation of successors that has to bear the backlash of the old and displaced, and continue to struggle with the new reality.

If we look at Isaac in this way, we see that we can find in him eternal significance and value. Isaac is more than Abraham's son. Isaac establishes Abraham for future generations by accepting his role as successor. He allows the revolution to continue and grow. He holds steady the course. He redigs the wells that his father dug before him and became stopped up.

This is often the role of succeeding generations. The parent digs wells; but the passage of time, enemies and habit fill the wells with earth. It is the children's responsibility to go back and dig the wells again and cause them to flow again.

Isaac is not the symbol of the power that breaks through a wall and creates something new. Rather, he is the symbol of the power that conserves and maintains things in their place. Isaac struggles to sustain the ways that his father created, in order to keep them from being lost.

He shows a quiet strength in his ability to keep things stabilized, while curbing any desire he may have to try new experiments or to create new forms. By being strong in this way Isaac not only preserves what Abraham founded, he paves the way for Jacob to come along and accomplish great things.

Isaac represents the silent generations in Jewish history. Those of my generation have also been called a silent generation. The generation before mine devoted their energies to protesting a war, actively campaigning for environmental causes and petitioning for equal rights.

The generation of the 1980s and '90s may, indeed, be a silent generation. But the silence is not necessarily a silence of passivity or apathy. It may be the silence of strength. From all indications, today's youth are paying attention to their studies. The silent generation is exploiting many of the academic freedoms won by their predecessors and making sure that they survive. Could there be, in reality, profound strength at the heart of the silence?

Like Isaac, this generation and the next need the courage and commitment to maintain the accomplishments of previous generations. To keep alive the insistence on ecological responsibility and to constantly renew the demand for peaceful solutions to conflicts around the world is akin to redigging the wells of our ancestors.

Many see this generation as one in crisis. Studies such as the *National Jewish Population Survey* point to negative population growth within the North American Jewish community, increasing rates of intermarriage, and the decrease of personal religious observance. Some conclude that Judaism in North America is in jeopardy.

This could be a generation in crisis Jewishly, even as Isaac's generation could have been a generation of crisis. After all, in last week's parshah both Abraham and Sarah were buried. And Isaac emerges as a hero. He nurtures, maintains, and transmits the work of his parents, preparing the way for the energy and innovations of the generation of Jacob.

The Abrahams of Jewish life, those who innovate, recreate, and forge new paths are few and far between. They are scattered across the generations of Jewish history.

As Jews today our task is to dig anew the wells of wisdom dug by our predecessors, and creatively to implement their insights in our changing Jewish world. We can be heroes even as Isaac was a hero of the Torah.

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Organizations and People

Holocaust photo exhibition full of symbolism

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A latent talent for photography became strikingly apparent when Shai Spetgang, 18, participated in the March of the Living earlier this year.

His 22-item photo exhibit, Constructive Testimony, will be displayed for the first time, in conjunction with Holocaust Education Week from Nov. 7 to 9 at York University's Student Centre art gallery and in the lobby of the Sidney Smith building at the University of Toronto on Nov. 14. Plans are under way to take the display across Canada.

The display is rife with symbolism, from the number of items, which corresponds to the number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet, to the content of the photos themselves, which are notable — with two exceptions — for the absence of people.

Spetgang felt that the dearth of people in the photos would result in "a universal message," particularly for others who have visited or will visit the same sites at different times.

Using high-speed film and a Black's automatic camera with a zoom lens, Spetgang, who has no photographic training, took pictures of "things I thought would be striking."

He put the exhibit together with advice from Elaine Dobel and Jane McMichael, archivist and photographer respectively at the Salvation Army Heritage Centre, where Spetgang works part-time as an archival assistant.

Spetgang's mother, Pnina Zilberman, is director of the Holocaust Education Centre and served as a "sounding board" when he was planning the exhibit.

The first shot in the exhibit captures the surrealistic reflection of a row of Israeli flags in the window of an Auschwitz barracks. The flags were held aloft by students at the front of the Canadian contingent as they marched from Auschwitz to Birkenau.

A sheet of Mylar covers the picture, so that people will see their own image in the exhibit, Spetgang explains. The final item in the display, a symbolically blank sheet of white paper, is also covered by Mylar. "The idea is to look at yourself at the beginning and the end," says Spetgang.

Building structures

"It is my hope that those who will view this exhibit will be shocked by the superimpositions and captions," Spetgang wrote in a media release. "Only by understanding each other's cultures will we overcome racism and prejudice in our society."

Many of the pictures feature wood, nails and other building materials, a theme which Spetgang found himself thinking about as he began his journey on the March. "One builds structures with building materials...and look at what was built with these...?" is the theme of the exhibit.

A student at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto when he took the pictures, Spetgang is now in his first year of Environmental Studies at York University.

A rare personal note in Spetgang's exhibit is found in a jarring aerial photograph of a busy Warsaw traffic circle criss-crossed by trolley tracks. The high number of bright red vehicles injects an unexpected element into a display almost devoid of color. "Did these tracks take away my grandparents?" asks the caption.

The exhibit also includes a number of photos taken in Israel, where the March of the Living concludes.

Spetgang is selling 11 by 17-inch copies of the Auschwitz window picture for $5 to help cover the cost of mounting the exhibit.

For further information, contact Network Canada (the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students) at (416) 783-1165.

Israeli flags carried by Canadian March of the Living participants are reflected in a window of an Auschwitz barracks. [Shai Spetgang photo]

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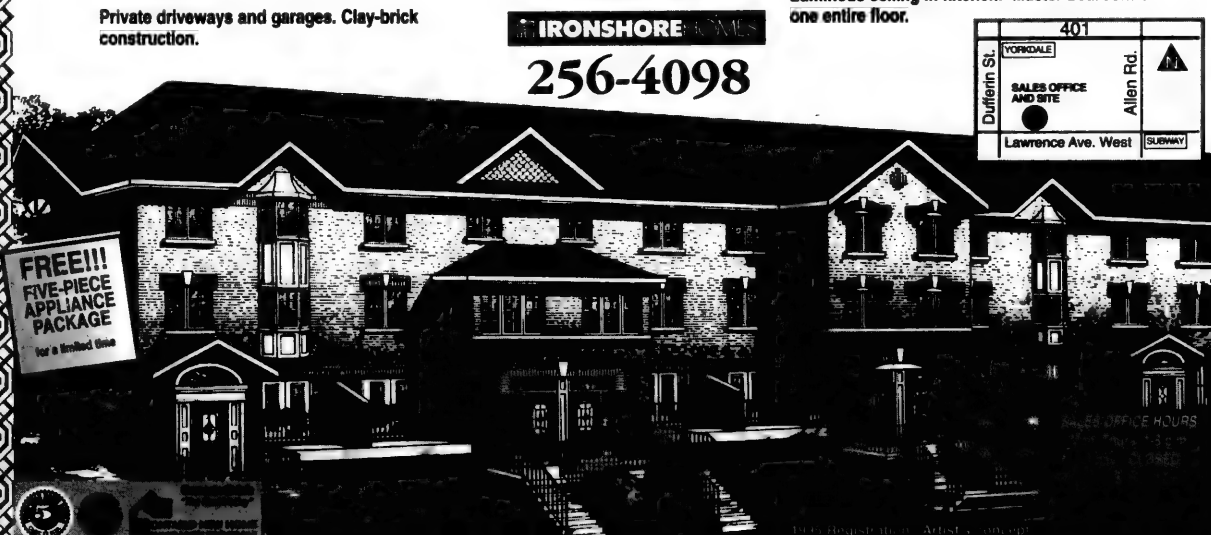

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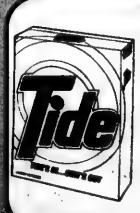

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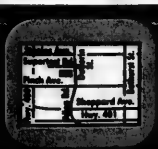

North York candidates find few burning issues

Municipal Decision '94

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Mel Lastman

Milton Berger

Mike Feldman

Michael Klein

David Shiner

NORTH YORK — In many respects, the Nov. 14 civic election campaign in North York mirrors that in Toronto and other municipalities.

In others words, it's a bit of a yawner.

The ubiquitous Mel Lastman is poised to win a record 10th term in the mayor's chair. There have been several acclamations and there seem to be few burning issues in North York, home to the largest Jewish population of any Metro municipality — about 70,000.

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Lastman, 61, clearly enjoys the city's top job and intends on staying for as long as the electorate will have him. He isn't too worried by challenges from Julia McCrea and black community leader Lennox Farrell.

"People aren't telling me much," the Jewish mayor told *The CJN*. "There just aren't too many problems in North York."

Lastman says he can back that claim up. North York, he points out, has seen no tax increases over the past two years, and hizzoner plans to keep it that way through 1997.

In typical grand fashion, the irrepressible Lastman says his city can boast "the best services in the world" — twice-weekly garbage collection, no blocking of driveways after snow plowing and the preservation of neighborhoods' residential character, while at the same time, "downtown" North York has seen a mini-explosion in gleaming high-rise office buildings.

It's all been done, he notes, by cutting $35 million from the city's budget over the past three years and reducing municipal staff through attrition.

Now that his long fight to bring the Sheppard Avenue subway line into his city is over, Lastman has set his sights on several other projects.

One is a senior peer counselling service to be headquartered in the Centrepoint Mall. Funded mostly by the federal government, it will help seniors cope with problems like loneliness, illness or the loss of a loved one by talking to someone their age who has experienced the same thing.

Another is using a blue garbage bag to partially replace blue boxes. Bags would be used to hold bottles and cans, while paper would go in the box. That would eliminate the need for sorting, and Lastman wants one truck to collect everything. The program is being tested in parts of the city and is working "remarkably well," he says — not to mention that it would save millions of dollars if implemented city-wide.

Lastman says he's running mainly on his record — just as Milton Berger is in his quest for re-election as councillor in Ward 6.

First elected in 1977, Berger too has tied his fortunes to North York's two-year-old tax freeze, which he'd like to see extended for as long as possible.

Berger told *The CJN* the city "headed off" tax increases five years ago, when it began trimming the budget just as a recession loomed.

Berger's ward is bounded roughly by Lawrence Avenue, Bathurst Street, the Don River and Hillhurst Boulevard, north of Eglinton Avenue. The majority of the 38,000 residents are homeowners.

The veteran incumbent says traffic is a major concern, especially since much of it results from the population boom in York Region. The city is testing two traffic circles in Ward 6.

Berger says he's played a large role in helping the city preserve his ward's residential flavor by bringing in a bylaw limiting the size of homes and their lots.

Berger faces challenges from Dean Corrigan and Albert Pantaleo.

Also seeking re-election is Mike Feldman, picked in a 1992 byelection to complete the term of the late Irving Chapley in Ward 7.

Feldman, 66, says voters' concerns revolve around crime and safety, taxes and, in his ward, the future of the Downsview Airport and Canadian Forces Base Downsview lands.

He says he would like to see tax-paying industries on the lands to make up for the millions in lost federal revenue.

Ward 7 is bounded by Wilson Avenue, Bathurst, Steeles and Keele Street. Feldman says he's been successful in persuading many homeowners to appeal their tax assessments, resulting in significant savings.

Feldman, who held Ward 8 on council for six months in 1985, tallies a long list of civic and Jewish community activities. He's national president of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University and is involved in the Reena Foundation.

He says he was instrumental in securing some $230,000 for the refurbishing of the tennis courts at the North JCC, now the Bathurst Jewish Centre. The money, however, has not been spent pending the outcome of the centre's financial woes.

Running against Feldman for ward councillor is Michael Klein, a 42-year-old multi-media artist and publisher who placed third in the ward when he ran three years ago.

Klein says city council has been far too pro-development. "They look at development like candy," he told *The CJN*. "To them, it is just a source of more revenue."

Klein says he would take a far more cautious approach to development. Much of his campaign revolves around environmental issues.

Too much traffic, he says, has created excessive noxious fumes. Klein would get the province to enforce its guidelines on emissions and he would institute municipal fines for cars, trucks and industries which exceed limits.

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Seniors lash out at government cuts to social services

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A new mood of militancy was evident among Toronto area seniors when 500 jammed the St. Lawrence Centre recently and another 200 were turned away.

The meeting, under the motto Seniors Under Attack and supported by 10 Metro senior groups, was spearheaded by the Association of Jewish Seniors, with Goldie Leibman as coordinator.

"I am convinced this is the beginning of a revolution," said chair Al Gorlick, to thunderous applause, as he read a resolution calling on the federal government to collect additional taxes from the wealthy and to "cancel the slashing and burning of our social safety net."

When the meeting ended, many seniors gathered in Bercy park across the road bearing placards reading, "Do it Right, or We Fight," and "SOS, Save Our Seniors." When the signs ran out, others put on "Enough is Enough" badges.

The meeting was interrupted from time to time so that translations in Portuguese, Hindi, Spanish and Cantonese could be related to various groups. Two bus loads from Villa Colombo arrived too late to be admitted but the passengers will get their own briefing.

One group held aloft a big banner, "The Filipino Community of Brampton." A large number of turbaned Sikhs were in the audience.

The main speakers zeroed in on the facts that four out of 10 seniors in Canada are so poor they receive supplemental income, that the "clawbacks" of old age security and the phased elimination of the old age credit are betrayals of Canadian citizens, and that corporations have found loopholes in the Canadian tax laws but the government is targetting seniors.

The de-listing of free drugs for seniors includes antihistamines, antacids, lubricating eye drops and Caneston, used by women to combat vaginal infections, said Rita Duenisch-Turner, a member of the steering committee.

She said "snowbirds" are being penalized by having their out-of-province hospital bills allowance cut from $400 to $100 a day, even though the action's legality is in question.

In the discussion period, a woman said she is a volunteer at a Metro home for the aged and staff cutbacks have resulted in a shortage of staff to feed residents who need help. "The seniors take a long time to be fed and the trays are being taken away from them. People are starving. The union won't let us feed them."

There were calls for a march on Ottawa from the audience, and references to the betrayal of seniors by politicians were loudly applauded.

All the cuts to benefits to seniors are a result of "ageism" Duenisch-Turner said. "It's the only 'ism' allowed in this city."

A shortage of staff for bedside nursing, and a reduction of 41,100 in the number of hospital beds since 1989 has resulted in patients being sent back and forth from hospital to home up to four times, she said. "In the older women's network we know that seniors will die because they were sent home too early."

The attitude of some officials is exemplified by the decision to build a seniors housing project next to the Keele Street dump in York Region, she said. "We're part of a landfill project.

"Every segment of society in Canada is under attack except the wealthy and big business," said Bruce Mutch, past president, Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

The government's intention to cut the deficit by eroding the social net is nothing more than a symbolic gesture to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, he declared. "I hope I'm wrong but I think Axworthy, Martin and Chretien have accepted the situation handed to them by the former Tory regime and they seem bent on the same agenda."

Only three per cent of the 3,300,000 seniors in Canada earn over $53,000, Mutch said, adding: "More power to them; if they pay their taxes they deserve their pensions like us."

A total of 57 per cent of Canadian seniors have incomes between $10,000 and $53,000, and the majority are at the lower end of the scale. "And most are women" a man in the audience shouted.

Slicing away of the old age credit means that seniors with more than $26,000 in income will lose $950, if single, and $1,900 if married. "Is it any wonder that seniors are apprehensive?" he asked.

The 1994 income tax schedule has been reduced to three levels; therefore, a person earning $30,000 pays the same rate as one earning $55,000, one with an income of $60,000 pays at the same rate as those with incomes of $200,000, $500,000 or even $1,000,000. "There is one reason for the deficit."

Winton running in Markham

MARKHAM — Marsha Winton, a Jewish advertising executive, is running for councillor in Markham's Ward 7 in the Nov. 14 municipal elections.

Her involvement in Scouts Canada has, she says, particularly sensitized her to environmental issues.

She would like to see the Model Community Demonstration Project, which has resulted in 70 per cent of household waste in participating homes being recycled, expanded to the rest of the town.

Winton also wants to ensure that tax dollars are spent as wisely as possible.

While she believes municipal managers have done their best, "I am sure that with small economies and streamlined procedures, savings can add up and we can be more efficient."

Other Jewish candidates for Ward 7 councillor are Harvey Goodman and Paul Wizman [*CJN*, Oct. 27].

In her campaigning, Winton has found great concern over snow removal, especially snowplows filling in newly-shovelled driveways. She would like to explore the possiblity of articulated plows.

Winton says she would initiate a series of newsletters to her constituents to let them know of council's activities and plans.

Marsha Winton

"There is a perceived barrier at Highway 404," Winton says. "Information seems to go [north] to the towns of Markham and Unionville, but not to Thornhill. I want to correct that."

Palestinian comment upsets Rabbi Englander

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

MISSISSAUGA — A news release issued by Palestine House immediately after the Oct. 19 bus bombing in Tel Aviv prompted an angry response to Rashad Saleh, president of Palestine House, by Rabbi Lawrence Englander, spiritual leader of Solel Congregation, Mississauga's only synagogue.

The news release strongly condemned the bombing but continued, "Israel has been warned before to heed such acts by expediting the implementation of the peace process... Ignoring or bypassing the national and political rights of the Palestinians will encourage violence." [*CJN*, Oct. 27]

Rabbi Englander said he was encouraged by the condemnation, but became "discouraged, and even angry" at the remainder of the news release.

"For you to say that 'Israel has been warned before...' is to stoop to the inexcusable level of blaming the victim," he wrote.

The letter followed an Oct. 7 address by Elias Hazineh, vice-president of Palestine House, to Solel members following Friday night services. [*CJN*, Oct. 27] "I had hoped that our invitation to you on Oct. 7 would begin to open the channel of dialogue between our two communities," Rabbi Englander wrote.

"If you use a tragic event as an opportunity to score debating points against those working for peace, then it appears to me that a true dialogue has not yet begun."

In a telephone interview, Saleh told *The CJN* he felt he had been "insulted" by Rabbi Englander's letter. He said the rabbi "should be more open-minded and should take criticism the same way people expect me to take it." He added that "maybe Rabbi Englander lacked some information."

Saleh sent the rabbi a brief reply acknowledging receipt of his letter and enclosing two editorials, including one from the *Toronto Star* which criticized Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for preventing Gazan Palestinian day-laborers from working in Israel following the bombing. "Such collective punishment likely will drive more Palestinians into the arms of Hamas," warned the editorial.

Saleh maintains he wasn't trying to blame Israelis, but that he was "pointing out" potential further problems.

"I think his timing is definitely off," Rabbi Englander said.

Both Saleh and the rabbi said that it is not up to the Arab or Jewish communities here to solve the problems of the Middle East.

"If we can prove that we can live here in peace and harmony, we can set an example for them," Saleh said.

War veterans leader steps down

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prarie Corresondent

WINNIPEG — Sid Winston, the founding commander of the Winnipeg branch of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, has stepped down after 17 years at the helm.

Winston passed the baton of command to Max L. Katz, following an Oct. 20 election meeting at which the branch renamed itself the Jewish War Veterans of Canada General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg.

Winston, who says he is over 80, was asked by Major Ben Dunkelman to form the Winnipeg post. "We had guys who served in Israel who weren't eligible to join the Royal Canadian Legion," he said. "We took them into our branch. We also have a lot of members who belong to the (mainly Jewish) General Monash Branch of the Legion. They like our way of running things."

He said the post's membership has grown from 40 to over 80 in the last three months.

Winston decided to step down after learning he was the sole post member to believe that religious headgear, including kipot, should not be worn in military clubrooms. He also said he is feeling worn out.

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YOUTH PROGRAM (see Box at right)

1:30 P.M.
JACK KUPER, author of *After the Smoke Cleared* will speak on **A War Orphan in Canada Finds His Father 30 Years Later**. Sponsored by Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. Free

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3:30 P.M.
Readings by contributors to Parchment 94-5, Canada's national journal of creative Jewish writing featuring **SHEL KRAKOFSKY, J. J. STEINFELD, ROBYN SARAH AND JUDAH DENBURG**. Free

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8:00 P.M.
BARRY SELTZER, co-author of *It Takes 2 Judges to Try a Cow and Other Strange Legal Twists* will speak on **All About Love, Marriage and the Law**. Sponsored by Jewish Dateline. $5.00

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

10:30 A.M.
DR. DAVID POSEN, author of *Always Change a Losing Game* will speak on **Change is the Solution, not the Problem**. Sponsored by Secular Jewish Association. Free

1:30 P.M.
SIMCHA SIMCHOVITCH, author of *Stepchild on the Vistula*, will speak on **A Jewish Town in Poland before the Onset of the Holocaust**. Sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Free

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9

1:30 P.M.
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8:00 P.M.
ELINOR BRECHER, author of *Schindler's Legacy: True Stories of the List Survivors* will speak on **Encounters with Schindler: The List of Life**. Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto and Holocaust Remembrance Committee, J.F.G.T. $5.00

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BRONWYN DRAINIE, author of *My Jerusalem* will speak on **Secular Adventures in the Holy City**. Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section. Free

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Organizations and People

Metro election draws diverse group of candidates

Municipal Decision '94

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Stuart Weinstein

Howard Moscoe

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Norm Gardner

TORONTO — A 51-year-old dentist, Dr. Paul Moscoe, running for public office for the first time, is campaigning to eliminate the very job he's trying to get.

Moscoe, who has lived and practised in the Midtown Metro ward for 20 years, is opposing incumbent Ila Bossons and Yen Shih. His main campaign plank is to eliminate the Metro level of government because it is "redundant, ineffective and for the most part obsolete."

A referendum on this question is being submitted to City of Toronto voters and Moscoe predicts that the vote will favor eliminating Metro.

A dentist who has business experience in the retail, manufacturing and real estate investment fields, Moscoe is already lobbying legislature members to approve doing away with Metro since it comes under provincial jurisdiction.

His Midtown ward cuts a swath through central Toronto (from Bloor Street north to Eglinton Avenue) and covers ward 13 and 14 in Toronto.

A former member of Holy Blossom Temple, Moscoe said he joined the Narayever Synagogue in downtown Toronto because he likes its more intimate atmosphere.

Municipal councils need people with business experience, he said, and this brought him into the election race.

A graduate of the University of Toronto dental school, he has worked in dental clinics in various Toronto hospitals, he coaches athletic teams in his ward, and he is a fundraiser for Variety Village. He and his wife, Catherine, have four children, Kenneth, 26, Dana, 24, Charles, 16 and Maya, 14, who all attended Leo Baeck Day School, where Moscoe was a former board member.

In the Metro ward of York Humber in the city of York, 28-year-old Stuart Weinstein is trying to unseat Metro Chairman Alan Tonks who was acclaimed in the last two elections.

"Tonks is beatable and I'm going to win," Weinstein told *The CJN*.

Running for office for the first time, Weinstein said his experience as a welfare recipient for a year after graduation from university convinced him that "municpal politics needs cleaning up."

"I was treated like garbage," he said.

Holder of a master of business arts degree from the University of Windsor, the Toronto-born Weinstein said he developed his own job after a year on welfare and is now on leave of absence from a construction firm where he specialized in fire resistant techniques.

His platform includes amalgamating all six school boards and all six fire departments into one Metro wide board for each and tougher laws against prostitution and drug offences. He wants owners of vechicles used for sex infractions to be fined $1,000. He is also in favor of removing all the glass at welfare offices to allow clients and workers to communicate properly. One-quarter of the students in his ward cannot even afford to take the subway, he says, and so he favors a student TTC metropass.

Weinstein, who is single, is a member of Beth Tzedec Congregation and participates in the Baycrest Run every year. He was active in an employment data project for young Jewish adults at Beth Tzedec.

Norm Gardner has won his third term on Metro Council for North York Centre by acclamation. "I can use a break, elections are strenuous," said Gardner. Despite his acclamation, he still attends any election meetings in North York Ward Nine to which he is invited.

Howard Moscoe, sitting Metro councillor for North York Spadina, has also won by acclamation, for only the second time in his 16 years in municipal life.

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CJA launches Golden Givers

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Combined Jewish Appeal is going to be instituting a Golden Giver program to recognize longtime supporters of the annual campaign, 25-year contributors.

"This is an opportunity to recognize people who have given of their time, energy and money to the campaign over the years," said CJA director Jerry Koffman. "The level of the gift is not important. All contributions have equal value. We just want to tell our givers that we appreciate their support."

Seeking help

The organization is asking the help of Winnipeg's Jewish community in compiling a list of names of honorees. All the Golden Givers' names will be published in the *Jewish Post and News* and they will all be honored at a special volunteer evening in the spring.

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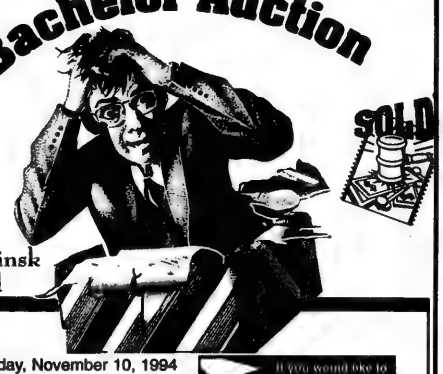

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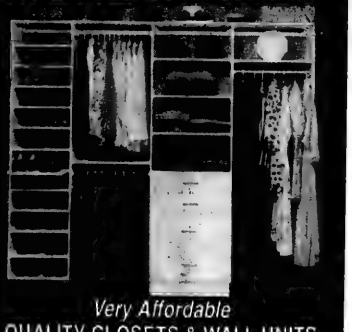

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Medical students benefit from ethnic agency placements

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Marcia Zemans began teaching weekly health classes to Russian Jewish immigrants last year, she quickly learned to steer away from anti-smoking lectures.

"They weren't interested," laughs the third-year medical student at the University of Toronto. "They said, 'We've lived through so much, let us enjoy these little pleasures.' "

Instead, Zemans found the English-language students at Toronto's Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS) eager to talk about education and professional opportunities in Canada. The free and frank discussions, in which Zemans said she learned as much as she imparted, were a new and welcome part of her medical training.

"If you consider the last 100 years, 80 per cent of the Toronto population comes from immigrant families," she said. "To understand their experience . . . will hopefully make me a better doctor."

Zemans' JIAS placement illustrates a new approach designed by medical educators to strenghten the relationship between doctors and the communities they serve through greater communication and contact.

"We want the student to go beyond the biomedical approach [to learn] how the community is organized to deal with these illnesses," said Dr. Donald Wasylenki, coordinator of the Health, Illness and the Community course introduced at the U of T two years ago.

The students work with public health nurses and home care providers before volunteering with one of 252 community agencies. They can choose from Jewish, Italian, Chinese and East Indian community agencies, or from larger community agencies that work with compulsive gamblers, substance abusers and battered women.

Medical students Marcia Zemans (left) and Judy Hagshi worked in the Jewish community as part of their studies at University of Toronto. [Amy Sattin photo]

Judy Hagshi, 23, spent one afternoon a week last year learning about child abuse at the Jewish Family & Child Services (JF&CS). She is planning to practise family medicine, and said the JF&CS placement taught her how to detect potential abuse and how to meet patients' expectations.

"It's not just looking into the ear and giving the antibiotic," she said. "They wanted their family doctor to ask about their lives, their kids and work."

Community workers say students learning to create a richer doctor-patient relationship is one benefit of the course.

"[The students get] some awareness of who the people are that they are working with, rather than just the diseases of the people they are working with," said Fay Geitzhals, Hagshi's supervisor at JF&CS.

Another benefit of the new approach, said Wasylenki, is that doctors broaden the possibilities for their treatment of patients by using community support services like the palliative care, family counselling and seniors' programs available within the Toronto Jewish community.

"They know we pick up patients after they leave the hospital, how we fit in," said Andrew Somogyi, a researcher who has worked with two medical students at Jewish Vocational Service's rehabilitative head injury program.

How immigrants have difficulties fitting into the medical system was a lesson JIAS staffer Roslynne Greenberg said Zemans and another medical student learned.

"They were surprised at the difficulty [the immigrants] had expressing they had a pain," Greenberg said, adding that JIAS welcomes future placements.

As for Zemans, who hopes to become a psychiatrist, working with the Soviets was more than wanting to help immigrant Jews, she said. It was also practical.

"Any psychiatric work you do is transcultural," she said. "You can't deny someone's background."

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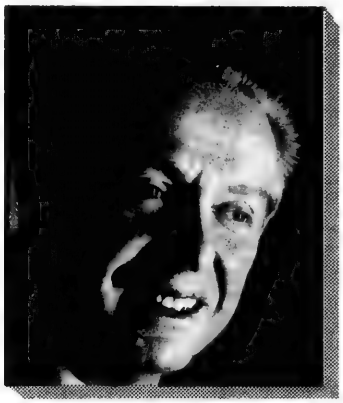

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Organizations and People

Jewish candidates win seats in Halifax election

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Just seven more men for a minyan and Jewish services can be held at Halifax City Hall.

With the recent election of the first two Jewish aldermen in the city's history plus a Jewish city manager, yarmulkes may be the order of the day at council meetings.

Lifelong Halifax residents Jerry Blumenthal and Howard Epstein won election and will serve the city for the next three years. Barry Coopersmith joined city staff as city manager last January.

Blumenthal defeated a longtime incumbent to take his north end seat, becoming the first non-Roman Catholic ever to hold the ward of about 6,400 voters. It was his second try at winning the seat, having been defeated in a close race six years ago.

"I visited every home in the ward twice and made sure I was visible during the election campaign," said the 54-year-old retired school principal. "I am not a politician. They make promises and then never keep them. I campaigned on honesty. I know so many parents [of former schoolchildren] and they know I never lied to them or their children."

Blumenthal taught in the Halifax school system for 34 years after receiving his bachelor and masters of education at Dalhousie University, and furthering his education with diplomas in education administration and physical education. He also completed a French immersion teaching program at University of Montreal.

Blumenthal taught in Halifax

A member of Beth Israel Synagogue, he was also sports director and tripping instructor at Camp Kadimah, and served several terms on the Halifax Recreation Commission.

He outpolled incumbent Marie O'Malley 1,845-1,425, as almost 50 per cent of voters turned out. "I just want to work as hard as I can for the kids and their parents and the seniors in the community," he said. "I'll be accessible."

Howard Epstein

Jerry Blumenthal

Epstein, a 1973 graduate of Dalhousie Law School, was executive director of the Ecology Action Centre of Nova Scotia for the past three years. He is presently practising law and teaching at Dalhousie Law School but plans to devote considerable time to his aldermanic post.

"I ran for the seat because I found council was making decisions I didn't like," said Epstein, who had battled council on behalf of many parties during his law days. "I want council to make good decisions the first time, rather than spend money and cause aggravation by having decisions overturned."

Epstein defeated two other candidates by 67 and 150 votes. He made the decision to run after the incumbent, who had held the seat for 33 years, decided to retire. "I had thought of running before but there was no point battling Nick Meagher [the former alderman]."

Epstein, who spent six years as a camper at Camp Kadimah (from 1956-61), ran an environmentally-conscious campaign, printing signs on cardboard ("reusable, recyclable and compostable," he said) rather than plastic compounds used by other candidates. "I knocked on every door and literally wore a hole in my shoes."

Both candidates will be sworn to office Nov. 7. The next municipal election will be in Oct. 1997.

Halifax has had one Jewish mayor in its 245-year history — Leonard Kitz, a lawyer who served from 1955-57. Dartmouth (across the Harbour from Halifax) also has had one Jewish chief magistrate — developer Joseph Zatzman who served from 1963 to 1967.

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Metro Police gets new liaison to the Jewish community

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Metro Toronto Police has a new "Jewish squad" in Police Constable Phillip Glavin, now the force's liaison to the Jewish community.

Glavin is the first non-Jew in a decade — perhaps ever — to head the Jewish section of the force's Inter-Community Relations Unit, also known as the community relations or the ethnic squad.

He replaces PC Al Bowman, who's been reassigned to Metro's 14 Division.

Glavin, 33, is a 14-year police veteran who has worked mainly in criminal and drug investigations in the tough, western downtown area. It will now be his job to work with Jewish organizations and generally act as middleman between the police and the community on an ongoing basis, as well as whenever anti-Semitic activity flares up.

Glavin won't be responding directly to requests for investigations. He'll follow up in the event of a cemetery desecration, swastika-daubing or an individual incident of anti-Semitism.

"I'm amazed at how happily the community has accepted me," Glavin told *The CJN*.

Set up in the early 1970s, the Inter-Community Relations Unit tries to smooth often bumpy relations between the police and Metro's ethnic communities.

PC Phillip Glavin

Squad members act as liaison between the force and members of the Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese, black, south Asian, Italian, Portuguese, French and Jewish communities.

About a year ago, as part of cost-cutting measures, unit members lost their plainclothes status. Wearing a uniform is now optional, but Glavin and others on the squad are sticking to civilian clothes.

"A lot of Holocaust survivors may not like talking to someone wearing a uniform and gun," Glavin said, adding that others in the Jewish community — particularly Russian and other immigrants — may also fear and mistrust a uniformed police officer.

Glavin has already touched base with B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress, and is boning up on hate crimes, the Heritage Front, pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel and other issues of concern to Metro Jews.

He'll also work with Project P, the Ontario Provincial Police unit on pornography and hate materials, and with the RCMP in monitoring overall security.

It's also Glavin who will oversee the special security measures around synagogues and communal facilities during the High Holy Day period and whenever attacks against Jews take place abroad.

Call him at (416) 324-6302.

Correction

The Oct. 20 *CJN* incorrectly characterized the platform of Mike Seiden, candidate for public school trustee in the City of Toronto's Ward 15.

In addition to public funding for independent schools, Seiden supports the abolition of the Metro School Board, monthly meetings with student council executives, small class sizes for Grades 1 and 2 (15-20 children) and employing phonics starting in Grade 1, among others issues.

Atideynu lodge starts in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Atideynu, the city's newest B'nai Brith lodge, is for those between 28 and 45.

"A few of us were tired of the apathy of singles groups," said Gail Frankel, marketing manager of the *Jewish Post and News* and a co-founder of Atidenyu (Hebrew for our future). "We have married friends and felt there should be a group for younger singles and couples."

Frankel, Jodi Binnun, Sherri Caine, Cheryl Karlinsky and Joel Pinsky met in August with Sophie Tapper, B'nai Brith's executive director in Winnipeg, and Rabbi Alan Green of the Beth Israel Synagogue. The first organizing meeting on Sept. 18 attracted 30 and a later bingo-bowling evening drew 70 people.

Frankel hopes to attract 50 members.

The group will hold one program a month, with the first three open to everyone. Dues are expected in January, when an executive will be formed.

"We hope people will consider joining," Tapper said. "This is a good opportunity to meet other people and enjoy good programs."

A dinner and dance is planned for November. Any proceeds from Atideynu activities will go towards funding the work of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights.

Lifestyle issues focus of Winnipeg forum

WINNIPEG — Caring, Learning, Growing and Sharing is a program to be presented to the Winnipeg Jewish community from Nov. 6-9.

A program highlight will be Lynn Leight, a leading Jewish American educator on human sexuality, speaking at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. Workshops and panel discussions will be held at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre on interdating and intermarriage, sexuality and alternative lifestyles, suicide, parent-child relationships in the adolescent years and drug and alcohol uses.

Sponsor of the program is the caring community education committee, a sub-committee of the Crisis Response Co-ordinating Committee which was formed early in the year in response to young suicides in the community.

The subcommittee was formed after the Crisis Response Committee invited American educator Les Franklin in February to talk about the issue of youth suicide.

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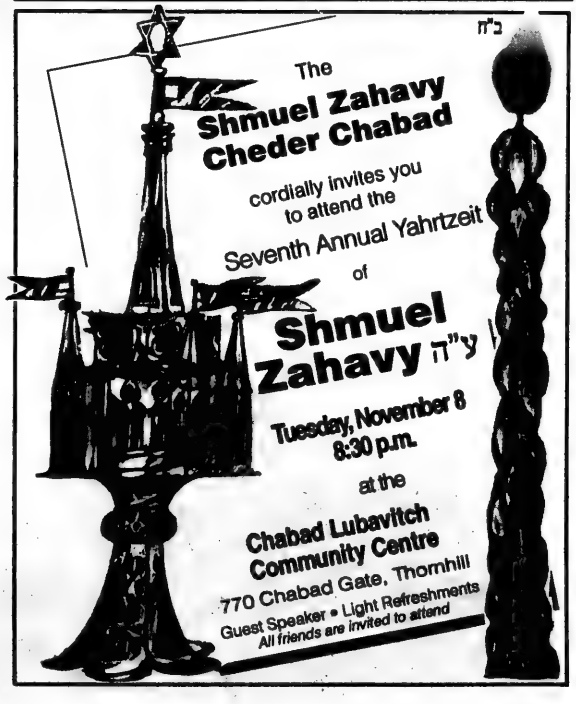

Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Nov. 3, is deadline for Nov. 17 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 10, is deadline for Nov. 24 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Nov. 3

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

Holocaust Education Week opens with a lecture by **Michael Berenbaum**, director, United States Holocaust Memorial Research Institute and professor of theology, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., on the topic The North Americanization of the Holocaust, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation.

LIFE ORDEALS

Bikur Cholim in conjunction with Ohr Somayach Thornhill feature **Rabbi Akiva Tatz** of Jerusalem speaking on Life Ordeals: The Challenges of Our Times, 11 a.m., south branch of Ohr Somayach/JEP, 2939 Bathurst St. All women are invited. (905) 886-5730.

JEWISH APPROACH TO PSYCHOLOGY

Ohr Somayach Thornhill together with Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) is hosting a public lecture for mental health professionals and professional staff of JF&CS, 2 p.m. at JF&CS, 4600 Bathurst St., Room 421. The lecture, The Jewish Approach to Psychology and Counselling, will be presented by **Rabbi Akiva Tatz**, who also holds an MD degree and practises medicine in Jerusalem. If interested, contact **Selma Elzas** at JF&CS, 638-7800, ext. 298. For additional information, (905) 886-5730.

ANNE FRANK TULIP BULBS

In memory of 1½ million children, victims of the Holocaust, students from Metro Toronto's Brown School and Deer Park Public School are planting a special bed of 750 tulip bulbs in a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in Amsterdam Park, corner Avenue Rd. and St. Clair, assisted by the consul general of the Netherlands, **Paul W.A. Schellekens**, members of the provincial legislature, city officials, members of the Jewish and Dutch/Canadian communities. Event is co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and individuals of the Dutch/Canadian community.

Friday, Nov. 4

ETHICAL CONFLICTS IN MEDICINE

Ohr Somayach Thornhill and the chaplain's office of Mount Sinai Hospital present a lecture by **Rabbi Akiva Tatz** (who is also a practising physician in Jerusalem) on Ethical Conflicts in Medicine: The Jewish Perspective, 1-2 p.m. at the hospital, in private dining rooms 3 and 4. For information (905) 886-5730.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation presents **Christopher Amerasinghe**, senior general counsel, Department of Justice, speaking on Have the Lessons of the Holocaust Been Forgotten? at a luncheon at noon , Park Plaza Hotel. RSVP to **Flavia Fernandes**, 594-1812.

Saturday, Nov. 5

YIDDISH, HEBREW, RUSSIAN SONGS

The culture committee of Workmen's Circle, Arbeter Ring, presents a concert of Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian songs with well-known Montreal singer **Zeev Lerner**, accompanied by **Rachel Rosenstein**, 7:30 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission $7.50.

A SINGLES EVENT

Ohr Somayach Thornhill and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto co-host their first shared singles event (all singles 25 plus) with a hot buffet meal, musical entertainment, Jewish Trivial Pursuit Tournament, lots of people to meet, old friends to greet, 8:30 p.m. Couvert $20. For reservations, (905) 886-5730.

Sunday, Nov. 6

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Netivot HaTorah Day School invites you to the official dedication of the school building, the Jack and Anne Weinbaum Education Centre, and the presentation of a Sefer Torah by the Gutenberg Family. Hachnasat Sefer Torah procession begins 1:45 p.m. corner of Rosedale Heights and Atkinson, Thornhill, and will proceed to the new school building at 18 Atkinson Ave. Chanukat Habayit dedication is at 3 p.m. There will be a special children's program.

ART SHOW '94

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's Art Show '94 and sale includes works in pastels, oils, glass, bronze, clay and stone. Featured artists include **Grant Hillman, Toller Cranston, Paulus Tjiang** and Beth Tikvah member **Elaine Clarefield Gitalis**. Artists will demonstrate their skills throughout the day. Show runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the synagogue. Admission $2. A share of the profits will go to Ontario chapter of Starlight Foundation which grants wishes to sick children.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim invites you to hear **Tom Salsberg**, member of the Alfred Adler School of Professional Psychology, talk about Alfred Adler, His Life and Contribution to Society, 10 a.m. Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture $6.

BOOK LAUNCH

An evening of celebration in English and Yiddish devoted to a volume of translations, *Found Treasures: Stories by Yiddish Women Writers*, with guest speaker **Irena Klepfisz** and readings by **Marilyn Lightstone** and **Vivian Reis**, at the Jewish Book Fair, 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $6, 636-1880, ext. 288.

CRAFT AND COLLECTIBLE SALE

You'll find a wide variety of hand crafted items, unique gifts, toys and collectibles, just in time for Chanukah at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am annual craft and collectible sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Free gift wrapping. No charge for admission.

LIFE AND DEATH DECISIONS

Rabbi Akiva Tatz, founder of Jerusalem Medical Ethics Forum, presents a public lecture on Life and Death Decisions in Medicine. The discussion on Cosmetic Surgery is 9-10 a.m. at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Admission free. (905) 886-5730.

MDA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At the reunion for participants of the Magen David (MDA) Ambulance Program, 6:30 p.m. at Israel Aliyah Centre, 3995 Bathurst St., participants will be awarded MDA scholarships in recognition of their valuable volunteer services in Israel during the summer of 1994.

SILVER, JEWELRY SEMINAR

A seminar on antique silver and jewelry will be given by **Gary Wine** of Louis Wine Antiques at the Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood breakfast meeting. Breakfast is 10 a.m., seminar 10:30 at the synagogue. **Sharon**, 787-1631.

RETAINING YIDDISHKEIT

At the Temple Sinai adult education program, **Marsha Koven** of St. John, N.B., will speak about Retaining Yiddishkeit in a Diminishing Jewish Community, 10 a.m. No charge.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

The Righteous Enemy, 5 and 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackson Hall, sponsored by Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Toronto Jewish Film Society. Tickets $7, ½ hour before screenings.

Four Women Resisting the Nazi Terror: The Intellectual and Ethical Responses of **Edith Stein, Simone Weil, Anne Frank, Etty Hillesum** with guest speaker **Rachel Feldhay**, University of Wisconson-Madison, 2 p.m., Bloor JCC. Sponsored by Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League.

Kingdom of the Night: Stories Told About the Holocaust, sponsored by Jewish Storytelling Arts, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim Congregation, 5 Glen Park Ave.

Born in Berlin, documentary film, 2 p.m., Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave.

Monday, Nov. 7

THE DARK FORCES

Aish HaTorah features a lecture on the Jewish view of Ghosts, black magic and sorcery with **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, the Promenade. Free.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Beth Sholom Sisterhood presents a panel to assist you in learning about the importance of appointing a Power of Attorney, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Panelists are lawyer **Stanley Lefsky**, accountants **Lawrence Silverberg** and **Arnold Perel** with moderator **Lynda Weinrib**, financial social worker, president of Money Makers Inc. Admission free.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

March of the Living: How Teenagers Confront the Holocaust with **Eli Rubenstein**, national director, March of the Living, and 1994 March participants, sponsored by Secular Jewish Association, 7:30 p.m., Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie. (905) 731-7066.

Shadow on the Cross: The Roots of Anti-Semitism, **Franklin Littell**, professor of religion, Temple University, Philadelphia, sponsored Christian Jewish Dilaogue, 7:30 p.m., Ashbury and West United Church, 3180 Bathurst St.

Tuesday, Nov. 8

HALACHAH SEMINAR SERIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Halachah Seminar Series with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues with Dreams — What to Make of Them, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

BIBLICAL BORDERS OF ISRAEL

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks' series on the State of Israel in Modern Torah Thought continues with The Biblical Borders of the Land of Israel, 8 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. For information, 229-2167.

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TORAH FUND

The Canadian Seaway branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism paid tribute to 1994-95 Torah Fund honoree Jean Bernholtz (left), past president of the former Ontario branch of WLCJ. Displaying the Torah Fund pushke with her is Canadian Seaway branch president Terry Winston. This annual event took place recently at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue with featured guest speaker Rabbi Martin Berman, spiritual leader of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Thornhill. [Mollie Rothman photo]

CASSEROLES GALORE

The Kosher Cooking School of the Kashruth Council features Casseroles Galore, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. Call 635-9550.

FIRST WORDS

The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto invites writers to submit their works in progress to First Words, a series of monthly readings of plays in development, 7-10 p.m., Bloor JCC. For details, 924-6211.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

The Holocaust: A Musical Legacy, folksinger/lecturer **Naomi Bell**, Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., 7 p.m.

The Italians and the Holocaust, **Prof. Susan Zuccotti**, Barnard College, Columbia University, 8 p.m., J.D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

BAYCREST BOOK SALE

Baycrest Centre book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wagman Centre Lobby, 55 Ameer Ave., offers a wide variety of books including books in Hebrew, Hungarian, German and English. Proceeds go to purchase reading aids, talking tapes, large print books for Wagman Centre Library.

THE LIFE OF MARC CHAGALL

Overbrook Cultural Club presents a video, *The Life of Marc Chagall*, 2 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard). Members free, non-members $2.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League Vaughan presents The Art of Breastfeeding 8 p.m., 81 Bedford Park Ave., Richmond Hill. Meetings open to pregnant or nursing mothers. **Joyce** (905) 881-8779 or **Robin** (905) 886-8364.

HOLCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

Nazi Collaborators in Quebec and the French Canadian Connections That Helped Them, **Esther Desisle**, McGill University, sponsored by Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Upon the Doorposts of Thy House, freelance writer and journalist **Ruth Ellen Gruber**, sponsored by Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Thursday, Nov. 10

PEOPLE OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

A public lecture, The People of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Their Calendar and Identity, will be given by **Prof. Shemaryahu Talmon**, professor emeritus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 4 p.m., Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management, University of Toronto, 569 Spadina Ave., Room 108.

JEWISH BACHELOR AUCTION

Anshei Minsk Sisterhood's Jewish Bachelor Auction with bachelors from age 25 to 65 plus, features harpist **Debra Auslander**, comedian **Michael Wex**, emcee **Jonathan Miller**, auctioneer **Ira Hopmeyer**, lots of fun. Doors open 6:45 p.m., Crowne Plaza, 225 Front St. W. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at door. Call 462-4299.

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What's New

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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

March of the Living 1994, **Irving Elsner**, Holocaust survivor and educator, who returned to the camps after 50 years, and March participants **Shoshana Weinberg** and **Brian Laski**, plus slide presentation, 8 p.m., sponsored by Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

Author **Maria Jacobs** will read from her work and discuss her involvement with the concealment of Jews during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, presented by Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 7 p.m., Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St. 393-7683.

And What Else Is New...

THE CONSERVATIVE WAY

The all Canadian biennial conference, Continuity, the Conservative Way, Nov. 4-6 at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale includes community-wide programs — Canadian Conservative Judaism: Tradition and/or Change? with **Rabbis Wayne Allen, Baruch Frydman-Kohl** and **Erwin Schild** (moderator), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5; Israel Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6; Intermarriage and the Media, audiovisual presentation by **Rabbi Azriel Fellner**, 1:30-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6. RSVP (905) 738-1717.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Events at Solel Congregation, Mississauga — Friday, Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m., **Mike Zajdman** and his mother **Renata** talk about their recent visit to the Warsaw Ghetto; Sunday, Nov. 6, outreach committee first meeting for Jews-By-Choice and interfaith couples, 11 a.m., also organizing a discussion group based on the book *If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What are the Kids?* (to meet monthly 11 a.m. Sundays); Nov. 10-13, Biennial Convention of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism with workshops in Mississauga and Thornhill; regular services, Tuesdays 7 a.m.; Fridays 8:30 p.m. Nov. 4, 11, and Saturday 10 a.m., Nov. 12; family service Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. For information, (905) 820-5915.

TAKING CHARGE BY TAKING CARE

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, presents Taking Charge By Taking Care, a breast self-examination demonstration by professionally trained nurse examiners, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 6-9 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. No charge. Call 633-5100 for personal appointment.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

The Downtown Reform Minyan continues its Shabbat services program at the Bloor JCC. Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.; Friday, Nov. 25, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. Phone 422-1266, (905) 844-9341 or pre-recorded information line (905) 844-4185.

REMEMBRANCE PARADE & SERVICE

Jewish War Veterans of Canada Remembrance Parade and Service, Sunday, Nov. 13, with assembly 9:30 a.m. outside Earl Bales Community Centre. Dress code is Jewish War Veterans or Royal Canadian Legion uniform or business suit, medals or medal ribbons, and headcovering. Parade route is Raoul Wallenberg Rd. to Bathurst St., north to Reiner Rd., right to Beth Radom Synagogue, 18 Reiner Rd. Members of the federal and provincial government, diplomatic representatives and high ranking military personnel will attend. Family members and congregants welcome. For service, be at synagogue by 10:20 a.m. For information, 633-8387 or parade marshall **Ernest Stein**, 423-2794.

CAMP RAMAH REUNION

Camp Ramah Reunion, a cocktail reception for campers/staff from 1960-75, is set for Saturday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. Tickets $25, by reservation only. RSVP by Nov. 11 to **Debbie Spiegel**, 789-2193.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Nov. 12 at noon following services, focuses on You Speak English But Can You Teach It? — the experience of four Beth Tzedec volunteers teaching English in Israel. Reservations no later than Tuesday, Nov. 8. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call shul office, 781-3511.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., programs. For information/registration 631-9395. —

The Power of Kabbalah, a documentary exploring the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, success, failure, every Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Chodesh Kislev, lecture and meal, Thursday, Nov. 3, 8:30 p.m. Price $10.

JEWISH GAY, LESBIAN STUDENTS

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students holds weekly peer support group meetings Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., Vari Hall, Room 2005, York University, facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. All teens to 20s are welcome. For information, call Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is open for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses, Mondays, 9:40-11:05 a.m., Jan. 16-April 24; evening courses, Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., Jan. 17-April 25. Classes conducted by skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Other teaching staff members are **Dina Eylon, Ivetta Isakovan** and **Yael Milman**. Free introductory lessons for beginners. Consultation and registration, **Joseph Klinger**, 787-0197.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Israeli folkdancing courses with **Teme Kernerman** at Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., include new beginner's course, 8-9:15 p.m. and intermediate 9:15-10:30 p.m., Wednesdays; and intermediate/advanced Sundays, 8-11 p.m. (intermediate 8 p.m., intermediate/advanced 9 p.m), main dance studio, first floor. $5 per session. Please note, front doors close 9:45 p.m. For information, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

HABONIM DROR REUNION

Habonim Dror reunion is Sunday, Nov. 13, at Borochov Cultural Centre. The reunion committee would like to hear from any former members. Leave your name and number on the Habonim hotline, 633-2511 or fax 636-5248.

CANDIDA SUPPORT GROUP

Correct number for information on Candida Support Group starting this fall is (905) 884-4797. Ask for **Pamela**.

JEP/OHR SOMAYACH

JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St., offers the following classes for women, beginning to intermediate levels — Abraham and Sarah: Progenitors of a People, with **Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner**, Mondays, 10 a.m. through Dec. 12; Discovering Relevance and Meaning in the Torah with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.; Halachah in the Home: Practical Jewish Law with **Rabbi Moshe Silver**, Mondays, 9 p.m.

Parsha of the Week for men with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** is held Thursdays, 9:30 p.m.

Faith and Belief: The Test of Our Times with **Rabbi Dovid Sapirman**, for men and women, intermediate and advanced levels, continues Monday, Nov. 7, 9 p.m. with Emunah of the Mind: Emunah of the Heart.

For information on all classes, 785-5899.

WHEN PARENTS SEPARATE

Jewish single parent families face important issues in coping with special events such as bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, shivas, funerals. Come and learn new strategies for planning Jewish life style events and celebrations, Tuesday, Nov. 15. For information, 638-7800, ext. 215.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CHOIR REUNION

Temple Emanu-El is holding its first-ever Choir Reunion Friday, Nov. 18, at the 8:30 p.m. Shabbat service, with a special Oneg Shabbat to mark the occasion. In a tribute to **Amy Gilbert's** 20th year as music director there will be an outpouring of song by present and former members of the temple's adult and junior choirs. Gilbert was appointed in 1975. The succeeding years have seen the choir's liturgical repertoire grow to include works by all major Jewish composers. More recently, Gilbert herself has turned to composing. Her first major work for **Cantor Anna Trubashnik** and the choir will premiere in March.

Amy Gilbert

All former members of the temple choir are invited to join in the celebration. Call temple office 449-3880.

at the JCC/BJC

As part of Holocaust Education Week, two programs are being presented at the Bloor JCC, Sunday, Nov. 13 —

Andre Stein reads from his book *Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust*, 11 a.m.

Concert reading of *This Night the Kapo*, a play by **Robert Majzels**, performed by the Medina Theatre Ensemble of the Bloor JCC, 8 p.m. Discussion following led by playwright.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that information regarding upcoming programs will be forthcoming in the near future. North York Board of Education ongoing classes: Tuesdays, exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, line dancing 10 a.m to noon. For information on all programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations got to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events — local day trips, Nov. 8 and 15; Wednesday, Nov. 16, Stage West to see *Reunion*; Thursday, Nov. 17, Chanukah party with entertainment, 2 p.m. in clubhouse; Saturday dances, 7-10 p.m. clubhouse; Sunday dance with live band Nov. 13, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; movie *Strike Up the Band* starring **Mickey Rooney** and **Judy Garland**, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m.; bingo and shuffleboard ongoing. For information, 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., presents Doing Something About Loneliness, Thursday, Nov. 10, 1-2 p.m. Call 784- 0920.

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Holocaust Denial and the Rise of Anti-Semitism with **Steven Shulman**, associate national director, Canadian Jewish Congress (JCRC) with an introduction by **Yael Spier Cohen**, Thursday, Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m. as part of the Holocaust Education Week.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Nov. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

HONOR FOR HISTORIAN

Martin Gilbert (right), historian, author and official biographer of Sir Winston Churchill, attended a reception in his honor in Toronto recently, hosted by local members of the 45 Aid Society. Gilbert is honorary president of the Society which consists of the few surviving children from the Nazi Polish death camps who were taken to England to start a new life. Izzie Light(left), seated next to his wife Marylyn, was one of the 200 orphans admitted to England in 1945. Gilbert, who was visiting Canada for the filming of the TV production, A Rough Crossing, was one of the British children evacuated to Canada during World War II; he was returned to his parents 3½ years later.

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New Image 50+ is having a mix and mingle Sunday Nov. 6th at **Earl Bales Community Centre**. 7:30 p.m. **Tapes by Murray Jacobs.** Refreshments. Members $2, guests $3. Come and enjoy!!! 1995 membership is now due.

Single Professionals Network Bayview Golf & Country Club. Friday Nov 4th. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. We invite you to enjoy an evening exclusively for singles that are over 30. There will be music from the 50s to the present in the ballroom while in the lounge we have a Cocktail Piano player. Admission is $10 at the door. More info 416-760-7169

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VIEWPOINTS meets Wednesday, Nov. 9 Beth Tzedec. Speaker: Alan Borovoy, Gen. Counsel, Cdn. Civil Liberties Assn. 8:00 Refreshments. $5.00. Call 781-9245

Life after breast cancer exists, say survivors

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Being treated for breast cancer is not the end of the world," says Marilyn Abram, who chaired a recent forum about the effect of breast cancer on the family. Abram, a financial coordinator at York University, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1990 and underwent radiation treatments.

She was joined by co-panelists Heather Chetwynd, a nurse; Anne Ferguson, president, Volunteers Princess Margaret; and Marsha Razin, a teacher — all of whom are breast cancer survivors.

Oncologist Richard Hasselback spoke about the medical aspect and stressed the importance of breast self-examination for women of all ages.

The forum was a program of B'nai Brith's Leonard Mayzel Lodge, held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation.

Razin, who was diagnosed in 1990 and underwent a month of radiation, said that she and her husband have developed a "deeper closeness" since that time.

When she initially joined a support group, though, she went alone. "Why bother anyone?" she remembers thinking.

"That was a mistake," she realizes now. "Closeness is built by sharing even the painful [experiences]."

Ferguson told of the role her husband played in her recovery even before her cancer was diagnosed. Although she had already seen a surgeon because of breast lumps, her husband insisted she return when she discovered a lump under her arm.

"But I was just there two months ago," she told him. "I don't know if doctors really understand the kind of courage it takes [to call them]," she said.

After a "disfiguring" mastectomy, Ferguson says it was "wonderful" to have her husband tell her he loved her, even though she already knew.

"We don't plan as far in advance as we used to," she said. "We've decided that every six months we'll do something we really wanted to do, so we always have something to look forward to."

Ferguson said she made a mistake by calling her daughter in Europe to tell her about the cancer. "I can hear those screams across the airwaves to this day. We didn't have to tell her that day. It could have waited until she was safe with family.

"We told everybody," she said. "I'm not sure that would be the way others would have done it, but for me it felt right. The support I got was overwhelming."

Abram didn't want anyone to know that she had breast cancer at first, she recalls. Now she says that decision was a mistake. She didn't want to deal with prying questions and was anxious to shield her mother, who is in her 70s, from the news.

Chetwynd, a single parent who lost a year of work to the disease, credits her grown children with helping her through a period of hair loss, weight gain and depression. "Without their sensitivity and humor, I don't know how the days would have been. My daughter would come in every night and say, 'Come on, Mom, it's exercise time.' I couldn't have done it without her."

Panelists suggested that friends who want to be supportive might call to say, "How are you feeling?" and ask what they can do to help. One panelist suggested that friends offer a specific type of help, such as gardening, shopping or cooking. "I found that when people called and asked what they could do, I honestly didn't know," she said.

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National Council of Jewish Women is holding a series of free breast self-examination (BSE) demonstrations over the next few months at its headquarters on Bathurst Street in Willowdale. Each session offers a private BSE demonstration by trained nurses. Sessions will be held on Wed., Nov. 23, 6-9 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thurs., Mar. 2, 6-9 p.m.; and Wed, Apr. 26, 6-9 p.m.

For information or appointments, call Council House at 416-633-5100.

Blue Jays GM a real hit at BB affair

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "I'm delighted I can talk baseball with people who not only love the game but who play the game," said Gord Ash.

The new general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays, recently spoke to some 450 people at the 1994 B'nai Brith Baseball Dinner Awards, held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Before fielding questions from the floor, Ash spoke about the current major league baseball strike, saying that many players are budget conscious, despite their salaries in the millions of dollars.

To illustrate this, he explained that once, before a major road trip, baseball player Dave Winfield drove his Mercedes to a bank near the airport, and negotiated a $10,000 loan, leaving the car as collateral.

According to Ash, Winfield paid back the loan and the interest charge of $38 immediately on his return, and the bank manager asked why he had needed the money in the first place. "It's a simple matter of economics," Winfield purportedly replied. "Where else can I park my car at the airport for only $38?"

Ash, who has been instrumental in the negotiation of major league contracts, was asked what strengths he brought to the job. "There's only a handful of people who can say they've worked 11 years with Pat Gillick, and hopefully some of that has rubbed off on me," he said.

Asked for some complimentary tickets, he replied, "When you've been on strike as long as we have, you can't afford to give away free tickets.

"The success we've enjoyed in the early nineties has pushed our payroll to great heights," he said. "If we had kept our '92 club intact, our payroll would have been $63 million." The Jays' 1993 payroll, he said, was "in the low forties.

"You don't necessarily relate success with contract value. They don't necessarily go hand in hand. We feel we have some good young players who are going to be strong contributors."

Asked about the possibility of major league baseball using "scab" players next year, Ash acknowledged with thanks the offers he had received from many people in the room to play for the Blue Jays.

"It's certainly possible to do," he said. "But given the quality of play, I'm not sure it's something people would want to watch."

Among the guests seated with Ash at the head table were Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, and Lionel Fishman, outgoing commissioner of the B'nai Brith baseball league, who held that position for some 17 years.

"It's time to hand it over," said Fishman. "I've enjoyed the 17 years but you've got to move on."

In B'nai Brith's fast pitch division, awards went to these winning teams and MVPs (most valued players): Tidy Car and Shep Gangbar, pitcher; Maccabiah Bulls and Avi Ritter, pitcher; LMOL Gamblers and David Vyner, third baseman; Forestdale Giants and David Goldstein, catcher and first baseman; Judea Blue Sox and Joel Spillman, pitcher; RWYC Fighting Foxes and Brian Cohen, utility infielder and outfielder; Don Mills Black Sox and Randy Morrison, pitcher.

The Slow Pitch division: Toronto Freedom Fabricland and Meyer Balter, shortstop; Metro T.O. Giants and Daniel Goodman, pitcher; Toronto Freedom Devils and Mark Harendorf, pitcher; Maccabiah Brawler and Gord Cohen, pitcher; Macabiah Pitches and Barry Sheffer, first baseman; Maccabiah Machers and Dan Shereck, first baseman.

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Toronto student joins diverse group as Bronfman fellow

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

A pensive Matti Friedman posed in Jerusalem while in Israel as a Bronfman Youth Fellow.

TORONTO — A perceived "fragmentation" of the Jewish community helped prompt the creation eight years ago of the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, a fully funded five-week summer program for North American teens.

The brainchild of Edgar Bronfman, chair of the Seagram Company Ltd. and president of the World Jewish Congress, the program is financially supported by the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, Inc.

"By acknowledging what divides us and by concentrating on our common agenda, we can become a stronger and more unified people," Bronfman said in a news release.

This year's group of 26 teens (as in previous years) ran the gamut from Modern Orthodox to unaffiliated Jews, said Matthew (Matti) Friedman, 17, an OAC student at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute and the only Torontonian in this year's program.

Two Montrealers, Judith Batalion and Itia Shmidman, were the only other Canadians.

"Discussions went beyond how observant we were. People had very different ideas of what Israel is and what a Jew is," Friedman said.

Friedman was chosen from nearly 500 applicants following an interview in Boston last March. Students were chosen on the basis of "exceptional talents, accomplishments and intelligent character," according to information from the Bronfman Youth Fellowships' Albany office.

"The intellectual stimulation started way before the program. The interview got me thinking a lot," Friedman said. He recalls being asked about his religious views as well as his knowledge of Israeli politics.

The relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, the fate of the Jewish people outside of Israel, and the Jewishness of Israel itself were (and are) issues that particularly interest Friedman.

He was a founding member of his school's Hebrew Awareness Club, which meets regularly to discuss Jewish issues. During a year his family spent in Baltimore, he founded a student-run poetry magazine at his high school.

An alumnus of Bialik Hebrew Day School and United Synagogue Day School, Friedman has been active at NCSY and has served as Torah reader at several synagogues. He has also worked at Camp Eitan.

In Israel, Friedman's intellectual stimulation continued as the group met with artists, academics and Israeli leaders ranging from right-wing to left. Writers A.B. Yehoshua and Yehuda Amichai were among those who spoke to the group. Bronfman faculty includes rabbis of different denominations and counsellors.

Friedman recently returned from a follow-up seminar held in New York attended by all 26 participants.

"We had a very interesting weekend," Friedman said. Follow-up activities for Bronfman fellows extend through college.

"I feel an obligation to try and fill [a Jewish leadership] role — not necessarily as head of an organization or prime minister of Israel — but by working for the unity of the community," he said.

Winnipeg senior makes waves

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — World Masters swimming medalist Clarice Rubin describes herself as a late bloomer.

The lifelong Winnipegger, now 67, did not start swimming until she was 44. Since then, she has also taken up tennis, skating, cross-country skiing and water skiing.

Rubin says she decided to take swimming lessons originally because she was tired of sitting home with her husband, Dr. Jack Rubin, and their children (son, Ron, lives in Toronto and does television and radio voice-overs), watching sports on television all the time.

It took several years of lessons and practice to reach the instructor level but Rubin persevered.

In 1981, she was sitting around a pool when a friend approached her to join the fledgling Masters program (for athletes over 40).

"I asked what I had to do," Rubin recalls. "I was told I had to swim one length. He forgot to mention I also had to swim 120 laps."

Clarice Rubin

Rubin has been swimming competitively for over 10 years. Provincially, she has won a gold medal in backstroke competition, as well as gold and silver medals in freestyle events.

For the last two years, she has competed in competitions in Palm Springs where she and her husband spend the winter.

In July, she participated in the World Masters Swimming Championships in Montreal in a field of 3,473 athletes from 41 countries including Israel. Competing against several former Olympic swimmers, Rubin finished eighth in her category. The top 10 winners all received medals, she notes. She also won two more medals as part of relay teams where she was swimming with former Olympians.

She describes swimming as one of the toughest sports. "You have to work very hard at it," she says, "and you can lose your conditioning very quickly."

She says she can swim a mile in 33 minutes and can do about two miles at a time.

"There aren't many other Jewish girls in my age group," she says.

Rubin plans to swim again in Palm Springs competitions in February, at the provincial meet in April and the national event in Victoria in May. She is also considering going to the world championships in Sheffield, England, in 1996.

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Rabbis explore G-d's role and place in the world

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — G-d has been a constant presence for the Jewish people individually and collectively, even in the Holocaust, agree rabbis from the three main wings of Judaism.

Rabbi W. Guther Plaut of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa's Orthodox Congregation Machzikei Hadas, and Rabbi Steven Saltzman of Adath Israel Synagogue were taking part in a panel discussion on Ultimate Issues, held recently at Adath Israel.

Moderator Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec led the panel in a discussion of their personal beliefs about the nature of G-d, His place in the world, religious doubt, the Holocaust and the afterlife.

Although the Holocaust was intended to be only a part of the discussion, in fact it proved to be a common thread.

Rabbi Plaut, who fled Germany during the 1930s, said that he went to the seminary after escaping Hitler's persecutions, as a way to become a defender of Jews.

"If this is what they are going to do to us, I will become a defender of Jews. The man who killed six million Jews brought me face to face with something I knew I needed to do."

When he began to study Torah, he said, "I began to understand how the rabbis saw study as a form of worship... You see before you a captive of Torah."

He said he decided he had to take what the philosopher Kierkegaard called "the leap of faith — that in the face of the Holocaust, I say yet I will believe."

His greatest religious doubts came, he said, when he was among the first allied soldiers to enter a concentration camp.

He said he came to believe that G-d surrendered an important aspect of divine power when he made human beings free to love or hate, sacrifice for others, or to kill.

"I have to believe with the words of Tanach [the Bible] that G-d wept with us, even if he was no longer able to dictate to us how to act."

The Holocaust, he said, was a result of the total abandonment of any sense of the Divine. "The Holocaust is the ultimate human perversion."

Rabbi Saltzman said, "If I believed that G-d was not with the children [in the concentration camps] as they died, I couldn't go on. If G-d was not with us in the concentration camps, who needs Him?"

Quoting the 23rd Psalm, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me," he said the Jews have never accepted that G-d can abandon us.

"The question is not where was G-d [during the Holocaust], but where were you, man?"

Rabbi Bulka told the standing-room only audience that the purpose G-d has for us is connected to the choices we are free to make.

"He says in Deuteronomy (Chapter 30): 'I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life.' "

There is nothing wrong, Rabbi Bulka said, in in admitting that we do not understand G-d's actions or intentions.

What we do know, he said, is what G-d tells us in the Torah that he wants us to do.

Rabbi Saltzman countered that he sees G-d not as proscriptive, or interventionist, but as "a personality who knows me better than anyone else, who loves you for what you are. He is there to listen to me as I work through my problems."

He said that he does not see justice as part of the fabric of the world. "The only thing we [people] bring to the world is justice. In that, we are co-creators [of the world] with G-d."

G-d, he said, is the "commander of the chain of tradition of the Jewish people. That doesn't require a leap of faith — I try to base my theology on what I see as reality.

"I don't see myself as a knight of faith — I see myself as a knight of obedience. My job is to obey, not to believe."

While all three rabbis agreed that the question of life after death is not a major concern in Jewish theology, Rabbi Bulka praised researchers like Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and Ross Moody for "at least making it a talkable subject."

Rabbi Plaut said he believes that every action anyone does changes the world. "If I do the right thing, or fail to do the right thing, that changes the world. If the good that I have done is my immortality, then I'll be satisfied."

David Shiner acclaimed in North York

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Klein says he has not accepted any donations from corporations or interest groups because municipal elections "are about the average person on the street."

Councillor David Shiner, elected in 1991 when he upset then-incumbent Bob Bradley, has been acclaimed in Ward 13. Shiner, 42, is the son of Esther Shiner, the late North York councillor.

Among Jewish candidates for public school trustee, there have been three acclamations: Errol Young in Ward 5, Gerri Gershon in Ward 8 and David Young in Ward 6. All are incumbents.

In Ward 9, popular incumbent Shelley Stillman faces a challenge from Nathan Shuster. David Caplan, currently trustee for Ward 14, will go up against Audrey Ormrod. In a replay of the 1991 election, veteran Ward 7 trustee Mae Waese will face repeat challenger Arnold Goodman. And Elsa Chandler, a one-time North York Board of Education chair, will face Harry Pappas in Ward 4.

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Chai Folk Ensemble leader ends 31-year association

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Hillel Sommer's retirement as co-artistic director of the Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble last May marked the end of an era.

Sommer was there from the troup's founding in 1963. As a 3-year-old, he watched his mother, the late Sarah Sommer, put the original eight dancers through their paces in the family home.

On Nov. 5, the Ensemble and the Chai Folk Arts Council are hosting a dinner and dance in celebration of Sommer. Tickets will be limited to 150.

Sommer formally joined Chai in 1978 as a percussionist with the group's orchestra. He was Chai's musical director from 1985 to 1990 and again in 1992-93. He was co-artistic director since 1989 with Marshall Miller, and introduced many of the popular and ethnic musical styles that have become Chai's trademark.

Sommer said his young family and growing medical practice are behind his decision to retire. "It was a difficult decision," he said, "but I was being pulled from too many directions at once."

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By BILL GLADSTONE

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Hong Kong has won the bid to hold the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund annual meetings from Sept. 23 to 24, 1997.

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Winter in Switzerland: A 10-page guide to winter activities in Switzerland is available at no charge from the Swiss National Tourist Office, 926 The East Mall, Etobicoke, ON M9B 6K1. Phone (416) 695-2090.

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BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Crossing The Threshold Of Hope by his Holiness John Paul II (Random House of Canada $25)

This is the first commercial book ever written by a pope. It promises to be the major publishing event of the decade. Twenty million copies are available worldwide in 21 languages and in 35 countries.

Initially, the Pope planned to answer a series of questions posed by an Italian journalist in a TV interview. Instead, he decided to respond to the questions in written form, applying himself to the task whenever he found a brief respite from his regular activities.

Most of the 30 or so questions are theological, complex and difficult. They include the following: "Does God really exist? If God exists why is He hiding? Why is there so much evil in the world? Why so many religions? How are Judaism and the religions of Buddha and Islam to be regarded? What is the use of believing? What are authentic human rights? How does the Church regard women? Does eternal life exist?"

The answers are surprisingly brief, never more than a few pages in length. They quote liberally from papal encyclicals and include references to friends, books and personal experiences.

This widely heralded work contains few if any surprises. The Pope, not unexpectedly, articulates views that are conservative and familiar. Non-Christians will remain dubious and unconvinced when the Pope finds simple, satisfactory answers — in the life and death of Jesus — to such imponderables as God's existence, evil in the world and the hereafter. Others will find difficulty with the author's rather rambling style, his circular form of reasoning and reference to the ideas of philosphers old and new.

Racial hatred

In his discussion of Judaism the Pope deplores the concentration camps of World War II and the systematic extermination of those "who were condemned for no other reason than that they were Jewish." He writes, "Auschwitz, perhaps the most meaningful symbol of the Holocaust of the Jewish people, shows to what lengths a system constructed on principles of racial hatred and greed for power can go to this day. Auschwitz does not cease to admonish, reminding us that Anti-Semitism is a great sin against humanity."

In a significant passage, the Pope asserts that thanks to the initiative of Israel it has become possible to establish diplomatic relations between the Apostolic See and Israel. He adds, "It is important to reaffirm that I, myself, never had any doubts in this regard."

The Pope, despite his expression of warm feelings for Jews can't refrain from suggesting that the Hebrew scriptures are fulfilled in "The New Covenant" and point "to the One whom God would send in the fullness of time."

Only two pages are allotted to women. The Pope laments that in our culture woman has become, before all else an object of pleasure and maintains that, "A certain contemporary feminism finds its roots in the absence of true respect for women. An authentic theology of women will be realized when there is a return to the figure of Mary and devotion to her."

In these wide-ranging essays, the Pope takes a stand against capital punishment and abortion, encourages ecumenical dialogue, cautions Christians who welcome certain ideas from the religious traditions of the far East and encourages Christians not to be afraid because the power of faith is greater than any evil which man could or should fear.

The Pope is a controversial figure. But many Catholics and others will cherish this attractive volume as a source of inspiration and guidance. Non-Christians (and disaffected Catholics) will find it informative and not without valuable religious insights.

New play... A daring fable

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

David Warren (A.K.A. Death Waits)

TORONTO — David Warren is a 23-year-old Jewish playwright who writes under the arresting nom de plume of Death Waits.

He's already had several plays produced, and short stories and a volume of poetry published. His latest play, *The Earth is a Witch, the Witch is a Saint, the Saint is Applause*, has its world premiere at Theatre Passe Muraille Nov. 11 and runs to Dec. 4.

It is a daring fable about why some nuns become saints, others become witches and others are forgotten all together. "It's full of surprises," is about all its creator will say.

Though he is described as the enfant terrible of the Canadian stage because of the far-out nature of some of his work, Waits is a disarmingly friendly fellow, with twinkling eyes and a mop of sandy hair rising straight up from a broad forehead.

His knowledge of theatre goes far beyond his years. He concedes that his parents, Paula and Alan Warren, were far from happy with his unusual stage name of Death Waits. "They thought I was just going through a phase and it would pass."

Though he takes a lot of ribbing about the name from theatre colleagues, he has stuck with it because, as he points out, it has the possibility of infinity. One Toronto actor has adopted the name of Park Bench.

"My parents come to all my shows, but sometimes they don't think their friends would appreciate them. But this new play is one that they can safely bring their friends to."

Daniel Brooks, the Jewish writer and director who is directing Waits' latest play, has his own method of filtering his works for the friends of his mother, Naomi Brooks. "I get my mother to come to every opening night and pass her verdict along," he said.

Brooks and Waits have attracted six of Canada's best known women actors to the cast: Janet Burke, Clare Coulter, Maggie Huculak, Trisha Lamie, Nadia Ross and Tracy Wright.

Waits attended North Prep school in Forest Hill and Northern Secondary School. He works in graphic design, as an arts administrator and an art installer to help pay the bills.

Previews of the play begin Nov. 8. For information, call (416) 504-7529. Theatre Passe Muraille is at 16 Ryerson Ave., in the Bathurst-Queen area.

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A fresh look at biblical mythology

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Jewish angels are not a usual subject matter for artists.

Nevertheless Lilian Broca, a Vancouver artist, seems perfectly at ease using Jewish angels to people her paintings and drawings.

Her show, Of Angels and Human Conditions, at the Jewish Community Centre's Zack Gallery, marked the opening of the new, adjacent professional performing arts facility, the Norman Rothstein Theatre.

Broca's fresh approach to Jewish biblical mythology has winged figures floating through the air. Couples make love. A solitary male sits in quiet contemplation.

The artist's powerful winged figures are reminiscent of Renaissance religious paintings and early European Christian icons.

There are Holocaust overtones in the anguish of some of the angels, in their emaciated, tortured bodies.

"I learned to draw in Romania, from sculptured plaster casts," Broca told *The CJN*. She works in acrylics, spackle and mixed media, on rag paper, and achieves a silver-sheened textured luminosity with graphite.

Romanian-born Lillian Broca got her bachelor of fine arts degree from Concordia University in Montreal and then went on to the Pratt Institute in New York for her masters.

She moved to Vancouver in 1971 shortly after graduation, and she has been a working artist here ever since. For 13 years she was on the faculty of Kwantlen College, teaching painting and drawing.

Broca's angels fly out of the Old Testament with intensity. They work hard on behalf of mankind. She says, "My angels represent the opposing forces of good and evil, which G-d placed within mankind, enabling us to shape our own will."

Like most Jews, she says, she was not familiar with "Judaic angelology," associating all angels with Christian religious paintings. But after reading a book by Rabbi Morris Margolies, a professor of Jewish history, she says, "I quickly became preoccupied with the subject matter."

Angels appear in the Old Testament, says Broca, in the Dead Sea Scrolls, and in other books dealing with religious themes, which were excluded from the canon by rabbis from the second century BCE to the first century CE. Broca said angels are mentioned in the Zohar and the Kabbalah, featured along with imps, demons and magic formulae.

The rabbis who banned reference to angels felt the stories about them could threaten G-d's Oneness and could become objects of adoration and worship, she said. Therefore Jewish teaching stresses that angels are not independent and depend on divine permission and divine will.

She said that "Rabbi Margolies believes G-d needs no angels but we mortals do, in order to narrow the chasm which separates us from G-d Himself." She describes angels as the metaphors of the yetzer ha-ra and yetzer tov — the evil and good inclination of every human being.

The artist has had solo shows in Montreal, Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto, Regina, New York, Seattle and San Francisco, as well as taking part in many group shows.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

The Way She Is: That's the teaser for a long, talky profile of Barbra Streisand, by Michael Shnayerson, that appears this month as the cover story in the glossy American magazine, *Vanity Fair*. The numerous photographs by Annie Leibovitz are just as appealing as the article — in which the immensely popular diva defends her occasional political pronouncements, far removed as they may be from the realm of music and entertainment.

"I don't give up my role as a citizen just because I'm a celebrity," explains Streisand, who supports the Middle East peace process to the extent that she attended the historic treaty-signing between Israel and Jordan last week. "In fact, I think it's the proper use of celebrity. If you believe in a cause, you can raise your voice and perhaps make a difference."

According to *Vanity Fair*, Streisand is preparing numerous scripts for production. One is *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, a romantic comedy about a platonic marriage between two college professors that evolves into a relationship of physical love. "I think I'm always drawn to films about the mystery of appearances. *Yentl* was certainly about that: what is male, what is female? Or in *Nuts*: what is sane, what is not sane? *The Mirror Has Two Faces* is a really charming love story. But it has serious overtones about vanity and beauty, the external versus the internal."

Musical programs

Last month, CDs and video and cassette tapes of Streisand's recent highly-publicized six-city concert tour were released. Their sale may add significantly to the roughly $50 million that she is alleged to have made, several million of which she donated to charity.

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Mazel Tov to Glick: Srul Irving Glick is one of Canada's most prolific musical composers and a dedicated teacher and conductor. Composer-in-residence at Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Glick is a recent recipient of the esteemed Order of Canada, for which Eye On Arts offers congratulations.

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Musica Beth Tikvah: This Toronto synagogue's sixth season of musical programs opens Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. with an evening of music and dance. Featured performers are Susan Hoeppner, flutist, and Lydia Wong, pianist, playing music by Mendelssohn, Milhaud, Block, Copland and Glick. As well, the Me'irim Dancers, led by Shula Saltzman, perform contemporary dance works influenced by Jewish heritage and culture.

Saltzman and Hoeppner discuss problems of setting music to dance during a pre-concert program that commences at 7:15. Tickets for the full evening are $15 for adults. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Willowdale. (416) 221-3433.

The Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's 22nd art show takes place Saturday Nov. 5, 8 p.m., and continues Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday admission of $18 includes a light kosher buffet with decadent desserts. Sunday admission is $2.

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Vancouver Art Show: The Jewish Festival of the Arts Society in Vancouver hosts A Jewish Festival on Granville Island, June 11 and 12, 1995. Artisans are wanted to display and sell their crafts. Contact JFAS at (604) 266-0245. Fax (604) 879-2335.

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Arts

Klezmer music re-emerges

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Klezmer music, wiped out in Eastern Europe by the Holocaust, is gradually re-emerging in the United States. The revival, a source of satisfaction and joy to many, brings back a nostalgic brand of music that is vitally associated with Ashkenazi Jewish culture.

At once high-spirited and infectious, klezmer was played at celebrations — weddings and bar mitzvahs. At the height of its popularity, klezmer was the sound of music grassroots Jews liked best.

Klezmer's development, mainly in the United States, is documented in *A Jumpin' Night In The Garden Of Eden*, Michael Goldman's rousing 75-minute documentary. It will be screened on Vision TV on Monday, Nov. 14 at 9 p.m.

The film turns on two klezmer bands — Kapelye of New York and the Klezmer Conservatory Band of Boston — and their young enthusiastic leaders, Henry Sapoznik and Hankus Netsky, respectively.

Sapoznik and Netsky were not born into the klezmer tradition.

"When I was growing up I heard the music," said Sapoznik, who was originally a bluegrass musician. "But it bounced off me. It's not what I wanted to hear. I wanted to be an American."

He drifted into klezmer only after someone — a gentile — asked him a pointed question, "How come you people don't play your own music?"

Netsky discovered the wonders of klezmer by rummaging through a motherlode of old, dusty recordings from the 1920s in a relative's basement. Finding them, he felt like an archeologist who had accidentally stumbled upon a lost treasure trove.

As we learn from *A Jumpin' Night In The Garden Of Eden* klezmer was profoundly influenced by Romanian and Hungarian melodies. Often, it was performed by itinerant bands. In case you're wondering, klezmer is a derivative of the Hebrew words klay zemer, or instruments of song.

An old photograph of a young klezmer player and his mother.

The film is an amalgam of images: Kapelye and the Klezmer Conservatory Band belting out catchy numbers, much to the delight of their disparate audiences. Sapoznik seeking out old pros — notably Dave Tarras — who recalls klezmer's heyday in the 1920s. Band members, including an African-American, reflecting on their careers.

A Jumpin' Night In The Garden Of Eden conveys with panache the essence of klezmer — our precious legacy. It's a film you won't want to miss.

Performing arts facility opens in Vancouver

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Norman Rothstein Theatre, Vancouver's newest professional performing arts facility, is part of the recently reconstructed Vancouver Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

The 350-seat theatre, which opened officially on Oct. 19, is not just an "upgraded auditorium," said a JCC official. It's designed for the presentation of dance, music, theatre and film.

There's a complete professional sound and lighting system, a full-size movie screen and commercial projector, dressing rooms and a grand piano.

The 36-foot-wide proscenium arch separates the 24-foot stage from the auditorium. There's an area for the stage manager at the left.

Wheelchair accessible

The two dressing rooms have banks of well-lit dressing tables and costume racks and are equipped with "show feed" to allow performers to hear what's happening on stage and listen for their cues.

The theatre is air conditioned and has wheelchair accessibility for four wheelchairs. On-site parking is available.

The theatre is named as a memorial to Norman Rothstein, a civic-minded businessman and philanthropist. Vancouver-born Rothstein, a graduate of the University of British Columbia, was the son of Abraham Rothstein, who immigrated to Canada from Russia in the early 1890s. The Rothstein family had a strong commitment to Zionism and Jewish education, especially the Talmud Torah.

Norman Rothstein has been active in the United Jewish Appeal's national division and in the Vancouver Jewish Federation.

Always interested in the arts, he established Ein Hod, an artists' colony in Israel, in memory of his father. A founding member of the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre, he has been on the boards of the Vancouver International Festival and the Vancouver Art Gallery, as well as a patron of the Vancouver Symphony and Vancouver Opera.

The opening nights of the theatre featured a concert by pianist Anton Kuereti and cellist Kristine Bogyo. The first major event held there was the Western conference of Canadian Jewish Congress.

On Nov. 12 Carousel Theatre will present *Goodbye Marianne*, the story of a young girl's experience in fleeing Hitler's Germany to freedom in Canada. On Nov. 15, one of Israel's leading writers, Amos Oz, will speak on Israel Through Its Literature. The Judith Marcuse Dance Company will perform on Nov. 26 and 27.

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By BILL GLADSTONE
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As well, the 40-year-old billionaire prince, a nephew of Saudi King Fahd, will put up another $100 million to buy luxury hotels for Four Seasons Regent to manage, beginning with a property he is developing in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Al-Walid, who made an estimated $4 billion during the Saudi oil boom of the 1980s, is no stranger to Western investment. In recent years, he has purchased a $590-million (US) chunk of Citycorp, the big U.S. bank, as well as substantial interests in EuroDisney, Sak's Fifth Avenue and the San Francisco-based Fairmont hotel chain, owned by the Jewish Swig family.

Sharp, who met with Al-Walid aboard his yacht off the French Riviera, still retains control of the company he founded more than three decades ago in Toronto with an astonishingly ordinary motel on Jarvis Street, since demolished.

The company's second property, the Inn On The Park Hotel at Eglinton Avenue East and Leslie Street, stands today as a midtown institution, and is widely regarded as one of Toronto's finest deluxe hotels.

"The result of this transaction is exactly what I hoped to achieve and fully satisfies the objectives I laid out initially, which involved my personal estate planning and stabilizing Four Seasons for the long term," Sharp told *The CJN* in an exclusive interview.

At 63, he has now shelved any talk of retirement for the foreseeable future.

"I expect to continue to do what I'm doing as long as I enjoy doing it. Eventually, there will be an orderly succession so as to maintain continuity and stability in the company."

Although Four Seasons Regent shares were trading at about $16.50 before the deal was announced, Al-Walid has offered to pay $22 per share for his quarter-stake in the company, thereby putting roughly $22 million into Sharp's pocket.

(The sum, says Sharp, has resolved problems connected to the planning of his personal estate.)

With some 30 million public shares outstanding, estimates of the company's worth range from $500 to $700 million, according to executive vice-president H. Roger Garland.

Charles Henry, a consultant of Al-Walid in New York, said the prince is interested in capital-intensive, global businesses with strong built-in brand name recognition.

"We see long-term value there which the market wasn't recognizing," he said of the prince's investment in the Four Seasons Regent chain.

Although one is a Jew and the other an Arab, Sharp and Al-Walid seem to share certain distinguishing traits. True, the innkeeper does not live in a 130-room mansion nor own a 737 Boeing jet aircraft as the Saudi prince does, but both are self-made men who started with small amounts of capital ($15,000 US in Al-Walid's case) which each parlayed into a vast, farflung empire. As well, both seem to have the same high regard for well-managed, brand name companies with secure reputations and global outlooks.

With some 45 properties worldwide and several more in the works, the Four Season Regent chain is regarded as the pre-eminent luxury and business hotel chain in the world. It provides a level of customer satisfaction that comes a close second to that of the U.S. Ritz-Carlton luxury hotel chain, according to the July issue of *Consumer Reports*.

The multimillion dollar hotel empire was built slowly, deal by deal, by a man who inherited immense drive and determination from his Polish-born father, Max Sharp, now 94.

Part of the money for the company's early growth came from Sharp's brother-in-law, furrier Eddie Creed of the now-defunct Creed's Ltd., and from a druggist friend of Creed's — Murray Koffler, founding chair of Shoppers Drug Mart.

London's Inn on the Park was Isadore Sharp's first foreign venture and — despite much industry skepticism that anyone could make it profitable — his first international success. More hotel construction and acquisition followed, but it was not until the 1980s that Sharp recognized the company could manage privately-owned hotels for a flat fee, thereby decreasing the company's financial risk while allowing it to hone its specialized hotel management and marketing skills.

Typically, the company attains a 10 to 20 per cent stake in any hotel it manages.

By the summer of 1992, Four Seasons owned or managed some 23 hotels around the world, including The Pierre in New York, the Clift in San Francisco, the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, and the Four Seasons Resort in Nevis, West Indies. Then, in a move which *Maclean's* magazine hailed as "the hotel deal of the century," Four Seasons paid $122 million to take over about a dozen properties in the financially ailing Regent chain, which was as well-known and well-respected in Asia as Four Seasons had become in North America.

"As far as I'm concerned, Four Seasons has done something that literally no other Canadian company has done," Ira Gluskin, president of the Toronto-based investment firm Gluskin Sheff & Associates, Inc., told the *Financial Post Magazine* in 1992. "They have produced a world-wide quality product."

Acquiring Regent gave Four Seasons a solid foothold in the Asian market, which Sharp sees as crucial in the coming century. "Asia is going to be such a dominant part of the world economy that you have to have inroads there."

Meanwhile, the company expanded with new hotels in Carlsbad, Cal., Scottsdale, Ariz., Paris, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Tokyo and two locations in Hawaii.

As well, it took over construction on what was supposed to have been a new Regent Hotel on 57th Street in Manhattan. Designed by renowned architect I.M. Pei, the architecturally striking structure is achieving a sterling reputation as the Four Seasons, New York.

Despite its charmed growth, Four Seasons has not been immune to the major setbacks that have affected the tourism industry throughout the '90s. To a lesser extent than many of its competitors, the company has experienced losses.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the company's debts as of June 30 amounted to $378 million (Cdn), a figure the chain's Toronto-based management hopes to cut almost in half by selling seven hotels.

"We had two or three tough years in the pit of the recession," said John B. Richards, senior vice-president of marketing and planning. "In 1991 and 1992, due to the Gulf War and corporate restructuring, the travel business experienced two of its worst years since WWII. But that is substantially behind us now, and the company is experiencing almost a boom period. This arrangement with Prince Al-Walid is clearly a signal as to the long-term prospects of the company."

In spite of the red ink that has sullied its balance sheets, the Four Seasons Regent chain continues to expand. Mexico, Djakarta, Chiang Mai (in northern Thailand), Istanbul, Berlin and Prague are among the localities where hotels have already opened or are slated for opening by the end of 1996.

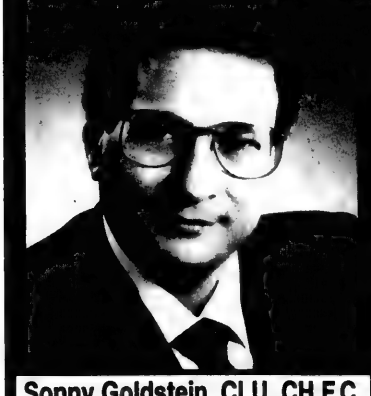
The company, said Richards, intends to focus on areas where it is presently under-represented, such as Europe and Latin America.

And, of course, the Middle East. Under the prince's tutelage, a new property is under development in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and more are planned for Cairo and the Arab emirate countries of Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain.

"We anticipate having a hotel in Israel," Richards said. "We don't have any current prospects but it's logical to assume that we'll be in Israel before too long."

A prominent member of Toronto's Jewish community and a longtime supporter of Israel, Sharp sees no potential source of conflict in dealing with a loyal Arab of the Saudi royal family. "It's not something that we discussed," he said.

"Each of us in his own way has determined it is not anything that would stand in the way of our working together. I think both of us understand what we're doing is building a bridge of peace."



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Cooking school targets healthy eating

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The 1990s idea of "cocooning" comes from the baby boom generation, exhausted from protesting wars, the rape of the environment and prejudice, having turned inward and making their homes a refuge filled with VCRs, CD players, giant TV screens and potted plants.

Having created a welcoming nest, experts say, they are also turning to cooking.

Gone (or at least, much less popular), are the days of TV dinners, fast food and even, so the most current reports say, microwaves.

Coupled with this trend is the focus on healthy foods, heavy on grains, fruits and vegetables and low on fats.

Hence the proliferation of cooking schools that teach not only to how to cook, but also what to cook.

Eta Brand is serving both needs with her Back to Basics School of Cooking and Health Emporium, attached to the Kosher Food Warehouse on Doncaster Avenue in Thornhill.

Brand came to Toronto from Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1989.

She says she was interested in cooking "since I was able to stand and watch my mother," but trained as a medical technologist and worked in hospital labs.

"I come to my classes from a medical perspective," she said. "I want to help people make changes in their diet from a disease-prevention point of view.

"I take a holistic approach. [Health comes from] eating healthy foods, lowering stress and exercise."

Eta Brand

When she first came to Canada, Brand sold medical equipment to researchers.

Through market research, she came to realize there was no one teaching people about healthy eating and cooking, particularly if one kept kosher.

Brand says she uses only kosher products and techniques in her school. It is not particularly Jewish cooking, she stresses, but healthy food that is kosher.

"My focus is on promoting foods from the plant kingdom, since it has been proven that that is a healthier way to eat."Some classes include fish or dairy products.

Recipes are low in fat, with an emphasis on grains, as recommended in the new Canada Food Guide.

As well, "I use a variety of herbs, spices and flavorings. If food doesn't taste good and look good, don't bother."

The part-time classes have grown into a proper teaching unit, with a counter, overhead mirror and all the accessories of a cooking school.

Classes, taught by Brand herself or by others expert in their areas, are held every evening of the week (except Friday), and include basic cooking techniques, breadmaking, low-fat sauces and pastas, vegetarian cooking (including a vegetarian Shabbat meal), low-fat Italian, Indian and oriental cooking, and healthy desserts.

She even has such helpful classes as "Help! My child is a vegetarian," designed for bemused parents whose children announce they won't eat anything that used to have a face on it.

Brand also helps those with food sensitivities to wheat, milk or preservatives.

She recognizes that getting children to eat healthy foods is a challenge, and has a special course on "how to encourage your child to explore the color, smell taste and texture of nutritious foods."

Courses are reasonably priced and gift certificates are available.

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This week The CJN features ...George Klein Creations

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — Since 1957, when George Klein arrived in Toronto from his native Hungary, all he can remember wanting to do was design jewelry.

A few years later, he went to work as an apprentice in the trade, and for the past 28 years, he's been doing what comes naturally to him — creating beautiful and unusual jewelry designs.

In a comfortable, tightly secured, 650-square-foot showroom, located upstairs from Steeles Heights Plaza at Bayview and Steeles, **George Klein Creations** has been serving the Thornhill and Toronto communities for the past 12 years.

He says that 80 per cent of his time and business is focused on designing custom pieces, mostly for a professional clientele including doctors and lawyers.

While he prefers to design modern, abstract (what he calls "wild and elaborate") pieces with sharp angles and unusual features that "always attract attention." he also offers his clientele a wide selection of more classic and traditional jewelry designs.

"When a client comes to me, we spend the first hour or so in consultation. I get to know them, their tastes and preferences, and together we look at different styles and designs," he says.

"I make it a policy never, ever to push them into making a decision. In fact, they can come back to see me three or four times before they place their order.

"Ninety-five per cent of my customers are return customers which says to me that my clientele is happy. So I guess this approach works," he says.

While the jewelry business is very much a copycat business, Klein prefers to create original designs.

"I look at the high fashion magazines for inspiration but I prefer to be adventurous and different — always keeping my pieces at a level of what is considered to be good taste," he says.

Aside from custom-made rings, bracelets, necklaces and the like, Klein also has a large selection of bar and bat mitzvah gifts which start at $25.

In general, his prices tend to be far below retail. (He doesn't like the term wholesale because it implies a lesser quality.) With the price of gold having gone up in the past two years, his prices have been affected, of course, but have always stayed within market range.

Before long, Klein plans to open a new division of his business in the same location, featuring a collection of miniature sculptures. Made of silver and accented with 18-karat gold, they are limited edition decorative pieces which include abstracts, nude figures and art deco sculptures ranging in price from $500 to $3,000.

B.C. government aids newcomers

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The British Columbia government is spending more money to help establish newcomers, says Premier Mike Harcourt.

The premier, speaking at an open house sponsored by the Affiliation of Multiculturalism and Service Agencies of B.C., with which the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region is affiliated, announced an extra $500,000 for immigrant services, bringing this year's budget to $2.5 million.

"Priority will be given to issues identified by the multicultural community, including youth at risk, language needs and women," Harcourt said.

The premier said he favors consultation with the people who work day in and day out with new British Columbians, and announced an additional in $750,000 core funding for immigrant serving agencies.

"It is a priority," he said, "to help ease the difficult transition immigrant families face in integrating into our society. This type of support is best delivered by grassroots organizations and the core funding will assist these community-based efforts."

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I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE

This picture shows a visiting jewelry expert from London examining and appraising jewelry that has been submitted to Sotheby's Tel Aviv auction house for inclusion in their Succot sale in Tel Aviv.

Israel tops in 'edutainment'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — All indications are that the 21st century will see the People of the Book become the People of the Notebook.

Without fanfare, a handful of Israeli companies are making a name for themselves in the educational software field.

Menahem Hasfari, CEO of EduSoft, Israel's largest educational software house, feels that the country's educational system provides a good deal of support. He gives special weight to the fact that "this was the first country to implement a national-scale project to introduce computers in the schools."

Israel also has the highest percentage of computers in the home, he says, 45 per cent at last count. "The Education Ministry has allocated $100 million to equip all schools with computers and educational software, with a ratio of one computer per 10 students. Compared to the stated U.S. goal of one to 20, this is the highest rate in the world."

Veteran American educational software expert Bill Bowman says that with peace will come more world interest in tapping the well of talent in Israel. "Excluding the United States, Israel is number one," he says simply. "For a country of five million it's an amazing achievement.

"Somehow over here," he says, "you have people who are absolute experts in both the areas of technology and content, who can take that content and express it in a software environment."

This ability, says Bowman, is the basic difference between Israeli software manufacturers and their U.S. counterparts. Because there was no huge infrastructure of software development as in the United States, Bowman says, "you had to do it yourself."

For example, he says, Logal founder Dov Levin "wanted to interest his kids in physics, so he wrote his own software."

Another reason for the overall high level of technical knowledge on the part of software creators is service in the IDF. "Anyone in the Air Force spends a lot of time in simulators," says Bowman, "and that happens to tie in nicely with an educational trend of getting away from tutorials where computers ask questions. Instead, kids ask the computer questions."

Bowman became aware of Israelis in the educational software field when he founded his first educational software company in the mid-1980s. "At the time," he says, "I was amazed at how many Israeli companies kept popping up."

When he was approached by Yoel Givol, CEO of the Galilee-based Logal, he says, "I was blown away by the quality and depth of simulation. It was an interesting wake-up call which planted a seed in my mind."

The seed grew. Today, funded by Gemini, PEC, Apple and others, Logal's U.S. operation is headed by Bowman.

Logal recently closed two major U.S. deals: a $130,000 sale to schools in Maryland and a $45,000 sale to the Providence school district.

EduSoft, a Degem subsidiary, showed $1.5 million in net profits on $9 million in sales for 1993. The company offers an extensive software line serving pupils from kindergarten-age to adult, combining interactive multimedia technology with prevailing pedagogical methods in subjects ranging from science and technology to language learning.

EduSoft's series for preschoolers (or special education needs) teaches computer activities on a special keyboard with six large keys.

Children are first taught a specific concept by manipulating 3-D shapes, which is then reinforced in the abstract. Again, Hasfari credits the educational system as "our laboratory. All our pedagogical input, all development and testing is done in Israel."

Culturally sensitive

One major stumbling block in educational software is that education is culturally sensitive. "It's very difficult to transfer [lessons] from culture to culture," says Logal's Bowman, "but folks over here have done a good job of fitting in."

Development of a product with universal appeal is made easier, comments Hasfari, "when you have teachers who come from all over the world." Additional Israeli advantages, he says, are: "more mileage from every dollar spent on R&D; the hi-tech environment; and the fact that Israeli companies are ready to go to the ends of the earth."

His own company - with a firm foothold in South American, European and American markets - has now cast its eye towards the Far East, "our strategic market for the next three to four years."

Overall growth is impressive for those companies geared towards the school market. Further proof: Edunetics, based in Herzliya, announced last week it had won a $1 million project to provide software to six primary schools in the Michigan area.

This past summer the company won a tender to provide the Niagara Falls city school system with $2.85 million in integrated eductional software over the next three years.

Another dominant trend is making its presence felt, that of endowing all educational software products, whether for school or home use, with entertainment value.

"This is the arcade-game generation," explains Hasfari. "Everything you give them should be developed as a multimedia adventure game." Such educational entertainment is called "edutainment."

Only a few Israeli companies have gone into creating software exclusively for the home market. One hopeful contender for the U.S. edutainment market is EduConcept, a Taldor Computer Systems subsidiary which signed an agreement this summer for U.S. marketing and distribution through Maxis, developers of the popular SimCity, SimLife, SimAnt and other games.

Maxis has placed an initial $300,000 order for EduConcept's educational multimedia products. The Kiryat Ono-based EduConcept is a start-up company, barely six months old.

"Never say the same thing twice," says EduConcept project manager Anna Neeman. The trick in edutainment is to find the balance between the game and the subject of study. EduConcept's package ties music, art, math and the social sciences together through the adventures of space-creature Zaark and his Night Team. Users aged six to nine gain entry to the gang, which helps them throughout their adventures.

EduConcept does not present the educational program on the basis of separate disciplines, explains Neeman, "as sometimes the child does not even know he is entering into a discipline until he is involved. This is our unique approach."

The company's advantage, she says, is how it presents subjects, its high-quality computer graphics and the fine caliber of its staff. EduConcept's founders, Neeman and Linda Harnevo, both have backgrounds as educators; Neeman, who taught high school for over two decades, says field experience is vital.

"You have to stand in the classroom in order to know what the child wants, not rely only on surveys, but also on the instincts you have."

TIPS FROM PROS

By YARON HAIK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For anyone turning 71, it's time to ask an important question: how will you convert your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) into the best income for the remainder of your life?

The options used to be fairly simple. You could withdraw your entire RRSP in cash, buy an annuity, or transfer the RRSP into a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF).

The first choice is the most unattractive since cashing in an RRSP creates a heavy tax bill. The second — buying an annuity — guarantees a regular income for the rest of the owner's life, but doesn't guard against inflation. The third, rolling your RRSP into a RRIF, is now more than ever the most attractive option.

In a recent budget, the federal government dramatically altered the rules governing RRIFs, a tax- sheltered plan that provides periodic payments to the investor for life. Under the new rules, a RRIF owner's minimum payment formula is guided by the percentage table attached, wherein payments are gradually increased over the lifetime of the owner.

At age 94 the minimum payment of 20 per cent of remaining plan value will continue for the remainder of the investors' life.

Fixed income returns

The advantages of owning a RRIF are fairly evident, but there is more. When buying an annuity, payments are based on fixed-income returns. A RRIF, on the other hand, can be invested in a variety of growth or balanced investments such as mutual funds, stocks, bonds and GICs among other things.

Furthermore, a RRIF allows you to withdraw whatever amount is required, thus allowing more flexibility for payments should the need arise for more funds. An annuity doesn't offer the flexibility for payments and it may not leave any funds to pass on to a spouse or heirs. A RRIF may pass into the hands of a spouse if the owner elects to do so.

With greater growth potential, tax advantages and flexibility, now is the time to consider a RRIF. Talk to your investment advisor to discover how a RRIF can be tailored to fit your retirement income needs.

Yaron Haik is an investment adviser with Richardson Greenshields, Richmond Hill office.

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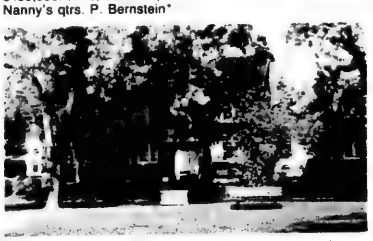

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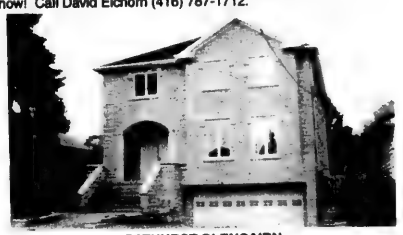

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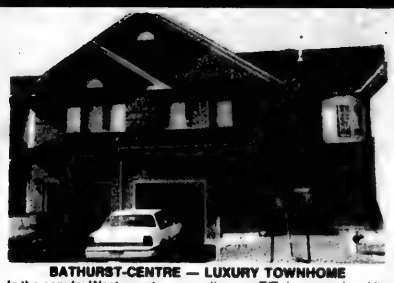

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Kosoy-Gofman, Rachel on October 19, 1994, late of 668 Roselawn Ave. #605
Fersecz, Aranka on October 19, 1994, late of 275 Shuter Street
Polon, Steven on October 21, 1994, late of 619 Avenue Rd., #204
Gerhard, Oscar on October 22, 1994, late of 1131 Steeles Ave. W. #811
Kileb, Bernard on October 21, 1994, late of 2775 Don Mills Rd. #314
Goldstein, Marsha on October 20, 1994, late of 4222 Bathurst St., #503
Horenfeldt, Goldie on October 17, 1994, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home
Berkovici, Leon on October 18, 1994
Furman, Rachel on October 18, 1994, late of 521 Finch Ave. W.
Schonblum, Dora on October 19, 1994, late of 2900 Bathurst St., #1407
Mail, Mendel on October 18, 1994, late of 7601 Bathurst St., #606
Jacob, Eugene on October 18, 1994, late of 76 Regina Ave.
Milman, Valentina on October 18, 1994
Benkiel, Sharon Elaine on October 19, 1994
La Porter, Aaron (Al) on October 19, 1994, late of 35 Canyon Ave., #603

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

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Clean, peel, dice squash. Chop leeks & carrots. Melt margarine in pan. Lightly sauté squash, leeks, carrots. Don't brown. Add stock, bay leaf and boil 10 min. Add peppercorns. Reduce heat, simmer for 45 min. Remove bay leaf and purée soup in processor. Add salt & pepper to taste. Garnish with diced cucumber. Drizzle honey over cucumber garnish in each bowl. Serves 6. Enjoy!

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Street Kids: A Jewish Problem? Most experts agree that while the percentage of Jewish street kids is small, the problems facing them are not. "A good half" of all street kids commit crimes to avoid hunger, according to one expert. First of a two-part series. *Page 3*

University students from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa march on Parliament Hill protesting Canda's continued relations with Iran. *Page 4*

Bernard Shapiro, former Ontario deputy minister of education, has been named McGill University's 15th principal. He is the first Jew to hold the post. *Page 6*

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is currently tracking the activities of some 250 hate groups around the world. *Page 15*

Denying that members of the Jewish community can be addicted to such things as food, drugs or relationships only serves to intensify the problem. Jewish addicts learn to deal with their problems. *Page 24*

Everywhere

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Antonio Lamer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, is in Israel to establish a fellowship at Hebrew University. *Page 35*

The Tomb of the Patriarchs has been re-opened after more than eight months with new security and prayer arrangements. *Page 37*

Two Hamas leaders have said they would welcome dialogue with Israel, but Prime Minister Rabin has rejected the possibility. *Page 38*

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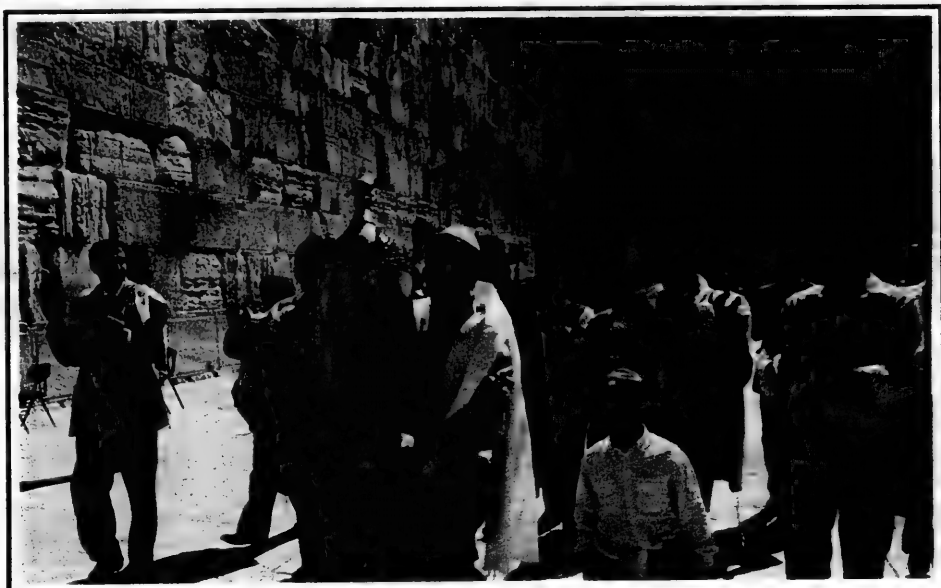

JOY AT THE WALL

Jews from around the world are flocking to Israel to celebrate personal and religious events, as well as to visit sunny tourist destinations and historical treasures. The CJN's Israel Travel section begins on page 41.

Immigration changes draw mixed reviews

By RON CSILLAG and BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporters

TORONTO — While many minority and women's groups continue to turn thumbs down to the sweeping changes in Canada's immigration system announced last week, national Jewish organizations are being more guarded, greeting the new directions with mixed reviews.

Canada's Jewish community has traditionally opposed any changes that would limit the reunification of families or place undue hardship on new arrivals. Despite fears to the contrary, the document unveiled by Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi — panned by many activists — will have little immediate impact on Jewish immigration to Canada.

But in the long term, according to Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), they could discourage Jewish immigration here with their calls for fewer overall immigrants, fewer family-class arrivals and a policy that seems to tell newcomers they must expect to quickly become part of the community.

Marchi's plans call for:

- A target of 190,000 to 215,000 immigrants, down from the projected 230,000 this year;
- A shift toward attracting "economic" immigrants — those with skills and/or wealth — and away from family class. Projections for this year point to 43 per cent of immigrants in the economic class and 51 per cent in family class; that's expected to change by the year 2000 to 53 per cent economic and 44 per cent family;
- Boosting the number of refugees to between 24,000 and 32,000;
- Shifting settlement costs away from government to immigrants or agencies, meaning the Jewish community could be expected to take up the financial slack;
- Knowledge of English or French;
- Forcing sponsors of family members to put up assets, such as homes or businesses, as guarantees to ensure newcomers don't go on welfare;
- And a separate category for parents and grandparents, with possible limits.

JIAS national executive director Susan Davis calls the policy "tinkering" with levels and projections, and "intention with little substance."

The vast majority of Jewish immigrants to Canada are from the former Soviet Union, and they usually come with needed skills in areas like computer, physical sciences and engineering, Davis noted.

But a large majority — 80 per cent over the last two years — have accepted entry-level or unrelated menial work, which is contrary to Ottawa's plan. "The government wants short-term success," Davis said. " They want the skilled worker who can hit the ground running."

Potential Jewish immigrants to Canada could also be scared off by demands for English or French. Former Soviets tends to have "fair to good" English and little or no French, Davis pointed out.

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Mordechai Ben-Dat named CJN Editor

The Board of Directors of The Canadian Jewish News announces the appointment of Mordechai Ben-Dat as Editor.

Ben-Dat, who has been a contributor to the pages of the paper for some time and has been one of its editorial writers, comes from a varied background which encompasses social work, the practice of law, speech writing and government service at several levels. He will assume his new duties on December 12.

Ben-Dat fills the vacancy created when Patricia Rucker was appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. A profile on the new Editor will appear in the next issue of The CJN.

The CJN's new look, please see Page 4

News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Finestone in Israel

MONTREAL — Sheila Finestone, the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women, is in Israel for the International Jewish Women's Conference, from Nov. 7-12.

The conference is intended to prepare women for the 1995 World Conference on Women, in Beijing.

Finestone will address the conference and is scheduled to hold talks with Israeli Arabs, Palestinian women, cabinet ministers and MKs.

On her return, she will stop in Germany for talks with leaders of the Jewish community on the Canadian experience with multiculturalism.

Pearlson Returned

TORONTO — Rabbi Jordan Pearlson was re-elected national president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University at the group's annual general meeting, held recently in Toronto.

Reuben Croll of Montreal was elected senior vice-president; Sidney Chelsky and Nani Beutel, both of Toronto, were named treasurer and secretary respectively.

Rabbi Pearlson announced a mission to Europe and Israel next May so that participants can take part in celebrations marking the university's 25th anniversary.

ISRAEL

Crossings Limited

JERUSALEM — Israelis who do not hold foreign passports will be allowed to visit Jordan starting in mid-November, but only 500 Israelis a day will be permitted entry.

Tourism Ministry spokeswoman Orly Doron said recently that the restriction was due to Jordan's limited number of hotel rooms, and that only a certain number of tourists a day could visit the ancient rock city of Petra.

Help for Girl

JERUSALEM — No sooner was the ink dry on the peace treaty with Jordan than Israel said it will try to save a 12-year-old Jordanian girl who needs a bone-marrow transplant.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin gave the go-ahead for about $7,000 to be spent on tests to find a donor for Heba Shaban, whose father turned to Rabin and Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital for help in treating the girl's critical case of anemia.

Satellite Venture

TEL AVIV — Russia and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa have agreed to a joint venture to launch a satellite into space in 1995.

After a five-member Russian delegation arrived here to finalize details, the agreement was signed last week between the Technion and the Russian STC Complex.

The $3.5 million satellite, to be used for communications and scientific experiments, is scheduled for launch in March, along with two other satellites from a site about 560 miles from Moscow.

Funds For HUC

JERUSALEM — The Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion received an allocation of $70,000 (U.S.) from Israel's Religious Affairs Ministry late last week, marking the first time the school, founded in Jerusalem in 1963, received a government grant.

The allocation comes as a result of a June agreement given the force of a High Court of Justice verdict, whereby the ministry will begin funding non-Orthodox religious groups.

Affirmative Action Ruling

JERUSALEM — In a precedent-setting decision on affirmative action, Israel's High Court of Justice last week canceled the appointments of three male directors of government companies, saying those slots should have been filled with women.

The petition challenged the appointments of a man to the boards of the Ports and Railways Authority and of two men to the board of Israel Oil Refineries.

There are no women on either board.

Arab Population Grows

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem's Arab population continues to grow faster than its Jewish one, according to a recent municipal report.

Non-Jews — mainly Arabs — made up some 28.3 percent of Jerusalem residents at the end of 1993, the report stated. In 1992, the figure for non-Jews was 27.9 per cent.

In 1967, 74.2 per cent of the population was Jewish and 25.8 per cent non-Jewish In 1993, the Jewish population was 71.7 per cent.

Aliyah Increases

JERUSALEM — Aliyah is up three percent so far this year compared to last year, and up 21 per cent last month over October 1993, the Absorption Ministry announced last week. In the first 10 months of the year, some 65,200 immigrants arrived, including 53,560 from the CIS. In October, 8,100 immigrants arrived, 7,000 of them from the former Soviet Union.

Opera Opens Doors

TEL AVIV — Local and international opera stars tested the rafters during the Oct. 23 opening of Israel's first opera house, a $50-million (U.S.), 1,500-seat auditorium built for the New Israeli Opera company.

The company, with the Israel Symphony Orchestra as its house orchestra, will perform *Boris Godunov*, *Nabucco*, *The Barber of Seville*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and Israeli composer Josef Tal's *Joseph* this season.

WORLD

Community Marks 100th

BULAWAYO — The Jewish community of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, recently marked its 100th anniversary.

The Chief Rabbi of South Africa, Cyril Harris, speaking at both a thanksgiving service in the Bulawayo synagogue and at the 100th anniversary banquet, paid tribute to the 500-member Jewish community for "succeeding in preserving vibrant Jewish life."

While the community in Bulawayo has thrived in Zimbabwe, formerly known as Rhodesia, Jewish life has not fared as well in the capital city, Harare, where the 470 members of the community have witnessed divisive splits in recent years. At present, it has no rabbi.

Flap Over Germany

AMSTERDAM — Germany will not take part in Holland's commemoration of its World War II victims, to be held May 4, 1995, or in the May 5 ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands in 1945.

But Germany will take part in a Dutch commemoration scheduled for May 8, 1945, which marks the 50th anniversary of the surrender of the German army.

Holland's Jewish community recently said it was opposed to inviting Germany to next year's commemorations.

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STREET KIDS: *A Jewish problem?*

First of a two-part series

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Street kids are a big problem, but not a Jewish problem as such," says Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS).

He estimates the organization's caseload of street kids at 12 to 15 per year. The number of Jewish street kids who aren't in the system is unknown.

Statistics provided by the Interagency Committee on Homeless and Runaway Youth, a Toronto task force, indicate that 10,000 young people a year — both locals and out-of-towners — end up on the streets of Metropolitan Toronto.

Youth turns life around
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At any time, 3,000 to 4,000 of them sleep in abandoned buildings, on rooftops, in parking garages, apartment stairwells, bank machine lobbies or on the street.

As a child protection agency, JF&CS is contacted by police when they pick up children under the age of 16 on the street. Once youngsters reach their 16th birthday, they are free to stay on the streets. Unless they're caught by police for breaking the law, older Jewish street teens usually remain unknown to JF&CS.

While most experts agree that the *percentage* of Jewish street kids is small, the problems facing them are big ones.

"A good half" of all street kids become involved in crimes like robbery, breaking and entering, assault or prostitution — sometimes simply to avoid hunger, says ex-Torontonian Dr. Saul Levine, director of child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of California at San Diego.

"Although most teens who leave home do so because of escalating conflicts, those who stay on the street usually have additional problems, such as depression, chronic behavioral difficulties or drug abuse, said Levine in a telephone interview.

Grant Lowery, a vice-president of the Toronto YMCA and one of Toronto's first outreach workers over 20 years ago, estimates that at least 25 per cent of street kids have left home because of physical or sexual abuse. Others are thrill-seekers or have been thrown out by their families. Over 20 per cent are lesbian, gay or bisexual.

"For a while, they might even be happier living on the street," says Levine.

He cautions, however, that the lifestyle "is not pretty." Some of the perils — AIDS, violence, sexually transmitted diseases and infections caused by drug abuse — are life-threatening.

"It's getting more dangerous as weapons and drugs permeate the scene," says Levine. "There are fewer second chances."

"Street kids are away from medical care, structure, and adults who are concerned about them. It's a much riskier lifestyle," says Simon Kalkstein, supervisor of JF&CS's Bloor Y branch, which is close to the downtown core where many street kids congregate.

Kalkstein, who sits on the Toronto task force dealing with street youth, has had a caseload of perhaps half a dozen street kids in the past four years. (Because of the small caseload shared by JF&CS's

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Help is just a call away

In Toronto, most agencies that work with street kids, with the exception of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS), are not Jewish agencies.

JF&CS can offer a safe place to stay, financial assistance, and assistance in going back to school and reconciling with family, says Simon Kalkstein, supervisor of JF&CS's Bloor Y branch.

There are Jewish family service agencies in eight Canadian cities. They can be reached by phone at the following numbers:

- **Calgary 403-287-3510**
- **Edmonton 403-424-6346**
- **Hamilton 905-527-8444**
- **Montreal 514-342-0000**
- **Ottawa 613-722-4124 (adolescents and children), 613-789-1800 (adults)**
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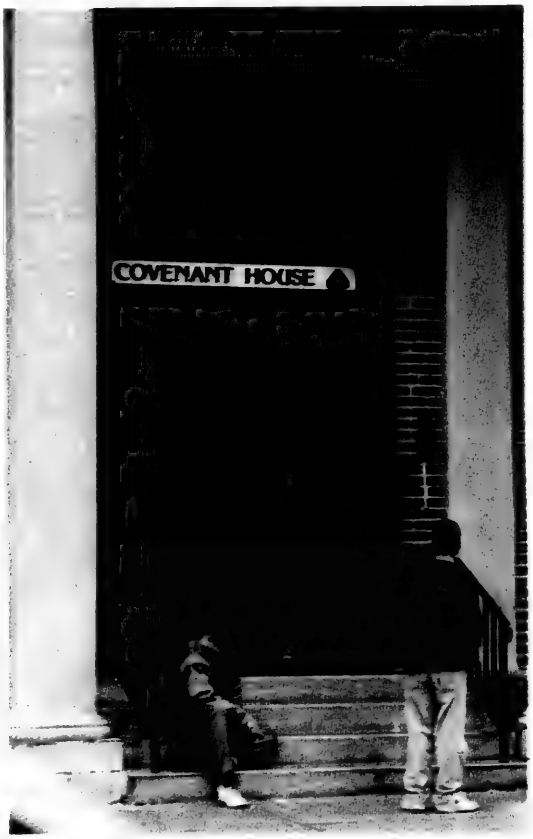
Street kids in other cities may wish to contact the local Children's Aid Society.

Help may also be found by contacting Tel-Aide, Toronto's Jewish distress line at 416-636-9610. Its hours are Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and occasional Sundays.

Montreal's Jewish distress line, the Shalom Line, can be reached at 514-343-4343 Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Over 70 young people a day seek help at Covenant House, a hostel in downtown Toronto. [Frances Kraft photo]

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"We want our readers not only to be impressed with our 'New Look,' but also to know where they will regularly find local news and what's happening elsewhere in Canada, in Israel and in the rest of the world. We have, therefore, created the exciting and distinct sections *Here and There* and *Everywhere*. At the same time, we have taken steps to make the paper even more readable and attractive," said *CJN* President Donald Carr.

"If there was one major aim running through all of our planning, it was to retain the strong traditional design points of *The CJN* as a newspaper, such as our distinctive logo, while updating and refreshing as many areas of the paper as possible," said *CJN* General Manager Gary Laforet.

Many of the changes you will now see, from more local news up front and larger body type throughout, to cleaner, crisper headlines and brighter presentation of our feature opinion pieces, are the result of feedback from our readers.

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Like any other publication, *The CJN* is constantly exploring ways to improve, not only in our format, but also in our content. We hope you enjoy our "New Look." We welcome your reactions.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Canadian Jewish Congress's Quebec region addressed students outside Iran's embassy in Ottawa. [Photo by Michael Beigleman]

Students protest terrorism

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — About 200 University and high school students from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto marched from Parliament Hill to the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran last week to protest Canada's continued diplomatic relations with a country alleged to support international terrorism.

They called on the Canadian government to take meaningful action against Iran, which has been connected to terrorist bombings in Buenos Aires, London, the World Trade Centre in New York and most recently, a bus bombing in downtown Tel Aviv that killed 22.

"There are ways that we in Canada, with the support of our government, can stop the needless bloodshed," Carleton University graduate student Corey Goldman told the crowd gathered at the eternal flame in front of the Parliament Buildings. "International sanctions must be imposed against countries that support active terrorist organizations."

Elected representatives from several political parties also addressed the students and condemned state-supported terrorist activities.

A letter calling for sanctions was sent to Andre Ouellet, minister of foreign affairs, by Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), and Moshe Ronen, chair of the national Israel affairs committee for CJC.

"Canadian Jewish Congress is requesting that the government of Canada investigate Iran's connection to terrorist activities," the letter said. "We believe that diplomatic relations should not be maintained with any country which supports international terrorism."

After demonstrating on Parliament Hill, the students marched the eight blocks to the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, CJC Quebec region executive chair, accused Iran of using its embassies as a cover for terrorist activities. Shouting through a megaphone across the street from the embassy, Rabbi Poupko wondered why the Canadian government continues treating Iranian diplomats so graciously.

"Its diplomats continue to be invited to all the diplomatic receptions in Ottawa. And they're smiled at and their hands are shaken and they're treated as normal civilized citizens . . . [Yet] they represent a people which believes their ticket to heaven is the blood of Jews," he yelled.

To cheers and clapping, Rabbi Poupko crossed the street to deliver a bill of indictment listing Iran's crimes. It was slipped under the door of the embassy.

A lone representative of the embassy watched the demonstration from the sidewalk and handed out press releases denying Iran's involvement with Islamic fundamentalist terrorism.

"Iran's expression of support for the legitimate struggle of people against foreign occupation, and colonial or alien domination has been conveniently labelled by the U.S. as supporting terrorism," the document said. The press release also claimed that Iran was a victim, not a supporter, of terrorism.

Brian Moskowitz, a high school student at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute in North York made the five-hour bus trip to Ottawa to demonstrate his concern about the government's turning a blind eye towards Iran's alleged support of Islamic fundamentalist terrorist groups like Hamas.

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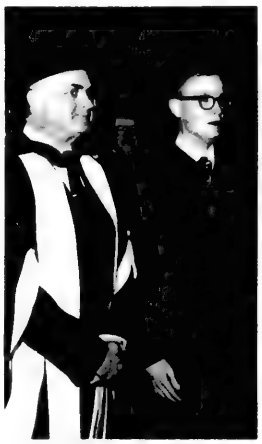
From coast to coast

Shapiro named McGill's 15th principal

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — For Montreal Jews who remember when Jewish enrolment at McGill University was strictly limited, the installation of Bernard Shapiro as principal and vice-chancellor was an event they thought they'd never see.

Montreal-born Shapiro, 60, a former deputy minister of education in Ontario, became McGill's 15th principal, in a ceremony that included a procession of colorfully robed representatives from over 50 North American universities (including Shapiro's identical twin Harold, president of Princeton University), a full orchestra and much pomp, before an audience of 3,000 at Place des Arts.



Gov. Gen. Ray Hnatyshyn (left) with Bernard Shapiro.

Governor-General Ray Hnatyshyn gave the university's charter and seal into Shapiro's keeping, in the traditional rite of transfer of office. Shapiro succeeds David Johnston, who was principal for 15 years.

Shapiro exchanged his resplendent fuchsia robe for the more somber gold-trimmed black gown worn by the McGill hierarchy, with the assistance of chancellor Gretta Chambers and Richard Pound, chair of the board of governors.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Ira Grussgott of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

In the audience was Shapiro's mother Mary and many of the people he and his brother had grown up with in Montreal.

After graduation from McGill in 1956, Shapiro left Montreal for Harvard, where he earned a PhD in education. He subsequently held academic posts in Boston and Ontario. Most recently, he was a University of Toronto professor.

In his bilingual address, Shapiro made no reference to the historical significance of his appointment. But he did pledge to keep McGill an "inviting and congenial" place for francophone students, and to encourage students to become proficient in both official languages.

"We cannot and should not choose to focus solely on the education of those who decide to live elsewhere. The experience of being at McGill — in whatever capacity — must be such as to either reinforce the fabulous diversity of Montreal and Quebec and the delight of direct participation in those cultural communities, or else construct within the imagination of those of our students who may eventually live elsewhere the value and distinctiveness of the life that flourishes here in Montreal and Quebec."

He warned against engaging in nostalgia for too long. "Our history can serve as a wellspring of lessons learned, and disappointments replaced by new beginnings, as we have struggled to understand and respond to the nature and purpose of our contribution to society."

In his speech entitled The Courage to Choose, Shapiro said universities need to find ways of maintaining excellence with diminishing resources "in the complex economic, social and political climate of Canada, Quebec and Montreal."

McGill cannot be "simply a community of scholars," he said. It must be "a community of scholarship" in which many different people inside and outside are participants.

McGill will have to "reimagine, and in some cases, reinvent the entire design of the teaching and research services that define us as a university." That means greater cooperation between its own departments and with other universities and institutions, and dialogue with government, graduates and the private sector, he said.

"Over the next generation, the more permeable the boundary, the more likely that our university can successfully compete with these enterprises for the vital but limited social resources of classroom space, library and learning materials, laboratories and, above all, the most sophisticated knowledge workers that should comprise our faculty."

In an interview with the *McGill Reporter*, Shapiro said the university will have to raise tuition and do more private fundraising to make up for the shortfalls in government funding.

Shapiro said he believes being an "educated person" must mean more than getting a degree. "Their education should help them to find joy in something."

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From coast to coast

Ostrovsky book called betrayal

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A veteran Israeli journalist is standing by his call for the death of former Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky, author of two tell-all books about the Israeli intelligence agency.

What Ostrovsky did "is an act of treachery and I don't think any country can live with traitors, most particularly a country that lived in constant danger until very recently," said Joseph Lapid, a columnist with the Israeli newspaper *Ma'ariv*. "[Ostrovsky] is using his knowledge to sell out Israel, to do harm to Israel."

Reached by telephone, Ostrovsky denied he was damaging the Jewish state, saying he was exposing the Mossad as a rogue organization that was taken over in 1982 in a virtual coup d'etat by an "extremely right wing" element.

And he blasted Lapid's comments, saying there are "lunatics" in the Jewish community who might try to carry them out and become "the man who killed Liberty Vallance."

Speaking in a telephone interview from his home in Tel Aviv, Lapid stood by the comments he made recently on the CTV morning show, *Canada AM*. At that time he said, "Israelis occasionally die for their country. And I don't think that anybody should make a living out of betraying it. Ostrovsky has no right to live, except if he's prepared to return to Israel and stand trial. The Mossad cannot kill him because we cannot endanger our relations with Canada. But I hope there will be a decent Jew in Canada who does it for us."

Lapid did not backtrack from those comments when he spoke to *The CJN* last week. "I deeply believe in the obligations of Jews towards their country. [Ostrovsky] is selling for hard cash Israeli state secrets."

Although he characterized Ostrovsky's most recent book, *The Other Side of Deception*, as "90 per cent invention," Lapid said the remaining 10 per cent is a betrayal of Israel.

Asked if the book is more of an embarassment to Israel than a danger to state secrets, Lapid said "the embarrassment is to Jews that a Jew should harm Israel.

Victor Ostrovsky

Ostrovsky denied he was trying to harm Israel or Mossad agents. "This is not a vendetta against people. No one died from my first book and no one will die from my second book."

Ostrovsky's first book, *By Way of Deception*, outlined his experiences as a Mossad trainee and case officer. The most recent book takes up the story in 1986, after he left the Mossad. Ostrovsky said he remained as a sort of subcontractor to a dissident element in the Mossad who opposed its right-wing leadership.

Among the more sensational claims made in the second book is that Mossad was involved in the assassination of an Israeli general who was slated to take over the intelligence agency. The Mossad leadership did not want an outsider in charge, Ostrovsky claimed.

Mossad was also involved in the assassination of a German politician who was about to blow the whistle on a secret program of arms sales to Iran in the mid-1980s, he asserted.

Lapid said he first confronted Ostrovsky about the book on the Israeli television panel show, *Popolitica*, where he is one of three regular panelists. At the time, he said he told the audience that Ostrovsky "has no right to live."

Lapid, the former general manager of the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation, said Ostrovsky and his publisher, HarperCollins are using his comments to promote the book.

Ostrovsky said he appeared on *Canada AM* expecting Lapid to "recant" his earlier statement. As to Lapid's claim that he is profiting by selling out Israel, Ostrovsky said authors write books expecting to be paid for them. And he asserted that the Mossad was doing more harm to Israel than he.

Ostrovsky also took aim at Jewish communal organizations, saying "the silence of the Jewish community sounds like they agree with [Lapid]."

Responding to Lapid's remarks, Canadian Jewish Congress issued a statement saying, "Understandably Ostrovsky's contemptible actions have created resentment among Jews the world over. However, even in these extreme circumstances, Lapid's comments are regrettable, to say the least."

"That language is as strong as need be, given the situation," said Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress.

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דאָס איז בעוועון אַ הקוטה, וועו די איידאָפֿאַשיש לענדער זייענן בעוועון איבערגעפֿאַלן מיט אינוואַי־נער. מענטשן תּאָבן צמיגרירט פֿון אירן לאַנד אין אַנדערן. זיי תּאָבן בעוואויט אין ענגע, צוגעמיג־קוועטשע קוואַרטאַלן. דער שטאַנ אָן אָפּטאַל, אַרויסגעוואָרפֿן דורך די סענצטער, תּאָט זיך גע־תּאָלגערט איבער די גאַסן אָן אַליין, אָן קיינער תּאָט זיך נישט געמען די מי דאָס אָפּצוזיפֿקן.

אין דעצעמבער 1347 איז אַבגעקומען אַ פֿראַכט־שיף פֿון קרים קיין איטאַליע. די האַנדלס־שיף תּאָט אַ תּרע סחורות אָן פֿאַדזקען, אויך בעפֿידט אַ גרויסע צאָל „אומלעבאָלע" מאַטראָלישע שטשורעס, וואָס תּאָבן גענומען אויף זיך פֿליי אינוועטקע מיט אַ פֿאַראַזיט, וואָס פֿאַראורזאַכט א שטערבלע־כע קראַנקייט. אָן אַזוי וואָס תּאָט זיך עס אַנגעהויבן.

די מיסטעריעזע מיט־קרענק איז אויסגעבראָכן צוויי טעג נאָכן אָנקום פֿון דער שיף אין תּאָבן. די שטשורעס זייענן אַראָפּ פֿון דער שיף, אַריין אין מיסט אָן די פֿליי תּאָבן אַנגעהויבן צו פֿאַרשפּרייטן זייער שטערבלעכן פֿאַראַזיט. אַנדערע תּאָבלס־שיפֿן תּאָבן, צוזאַמען מיט זייער סחורה, געפֿידט די אַ־טשטעקונג צו אַנדערע יַם־פֿאַרטן אין מיטלענדישן יַם אָן פֿון דאָרט אין פֿיל איידאָפּאַישע שטעט, וואָו די מגיפֿה תּאָט זיך שנעל פֿאַרשפּרייט. די דייטשן תּאָבן עס אַנגערופֿן „דאָס גראָסע שטערבעו".

די מגיפֿה תּאָט דעמאָלט אומגעבראַכט אַ דריטל פֿון איידאָפּעיִש באַצאָל באַפֿעלקערונג. ליט וויי היסטאָריקערס שרייבן זייענן באַצאָל דערפֿער אין שטעט געבליבן פֿאַראַיוט. די מדרא אין פֿאַרצווייפֿ־לונג איז בעוועון שרעקלעך אין מענטשן תּאָבן נישט בעוואוסט תּאָט צו טאָן. אַלעוולי מעדיצינישע מיט־לען אין „באַבסקע רפֿואות" זייענן בעמבט בעוואָרן, אָבער עס תּאָט בארוישט בעוואָלטן.

זוכצדיק די סיבה פֿון דעם אומגעלויבן, תּאָבן די איינוואוינער אַנגעהויבן קוקן מיט חשד אויף אַלע פֿרעמדע אין זייער מיטן, ספּעציעל אויף יַי יידן, וועלכע זייענן אין אַלע ציימן באַסדאָכט בעוואָרן וויי פֿרעמדע. ס'תּאָבן זיך באַלד בעפֿונען „בלויביקע", וואָס תּאָבן בעוואָרפֿן די שולד אויף די יידן. בילבו־לים זייענן שנעל פֿאַרשפּרייט בעוואָרן פֿון לאַנד צו לאַנד. איין מעשה תּאָט דערציילט וועבן אַ בעוויסן יִד, וואָס תּאָט באַקומען פֿון זיין רבין אַ קרוג מיט סם אין באַפֿוילן עס אַריינצוגיסן אין די בורגעמער אין מיינץ, כדי צו מיטן אַלע נישט־יידן.

אין סעפּטעמבער, 1348, זייענן אַלע יידן פֿון שילאָן, שווייצאַריע, בעפֿיינקט בעוואָרן ביז זיי תּאָבן זיך „בדוה בעוועון" אין דעם פֿאַרברעכן. אַזעלכע אויסקוויזיציעס זייענן פֿאַרגעקומען אין פֿיל שטעט. אין די אַרכיוון וועלט בעשריבן, אַז אין שטראַסבורג זייענן לעבעדיקעוויים פֿאַרברענט בעוואָרן 2,000 יידן. נאָך 6,000 יידן זייענן אויסגעשאָכטן בעוואָרן אין מאַינץ.

אַזוי וואָס נאָך שטאָט. קיינער וויסט נישט בע־נוי, וויפֿל יידן עס זייענן דעמאָלט אומגעקומען, אָבער די צאָל איז בעוועון אומגעהויער גרויס. אין דאָס אָלץ צוליב אַ בילבול. די אמתיע שולדיקע זייענן בעוועון די שטשורעס, תּאָט זייענן בעקומען מיט דער איטאַליענישער שיף. די „שוואַרצע" מגיפֿה אין 14־טן יאָרהונדערט איז בעוועון אַ גרויס אומגליק פֿאַר איידאָפּע. אָבער די גרעסטע קרבנות זייענן בעוועון די אומשולדיקע יידן, מיט קאָפּאָפּ 650 יאָר צוריק.

From coast to coast

Education, democracy called antidote to Hamas popularity

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — An expert on the Hamas movement says that it could take years of education and international efforts to shift strong Palestinian popular support away from the group.

Only 50 or 60 people are believed to head the "military" terrorist wing of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, said Ronni Shaked, a former journalist for Israel's *Yediot Achronot* and the author of two books on terrorism and Hamas.

But up to 500,000 Palestinians — one third of the Gaza Strip's Palestinian population — support Hamas' "political" wing, which provides social, educational and medical services, he said.

The idea of closing it down with that level of support is both impractical and impossible, Shaked told an audience of 150 at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue.

Shaked said Hamas' "political" wing is now distinct from its "military" side and more likely to lose popular support if more international efforts go towards education and encouraging democracy in the Gaza Strip.

It's also vital, he said, for the West to choke off the funding that goes towards financing Hamas terrorism.

If not, support for Islamic fundamentalism could take over the entire region and spread around the world, Shaked warned.

"It will be many, many years, slowly, slowly," Shaked said. "But education, and economic and social development will mean less Hamas."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat also has to get his act together, he said, both in terms of cracking down on Hamas terror and bringing some order to the allocation of international funds coming into the Gaza Strip.

Shaked punched a hole in the myth that Iran is one of the primary sources for Hamas terrorism. Iran has contributed mostly to the "political wing," he said.

Each time Israel cracks down and appears to cut Hamas off at the knees through a series of arrests, Shaked said, the organization regroups from the United States, channelling new leadership and arms into the Gaza Strip.

Hamas even set up military training camps in Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois and received donations from individual contributors in Montreal and Toronto, Shaked said.

Shaked said Hamas began after the start of the intifadah in 1987 as an Islamic fundamentalist movement carrying anti-Jewish slogans.

Only when Israel and the PLO got serious about the peace process did Hamas start an active terrorist campaign to sabotage it by striking out at soldiers, settlers and citizens, Shaked said.

It has been so successful because terrorist acts are committed by ideologues fully prepared to die for the cause.

Since Israel left Gaza in the hands of the Palestinians last May, 66 Jews have been killed, Shaked said, and he predicted another wave of Hamas terror in the next months.

Shaked, however, did not think sealing off Palestinians from Israel would do any long-term good, since it would only help to build more Hamas support within the Gaza strip, deprive 16,000 Palestinians of jobs and Israel of workers.

Shaked's appearance was sponsored by the synagogue, Canada-Israel Committee-Quebec, under the auspices of the consulate general of Israel.

Talks must continue despite terror: Rubin

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The spate of Arab terrorism that has convulsed Israel since its rapprochement with the PLO in September 1993 cannot be blamed on the peace process.

Gary Rubin, executive director of Americans for Peace Now, said that terrorism rocked Israel long before Israel's current negotiations with the Arabs.

Speaking at a dinner honoring Mel Shipman, the founder of Canadian Friends of Peace Now, Rubin warned that a suspension of talks by Israel with its Arab partners to protest terrorism would be a great mistake. It would encourage Hamas, the chief perpetrator of anti-Israel violence, and undermine the legitimacy of the PLO.

Gary Rubin

Rubin challenged the wisdom of Israel's recent decision to seal off the territories, thereby depriving Palestinian day laborers the right to enter Israel.

The order is bound to foster greater poverty and despair in the territories — conditions that enable Hamas to exist and grow, he said.

Rubin urged international donor nations to speed up the delivery of promised aid to the Palestinian autonomous areas in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho.

If the peace process fails to improve the lot of the ordinary Palestinian, Hamas will benefit.

And Rubin suggested that Palestinian frustration will also grow if planned elections are not held as soon as possible. The Palestinians hunger to express themselves politically.

Rubin said the Palestinian track in the peace process is of vital importance, since it unlocks and nurtures the other tracks.

But he warned that progress on the Palestinian front could be drastically slowed if Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza are not removed.

The settlements, he declared, are incompatible with peace.

Settlers who wish to move back to Israel should be compensated by the Israeli government. By his estimation, the cost of relocating them would be $2.5 billion (US) — less than the army's expense in protecting them.

With regard to Jerusalem, Rubin said no policy positions or actions should be taken by Israel to affect its final status.

Jerusalem, he said, should be a truly united city, as well as Israel's capital. But the needs of its Palestinian residents should be taken into account. "We don't want Jerusalem to be another Hebron," he said in a reference to that strife-torn West Bank town.

Shipman, who recently stepped down as president of the local Peace Now chapter after 14 years, voiced pride that the organization had established "the legitimacy of open debate and discussion" in the Jewish community.

He expressed relief that Israel and its Arab neighbors had finally "got it right" in settling down to fruitful peace talks.

But he said he was troubled by the perception of some Israelis that Israel's peace agreement with Jordan relieves Israel of the obligation to continue negotiations with the PLO on Palestinian self-determination.

Dror Zeigerman, Israel's consul-general in Toronto, called on the PLO to crack down on Hamas terrorism so as to convince the Israeli public that it truly seeks peace.

Rashad Saleh, chair of Palestine House in Toronto, described the recent Hamas suicide bombing of a Tel Aviv bus as "a horrible crime. We condemn it."

Simon Rosenblum, co-chair of Canadian Friends of Peace Now, said that Gaza should not be "a safe haven" for Hamas.

A handful of demonstrators outside picketed the dinner in the Primrose Club. One of the protestors said he belonged to the Jewish Defence League, which vehemently opposes the current peace process.

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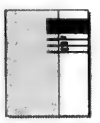
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Radicals rebuffed

Much to everyone's relief, voters roundly rejected the radical right in last month's federal election in Germany.

There had been fears that the Republicans, Germany's largest far-right party, might even win a seat or two in the Bundestag on the strength of its xenophobic platform. But this was not to be. When the ballots were counted, the Republicans were once again shut out, receiving only 1.9 percent of the vote, 0.2 percent less than in the 1990 election. The Republicans suffered a resounding nation-wide defeat, in both western and eastern Germany.

The party, led by former SS Waffen recruit Franz Schonhuber, seemed on a roll as the number of violent neo-Nazi incidents against foreigners, Turkish residents and Jews rose alarmingly in the past several years. Schonhuber secured a place in the European Parliament, while Republican representatives captured seats on the state and municipal levels in Berlin, Bremen, Schleswig-Holstein and Baden-Wurttemberg.

But Schonhuber's fortunes fell when the electorate rightly concluded that the Republicans were growing increasingly shrill and courting the German People's Party, which is to its right. Last June, Schonhuber lost his European Parliament seat, and in the Oct. 16 German election, he was unequivocably rebuffed by a public that is repelled and ashamed by neo-fascist violence.

Schonhuber has consistently maintained that he is not a neo-Nazi. And while this assertion is open to debate, it has been established beyond a doubt that he panders to a kind of German nationalism which offends most Germans, scares the daylights out of guest workers and tarnishes Germany's image abroad.

The German people acted wisely and resolutely in rejecting the Republicans. After disastrous flings with fascism and communism in this century, Germans are plainly weary and suspicious of ideologues flaunting simplistic solutions to their complex problems. Schonhuber and politicians of his ilk have yet to understand that Germany has had its fill of extremism.

Libya and loopholes

Most of the news emanating from the Middle East these days turns on the efforts by Israel and the PLO to secure a just and lasting peace — not an easy task with Hamas threatening mayhem on a regular basis.

Preoccupation with Hamas terrorists has obscured another serious breach of international morality involving Libya and cooperating countries, which has been going on for quite some time.

Because of Tripoli's refusal to hand over two intelligence agents suspected in the bombing of Pan Am's Flight 107 over Lockerbie, Scotland in December 1988, the United Nations (UN) Security Council passed Resolution 833, under which all of Libya's overseas assets were frozen.

This was the last in a series of economic embargoes taken initially by the United States and the UN to force Libya into complying with elementary legal standards of justice. It is supplementary to the cessation of international flights to Libya and other economic measures.

Now it has been learned that two firms in the Netherlands Antilles, Oilinvest International and Oilinvest Curacao, have been working with Libya to avoid the restrictions against that country's export of oil and other natural resources. The two firms in question have 33 subsidiary companies in Germany, Switzerland, Spain and Hungary which engage in oil refining activities.

The *Middle East* (Oct. 1994), a magazine published in London, reports that those subsidiaries "refine and market about 35,000 barrels a day of Libyan crude — over one-third of Tripoli's total output." By using second and third parties, the Libyan government has effectively executed an end-run against the embargoes ordered by the UN and the United States.

The American government is moving, somewhat ponderously, to plug the loopholes the Libyans have cunningly exploited. The government cannot, however, move fast enough. Libya still remains, under its current leadership, a terrorist state which cannot be permitted to run amok in the international community.

Letters to the editor

A SHARP-EYED READER

As a loyal reader of Sheldon Kirshner's column, I wish to convey my thanks and appreciation of his writing. I also wish to draw attention to a certain discrepancy in his Oct. 13 article: "Hitler's birthplace reflects infamous past."

In column 3 is the following quote: "Salzburg, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is approximately 60 kilometres north of Braunau." In column 1, on the small map, Salzburg is south of Braunau.

Harvey H. Herstein
Winnipeg

Sheldon Kirshner replies: You're absolutely right. Braunau in fact is north of Salzburg.

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NEWS FROM THE MIDBAR

Here's some news that may stun some of your readers — there is actually a considerable area of Canada outside the borders of Toronto and Montreal!

There are Conservative Jews living out there in that midbar, and they don't seem to suffer from the same femiphobia as the Torontonians and Montrealers do.

I dare to make public this dangerous revisionism because, once again, I read of Ontario Camp Ramah's tiresome head-in-the-sand attitude towards female rabbis and cantors (*CJN*, Oct. 13).

Leaving aside the wholly distasteful matter of censorship (does Rabbi Mitchell Cohen really think his campers have never heard, nor should hear, of female rabbis?), who says the rest of Canadian Conservative Jewry thinks that way? If the way they conduct religious services is any indicator, they most certainly do not.

The overwhelming majority of Conservative congregations outside of Toronto and Montreal are egalitarian in their practice, including counting both women and men in the minyan. West of the Ontario-Manitoba border, only one out of nine congregations does not offer aliyot to women.

Here in Vancouver, of approximately 1,300 member families in Conservative congregations, 1,250 belong to synagogues which are fully egalitarian. And I've never heard of one Conservative rabbi or cantor outside Ontario and Quebec threatening to quit the rabbinical or cantors' assemblies over the issue of female rabbis and cantors.

So if the central Canadian Conservative establishment can hear through all that sand, I say to them: (a) you don't speak for all Canadians; and (b) if you continue to censor free and rational discussion, especially among our youth, you'll censor them right out of the movement, if not Judaism altogether.

Irving M. Nitkin
Vancouver

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THE FUR INDUSTRY

Rachel Alkallay's article, Natural Furs: Fun, Elegant (*CJN* Fall Fashion Supplement, Sept. 14) is misleading and deceptive. A "return of fur to women's wardrobes" is announced. Alkallay offers the explanation that the fur industry is "fickle" and "cyclical in nature" but that the cycle is now favorable to the industry.

It may well be that fur's popularity has waxed and waned, but the trend in fur sales over the past decade is definitely down.

Buyers should also beware of one furrier's claim that a "rich brown mink will always be in style." When high-profile designers like Calvin Klein have announced they will no longer produce fur garments, how can anyone make such a guarantee?

While individual concepts of what is fun may vary, there can be no doubt that the many unfortunate creatures who were caught in leghold traps or lived out brief lives in tiny cages and were killed by electrocution did not have fun.

Rudy B. Solomonvici
Toronto

Editor's note:

Your letter implies the article reflects the opinions of CJN *reporter Rachel Alkallay.*

In fact, the article quotes the opinions of the owner of Natural Furs.

Also, please note on the page facing the Natural Furs article was a story on faux furs.

The following letter is in response to an article that appeared in French in the Montreal edition, Oct. 27.

AU SUJET DE LA CSQ

Concernant l'article de M. Elias Levy intitulé "La CSQ sévèrement critiquée" (publié dans l'édition du *CJN* du 27 octobre dernier), je tiens à souligner le fait que M. Gabay n'a en aucune façon répondu aux allégations soulevées par M. Jules Cohen et tout ce que le président de la CSQ a pu nous apprendre c'est comment manquer de respect à un membre élu en prétendant que ce membre qui travaille très très fort dans ce Conseil ne comprend rien au rouage organisationnel de la CSQ.

Tout ce que M. Gabay n'a pas dit c'est que toutes les restrictions contenues dans les statuts de la CSQ visent uniquement à freiner toute infiltration des membres du Rabbinat au sein de la CSQ.

M. Gabay ferait bien par commencer à respecter ses propres membres du Conseil avant que les membres de sa Communauté ne commencent à avoir la moindre considération à son égard puisque lui-même n'est pas élu par les membres de la communauté "at large".

Elie Benibgui C.A.

Dry Bones

THE HAMAS WAR AGAINST THE JEWS IS A WAKE-UP CALL FOR US ALL.
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AND LIKE ANY WAKE-UP CALL, THE FIRST REACTION IS TO ATTEMPT TO IGNORE IT AND GO BACK TO SLEEP
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BUT WE KNOW THAT IF WE DON'T WAKE UP AND STOP IT NOW... IT'LL GO OFF AGAIN!
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...UNTIL WE DO!

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Frontline

DESERT ACCORD

A time of reflection after peace with Jordan

The show I witnessed in Eyn-Evrona was well-staged and impressive. In the former no man's land between the cities of Eilat and Aqaba, 5,000 assembled guests filled the hastily improvised one-day stadium. The heat was dry and bearable, its 35 degrees softened by the dependable breeze that blows from the Red Sea through the narrow valley and northward over the lunar landscape of the southern Negev.

For the first time in history a mixed audience of Israelis and Jordanians was expected to fraternize. But while the peace agreement was signed ceremoniously by the leaders on the platform, the onlookers in the stadium did not really mix.

In the north, at the same time, a few Katyusha rockets were delivering a different message to Northern Galilee.

Shortly after all the handshakes, President Bill Clinton flew to Damascus to see Hafez al-Assad. At their press conference, the Syrian president was stiff and awkward; in response, the president was visibly uncomfortable. Later in Jerusalem, he tried to correct the impression of total failure registered by both the Israeli audience and his domestic critics. Up to a point he was right. To have ignored Assad altogether on this tour would have made bad politics. U.S.-Syrian contacts should go on.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was not invited to the peace celebration. He was left to ruminate over its impact on the Palestinian cause. As Amman and Jerusalem were savoring their treaty, Gaza and the West Bank remained closed after the Hamas carnage in Tel Aviv, depriving 80,000 Arab breadwinners of their daily income from Israel, for which Arafat has so far no substitute. A few days later, he met Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres in Casablanca to protest against this collective punishment and obtained some relief.

By Yeshayahu Nunes

In that Moroccan city, senior cabinet ministers and other official representatives of 60 nations and over a thousand businessmen from all over the world met in an extraordinary economic gathering. The declared aim was to see how the ongoing peace process in the Middle East could be assisted by imaginative projects of regional development, to be promoted by government and private business initiatives backed by international banking.

While no spectacular results could be expected to materialize during the conference itself, the prominent participation of Arab Gulf states, as well as King Hassan's lavish hospitality, confirmed the impression, that a major psychological breakthrough had indeed taken place in the Arab-Israeli relationship during the last year.

No longer isolated in a region hitherto characterized by conflict and boycott, Israel now appeared to be the most active broker of a new era of peace and prosperity. This prominence — Israel has sent eight ministers, 10 MPs and the largest delegation to the conference — itself a brain-child of Shimon Peres — was a bit too ostentatious. It enabled Arab opponents of the peace process, but also some others, to suspect Israel of "economic imperialism."

There is no doubt that tangible economic growth, most particularly in the territories and in Arab countries surrounding Israel, could be the most effective guarantor of lasting peace between the peoples of the region, more than the most perfected peace agreements between governments. It was, therefore, a very good idea to let economy have its say at this stage of the peace process.

A senior European representative at the conference, using diplomatic language, put his finger on the real issue when he expressed the hope that ordinary people will start to benefit from the peace talks. "If we can achieve this," he said, "the peoples of the Middle East will lead their governments to the next phases of the peace process.

Nicely put, for in the Arab camp as well as in Israel, only popular support will enable governments to take their next steps on this road to historical peace. Without it, the process will be derailed and no economic utopia will bring any much needed foreign investment to the area.

Meanwhile, massive popular support is nowhere to be seen. It is missing in the squalid reality of Gaza and the West Bank, where the well-financed Hamas is prospering at the expense of the penniless PLO. Support is also insecure in Jordan where the Palestinian majority feels let down by the king after his separate peace treaty with Israel.

And even in Israel, any progress in the further implementation of the agreement with Arafat over the West Bank, or any possible accord with Assad over the Golan, will require much more popular support than is currently available. In both cases territorial concessions will mean inevitable dislocation of Jewish settlers from those areas and present huge political difficulties.

So, in the aftermath of the treaty with Jordan, and after the conference in Casablanca, this is a moment for stocktaking and for reflection. Although experience has shown that the peace process can be advanced by bold initiatives in single sectors, it has also shown that progress on one front activates other sectors that were apparently left stranded in limbo.

Since a viable peace can only be regional or not be at all, the Israeli government will soon have to decide where to look next for progress. The chances are that the unreported contacts with Syria will continue with American assistance, while more emphasis will now have to be devoted to the Israeli-PLO relationship, which is in very urgent need of repair. After all, this relationship is not only the most accident-prone; it is also to be the pivotal pillar on which the whole peace construction is to stand.

Arafat's moment of truth has dawned

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yasser Arafat, the beleaguered chairman of the PLO, has reached a crossroad.

The bombing of a bus in central Tel Aviv last month, the climax of a series of sickening terrorist acts perpetrated by Hamas in the past year, has increased the pressure on Arafat to clamp down on terrorism.

Arafat is feeling the heat because Hamas maintains training camps and arsenals of weapons in the Gaza Strip, one of two Palestinian autonomous areas he has controlled since Israel and the PLO signed a formal peace agreement in Cairo last May.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has warned Arafat that the peace process might well grind to a halt unless he reins in the forces of Palestinian rejectionism. As he put it: "Whoever wants to advance peace must fight the radical, murderous terrorists of Hamas... because they are the murderers of peace."

The next crucial phases of Israel's accord with the PLO call for an Israeli army redeployment on the West Bank and for Palestinian elections in the territories.

But Rabin has warned Arafat that there will be no further withdrawals, and hence no progress in the march toward Palestinian self-rule, unless he demonstrates a serious willingness to try to control Hamas and deadly offshoots like Islamic Jihad.

It comes down to this: Peace *without* security is a dubious enterprise. If Israeli streets run red with the blood of victims of Arab terrorism, Israelis may lose heart and withdraw their backing of the peace process with the Palestinians. It is a chilling prospect that Rabin and Arafat dread and hope to avoid at all costs. The Palestinian question remains at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and if it proves insoluble, the possibility for a comprehensive settlement may well fade.

To be sure, Israel does not really expect Arafat and his fledgling, ill-trained police force to wipe out Hamas, whose prestige, particularly in Gaza, has grown since the outbreak of the intifadah in December 1987. It hasn't been forgotten that Israel, with all its superior resources, was unable to crush Hamas. So there is a realization in Jerusalem that Arafat's ability to deal with Hamas is fairly limited. At best, he can probably do no more than contain Hamas.

Until now, though, Arafat has not been resolute enough. He has condemned terrorism, but sometimes belatedly. He has rounded up terrorist suspects, but almost immediately released them. In short, he has held back, giving Israelis the uneasy impression of a bloodless if not complicit bystander.

And this is not mere conjecture. As the commander of the Palestinian police, Gen. Nasr Yousef, said recently: "We have the capability to act against the terrorists, but we have not received an order from the political level to do so."

What is lacking is political will on Arafat's part. Caught between Hamas and Israel, Arafat finds himself on the horns of a dilemma.

If he launches a concerted campaign against Hamas and its allies, he may not only be attacked as a collaborator and traitor, but may actually trigger a destructive Palestinian civil war.

Full-scale violence in the autonomous Palestinian areas, right on Israel's doorstep, would have disastrous consequences. It would seriously endanger Israel's peace process with the PLO and thus strengthen radical groups like Hamas which oppose peace and Israel's very existence.

It would also indefinitely delay the transfer of some $2 billion worth of promised development aid to Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho. Without such funds, the economic dividends that peace was expected to bring to the impoverished inhabitants of Gaza would simply vanish. International donors will not pour money into Gaza and Jericho if peace and stability do not prevail.

Until last month's bloody events, Arafat resisted Israeli demands to confront and disarm Hamas, hoping to co-opt their leaders. He had his reasons. He did not forge an historic rapprochment with Israel to create further divisions in the already fractured Palestinian community. And he still wants to be remembered as the father of Palestinian self-determination and, if it is possible, statehood.

But Hamas, backed by Palestinian militants and countries like Iran and Libya, has not cooperated, pushing Arafat against a hard rock. Hamas' recalcitrance is not surprising, for it adamantly rejects the PLO's conception of peace. Hamas yearns for an Islamic state in Palestine, built on the rubble of Israel.

Clearly, the PLO faces painful choices. Yet it can no longer afford to sit on the fence, antagonizing Israel and implicitly bolstering Hamas. The time has come for the PLO to take sides. For Arafat, the moment of truth has finally dawned. He cannot forestall the inevitable.

Opinion

Discovering new things about my mother

It's a strange thing. You think you know someone — and especially someone as close as your parent — and then you find out there's still more to learn.

My mother has now been gone for a year and a half, and we are still sorting out things she left behind. The other day my wife came across a little book of recipes which over the years she had copied from one source or another. We were about to discard it when a number of clippings and scraps of paper fell out. No recipes these, rather, but clippings from newspapers and scribbled notes of things she had read or heard.

Many of my readers will remember that my mother, who did not have much of a formal education, decided to go to university at 88 and received her honorary BA at the University of Toronto at 100. When she died, she was almost 103.

What these clippings confirmed once again was that Mother constantly struggled to improve herself not only on the intellectual level (which she never ceased to do until the day she died) but on the human level of emotion and self-perception.

Some of the scraps of paper that fell out of the recipe book may have been jotted on 50 years ago. They do not reveal who the author was or from where she copied it. It was meant entirely for herself, to remind herself of who and what she wanted to be. So, in recopying a few of them, I bring you not high-fallutin' philosophy but rather the yearning of one woman's heart.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

A little folded piece of paper, with watercolor pictures of two birds.

Said the robin to the sparrow:
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."
Said the sparrow to the robin:
"I think that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

(Mother was pious; she constantly read her prayer book.)

A scrap of paper dated August 1976:

"Life is an orchestra. Blow your horn but always be part of the other players. Do it while you play and while you rest — even if you never get a solo part."

Mother had lived in Brighton-Hove in southern England during World War II. I think she never quite lost some of her Old Country wonder about North American ways. She cut this from a newspaper, a letter that was signed, "Lassie from Lancastershire":

"There's no place in all the world where laziness and creature comforts are so expensively encouraged. For example: you people can't cut roasts without an electric knife, you can't wash a few dishes without an electric dishwasher, you must use a blender to whip cream, mix cake or prepare omelettes. You buy frozen foods which must be kept in the freezer because you are too busy (lazy) to go to the market and purchase fresh food, which is much cheaper, more healthful and tastes better.

"The wastefulness I have seen in the U.S. is a scandal. The meals served in restaurants are double what they should be. The food thrown out by families (leftovers) is a disgrace. Almost everyone is overweight and trying to diet. It doesn't add up."

The following may have been the first clipping she put into her recipe book:

"Take two heaping cups of patience, one partful of love, two handfuls of generosity, add a dash of laughter and a full cup of understanding, and two cups of loyalty. Mix well and sprinkle generously with kindness and spread this irresistible delicacy over a lifetime and serve everybody you meet."

I'm glad I didn't throw these notes away after all.

Cooking — a family tradition

In this age of gender equality, a distinct division of labor still exists in exercising domestic responsibilities. Cooking is woman's work, but barbecuing is man's work.

Such is the case in our household, except I also cook on special occasions and Chanukah is one such occasion.

By Jack Chisvin

Making potato latkes is my forte. While my son was still living at home he was my sous chef and we would play squash to decide who got the dubious honor of mincing the onions. Now his son, my grandson, is being trained in the art of latke making — starting with the basics, peeling the potatoes.

When a national radio talk show invited contestants to write about Chanukah and potato latkes, my wife described our family tradition. Whether it was her convincing prose, the generational thing (Jewish continuity?) or my superb latke recipe that turned on the judges, she won a prize — a cook book.

Shortly after arriving in Toronto from Winnipeg, my friend Bob Hall and I shared an apartment. We were the original odd couple. You can imagine which one of us was Felix and which one Oscar. It was during this time that I discovered the truism in the Talmudic admonition that "food must not be treated disrespectfully." For me cooking became a survival skill — it was that or leave the kitchen to Bob and suffer the consequences.

My behavior in the kitchen has been greatly influenced by my mother. She was a gifted cook. She never owned a cookbook or a recipe box — she cooked instinctively. She came from the shis and mish school of cooking.

When asked how much of an ingredient she used, her answer was "enough, but not too much;" when asked what consistency a mix should be she said, "not too thick, but not too thin either;" how long should it remain in the oven — "until it is done, but not too long." To her cooking was a creative art, not following formulaic recipes.

She also had the most extraordinary names for her creations. For instance, hot spicy meatballs were called kalte kugelach (cold dumpling) and puffy cinnamon buns were called pletzels (flat bread). When questioned why she called them by such contrary names, she answered with perfect logic "Because that's what my mother called them."

Another special occasion on which I cook is in celebration of a bountiful harvest. As an urban farmer I tend a 40-sq. m vegetable plot which a few years ago was a dry clay bed and now yields a cornucopia of produce. The first harvest of salad greens was at the beginning of May, the last tomatoes were picked at the end of October and the root crops are still being dug up.

Several years ago, prompted by an abundance of vegetables, I was inspired to concoct a potage which I now serve regularly as a hearty harvest meal.

Had this been my mother's potage recipe, she might have described it like this:

Lightly stirfry enough julienned carrots, parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes. In a large stock pot saute several diced leeks and red onions using virgin olive oil. Add the stir fried vegetables and some good dry red wine poured from a full bottle. Cook gently, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Turn heat down, but not off.

Cut up a chunk of partly cooked pickled brisket into bite-sized pieces and throw into the pot to give it a Yiddish tam. Add a few leaves of shredded red cabbage, a handful of chopped mushrooms, a garlic clove and a bay leaf. Fill the pot with cold water. Turn heat up and bring to a boil, stir, turn down heat, cover pot and simmer for an hour, more or less.

While the pot is simmering, slowly sip the remainder of the wine. Between sips blanch some noodles. After a while add the noodles to the pot, which should be quite full by now. Simmer for another few minutes. Pour into large bowls, top with a generous amount of grated peppercorns and serve with a hunk of fresh pumpernickel bread accompanied by another bottle of dry red wine.

Since I doubt my mother ever sipped wine, I added that step to make the joy of cooking even more joyous.

To complete the story, the national radio program which awarded my wife a prize held another contest soliciting original recipes.

After assuring myself that it was an equal opportunity contest, I submitted my recipe. I heard nothing until one day a cousin in Winnipeg phoned to tell me that she heard on the radio about a great potage recipe originated by an amateur gourmet chef — Jack Chisvin. How about that — a gourmet chef! My mother would have been proud.

Pact with Jordan fulfils Israel's Zionist dream

By DROR ZEIGERMAN

King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin signed an historic agreement in the Arava. For us, the generation born during the fight for Independence, it fulfils the Zionist dream — to live in peace and harmony with our Arab neighbors.

Unfortunately, the meeting between King Abdullah and Golda Meir in 1947, which was supposed to have been part of this dream, ended it with the assassination of the King. Their successors, Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein, have tried to correct this historical tragedy.

For we Israelis there was a dream. We dreamt it when we drove along the Jordan River from the Sea of Galilee to Eilat; when we served in the IDF along the border, looked east, and dreamt of crossing the Jordan River; when we watched the Moab mountains and dreamt of visiting Amman, Petra and Jaresh, the famous historical cities which we know about from reading the Torah. Now we can do it!

There is great hope and understanding in Israel that this peace will be a comprehensive and full peace.

King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin used the term "peace with dignity." It is the first time that we are signing a peace agreement where we give peace and get peace in return, without the necessity of giving up land or uprooting settlements. Even though we have made some corrections in the borders, the Jordanians were flexible and generous to lease back the land so that Israeli settlers could continue to cultivate it.

This is the reason that there is a consensus in Israel and great hope and joy for the future.

We still realize that in order to complete a comprehensive peace we must continue the process with the Palestinians and Syria. In both cases, Israel is ready to compromise and the government declared that they are willing to give back territory for peace. But because we have to compromise and because we have to pay a high price for peace, the Palestinians and the Syrians must prove to us that they are ready to live with us in peace, stop the support of terrorist organizations, open borders and create economic and diplomatic relations.

In the case of the Palestinians, they must prove that they represent the Palestinian people. The tragic events that occurred in Nahlat Shiva in Jerusalem, on Dizengoff Street in Tel-Aviv, and the murder of Nachshon Waxman and Nir Poraz do not encourage the confidence of the people of Israel that Yasser Arafat is in control. The PLO must understand that without condemning and fighting the radical terrorist organization, Hamas, it will be very difficult to convince the Israeli people to support the peace process.

Let us hope that the agreement with Jordan will encourage Syria and the Palestinians to conclude the peace process and learn from Jordan, that when peace is in the interest of both sides, both sides must compromise.

Dror Zeigerman is the consul general of Israel for Toronto.

Features

Raids weaken neo-Nazis

Reporting from Vienna, Sheldon Kirshner surveys the far-right scene and anti-Semitism in Austria.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

On Dec. 6, 1993, the popular mayor of Vienna, Helmut Zilk, was at home examining his mail. As he opened one letter, an explosion shook the room, wounding him.

Across town, similar letter bombs injured a Roman Catholic priest, a TV journalist and a secretary.

The victims were known for supporting the rights of immigrants, refugees and minorities. Outraged by the bombings, Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky declared, "This subjects our whole country to a test which we must pass. It must be possible for a state... like Austria to put a stop to this."

Within days of his statement, four suspects were rounded up. Not surprisingly, they were neo-Nazis. Subsequently, two were released for lack of evidence. The other two were charged, and their trial is expected to begin shortly.

The spate of letter bombs sent a shudder of fear down the spine of Austria, a nation whose Nazi past is still a topic of anguished debate. And while the letter bombing campaign was the most serious crime in memory committed by Austrian neo-Nazis, it was hardly an existential threat to Austria as a democratic state.

For the fact of the matter is that neo-Nazis, their violent tendencies notwithstanding, are a minuscule minority in this country, a blip on the screen.

By all accounts, there are 40 extreme right-wing organizations and groups here, with a combined membership of several hundred. The Vienna-based Documentation Centre for the Austrian Resistance Movement, which monitors their activities, claims they have been weakened by a series of police raids and arrests.

Several of their most important leaders are either in prison or in exile, according to Wilhelm Lasek, a researcher at the centre.

Bomb injured Vienna mayor

The neo-Nazis serving time are Gottfried Kussel, Walter Ochensberger and Gunther Reinthaler, all of whom were convicted of denying the Holocaust and calling for the restoration of the Nazi party.

Austrian law prohibits open neo-Nazi activity and public advocacy of Nazi objectives.

Gerd Honsik, the first neo-Nazi to have been convicted of Holocaust denial, fled Austria and is apparently in hiding in Spain.

Ernst Gehmacher — a political scientist at the Institute of Empirical and Social Research — believes that neo-Nazis have become bolder since the 1986 Kurt Waldheim affair. It was touched off when *Profil* magazine and the World Jewish Congress accused the former United Nations secretary-general of concealing his role as a Wehrmacht officer in the Balkans.

Nevertheless, Gehmacher adds, Austrian neo-Nazis are strictly a marginal group, consisting of "aggressive gangs playing out their aggression." And proportionately speaking, there are fewer of them in Austria than in Germany.

Their chief targets are foreigners, non-European residents and asylum-seekers. But on occasion, they seek out their oldest target, Jews — spray-painting anti-Semitic slogans on walls and daubing swastikas on headstones in Jewish cemeteries.

As a rule, they do not try to kill Jews. The gravest anti-Semitic incident in Austria since World War II — the murder of three Jews in a Vienna synagogue in 1981 — was carried out by Palestinian radicals ineradicably opposed to Israel's existence.

So as concerned as they are about the phenomenon of neo-Nazis, Jewish leaders here do not overstate the case.

Helmut Zilk

"Neo-Nazis are not yet a threat to Jews," says Avshalom Hodik, executive director of the Israelitschen Kultusgemeinde, the umberella body of Austrian Jewry.

"Neo-Nazis exist everywhere," observes Paul Eisenberg, the chief rabbi of Austria. "They don't endanger democracy in Austria."

However, Paul Grosz, president of the community, charges that prison sentences for neo-Nazis are not severe enough and that existing laws designed to contain them are insufficiently enforced.

Two years ago, the federal government passed new legislation lightening jail sentences meted out to persons advocating Nazi ideas. Juries had repeatedly acquitted defendants rather than sending them to jail for excessive periods of time. The new law, the reasoning went, would make it easier to prosecute neo-Nazis.

It remains to be seen whether this legislation will be effective. But in the meantime, most Austrians who abhor anti-Semitism and xenophobia are far more worried about a right-wing charismatic politician named Jorg Haider, leader of the Austrian Freedom Party (FPO), who brought international opprobrium upon himself by praising Hitler's labor policies.

Haider, who has been compared to France's Jean-Marie Le Pen and Germany's Franz Schonhuber, maintains that the FPO is a constitutional party. Until last month, the FPO had 33 parliamentary seats, compared to 80 for the Socialist party, 60 for the People's party and 10 for the Greens. But in October's general election, the FPO won 42 seats, while the Socialists and the People's party lost ground. In the 1991 municipal elections in Vienna, the FPO emerged as the second-strongest party after the Socialists.

Haider denies accusations that he is an extremist, but critics claim that the FPO's anti-immigrant rhetoric inflames existing prejudices against foreigners. And while Haider himself has never publicly expressed anti-Semitic sentiments or ideas, Jews feel somewhat intimidated by him.

"His xenophobia impacts on Jews," says Hodik. And Grosz is of the view that he "caters to anti-Semites."

Whether such opinions are true or not, Haider *has* forced the government to pass restrictive immigration and asylum laws, comments Richard Mitten, director of the Centre for International and Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Vienna.

This legislation, contained in the 1992 Asylum Act and the 1993 Residence Act, is fiercely opposed by an organization called SOS-Mitmensch (SOS-Fellow Human Beings).

Calling itself "a kind of public relations company for tolerance," SOS-Mitmensch believes that the estimated 600,000 foreigners in Austria are a lightning rod for popular discontent.

Since its formation in 1992, it has sponsored candle-lit processions against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism, and organized school discussions on these topics.

Two of its spokesmen, Nikolaus Kunrath and Martin Schenk, disclosed that many of the hostile letters they receive are rife with anti-Semitism.

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Public opinion polls taken in Austria suggest that about a quarter of the population is negatively disposed toward Jews.

Austria has a long anti-Semitic tradition, notes Grosz. Karl Lueger (1844-1910), the former mayor of Vienna, was a tireless

Paul Grosz

reformer as well as an ardent anti-Semite. He exerted a profound influence on Hitler, a fellow Austrian. A main thoroughfare in Vienna is named after Lueger, and a statue of Lueger stands opposite Vienna's biggest park.

It is hardly surprising, then, that 10 to 15 per cent of Austrians are hardcore anti-Semites, according to Gehmacher. (Upwards of 20 per cent are philo-Semitic.)

Austrian youth less anti-Semitic

A 1992 survey taken by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) found that younger and better educated Austrians tended to be less anti-Semitic.

Anti-Semitism once had a strong base in the Roman Catholic Church, but this theological-grounded animus appears to be on the wane.

A case in point is the Rinn blood libel, which has its origins in the Middle Ages.

For centuries, the inhabitants of Rinn, a town near Innsbruck, worshiped the bones of a boy who was supposedly tortured and murdered by Jews during a sacrificial ceremony.

Last summer, Bishop Reinhold Stecher banned the Rinn cult, saying it was wrong and untenable in this day and age.

Observers considered Bishop Stecher's disavowal as a breakthrough in the relentless battle against anti-Semitic prejudice.

Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

Truth is not an absolute concept, particularly in the Middle East. This occurred to me after trying to digest Farouk al-Shaara's unsubstantiated claim that Syria had never shelled Israeli civilians before the 1967 Six Day War. Shaara, Syria's foreign minister, delivered this bombshell in his first interview on Israeli television last month.

He was telling less than the truth. Yet I would hesitate to accuse him of deliberately lying, since he was probably sincere.

This is at the nub of a recurring problem which bedevils the Middle East — the chronic tendency of its elites to embroider events to suit their ulterior purposes.

I should not have been surprised by Shaara's Alice-in-Wonderland meanderings. Twenty years ago, when I visited Syria, I quickly learned that one person's compelling truth is another person's unspeakable blasphemy.

On the road back to Damascus from a visit to Kuneitra, the ruined garrison town which Israel returned to Syria in 1974 by agreement, my Syrian guide and I conversed.

Syrian tales

I have forgotten much of what was said on that hot, dusty drive. But I have not forgotten my guide's vehement denial that Israel was attacked by Arab armies, including Syria's, after it proclaimed statehood in May 1948. When he finished, I expressed disbelief. Even Arab historians, I noted, did not dispute this basic fact.

In May 1948, a column of Syrian tanks and armored vehicles attacked a cluster of Jewish settlements in the Galilee. Syria's broad objective, if not to extinguish Israel's very existence, was to capture and hold territory France had claimed when it was the mandatory power in Syria. These areas embraced the protruding finger of northeastern Galilee and the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The armistice accord that was supposed to end Israel's military conflict with Syria required the Syrians to withdraw their forces from these redoubts and required Israel to keep its army out of three demilitarized zones (DMZs) along their common frontier. The sovereignty of the DMZs was to be decided at a later date.

A clause in Israel's July 1949 accord with Syria, however, recognized "the gradual restoration of normal civilian life in the area of the demilitarized zone" as a fundamental aim of the ceasefire pact. Syria rejected this interpretation, thereby sowing the seeds of confrontation.

Further tension was exacerbated by Israeli farming activities and irrigation projects in the DMZs, Israel's removal of Arab farmers living there, and a dispute over fishing rights in the Sea of Galilee.

Since, in their view, Israel had encroached on the DMZs, the Syrians fired on Israeli civilians from bunkers on the Golan Heights. Israel retaliated, touching off a series of tit-for-tat battles.

So to recap — Syrian gunners *did* pound Israeli civilians. Syria can argue that it terrorized Israelis to claim title to what it considered Syrian land. But to say, as Shaara did before an incredulous Israeli TV audience, that Syria never fired on Israel is patently false and a complete misreading of history.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sedrah we read how our forefather Yaakov "slept in that place" (Bereshit 28:11).

Comments Rabbi Yehuda in the Midrash, "here he slept but for the 14 years that he learned Torah in the yeshivah of Shem and Ever, he did not sleep."

Yaakov Avinu taught us, and the Torah eternally teaches us, that to prepare for the trials and tribulations of life, one needs a good schooling in Torah study.

I was privileged to spend 13 years in the Telshe Yeshivah and the Ner Israel Yeshivah, but I must confess I slept during those years. Halevai that I had used those years more diligently and slept less!

Torah study is a life-long mandate. Maimonides (Laws of Talmud Torah, chapter 1:10) states, "Until when is one obligated to learn Torah? Until the day of his death as it says, 'Lest you remove these words from your heart, all the days of your life?' "

The Mishnah states, "These are the mitzvot that have no limit . . . and the study of Torah equals them all." (Peah 1:1). The Talmud informs us that after 120 years when man is brought before the Heavenly Tribunal, the second question asked is "Did you set aside regular time to study Torah?" (Shabbos 31a).

The Jew's life is governed in every step he takes by the Torah, the Talmud, and the Shulchan Aruch (code of Jewish Law). It was Rabbi Yisrael Salanter who asked "how can a Jew walk four cubits without knowing Shas (the entire Talmud) by heart?"

We are known as the People of the Book. I wonder sometimes to which book many of our people think that statement is referring. We read all kinds of books these days. But och un vei what some of those books teach us.

The "book" referred to is the Torah and extended commentaries including the Talmud and Shulchan Aruch. Thank G-d there has been a resurgence of Jewish learning all over the world. I'm not just referring to Jewish elementary, secondary, yeshivot and Kollelim education. There is the Daf HaYomi (daily Talmudic page) program proposed by Rabbi Meir Shapiro, the Lubliner Rav. The cycle began in 1924, and in 1990 the ninth cycle was completed.

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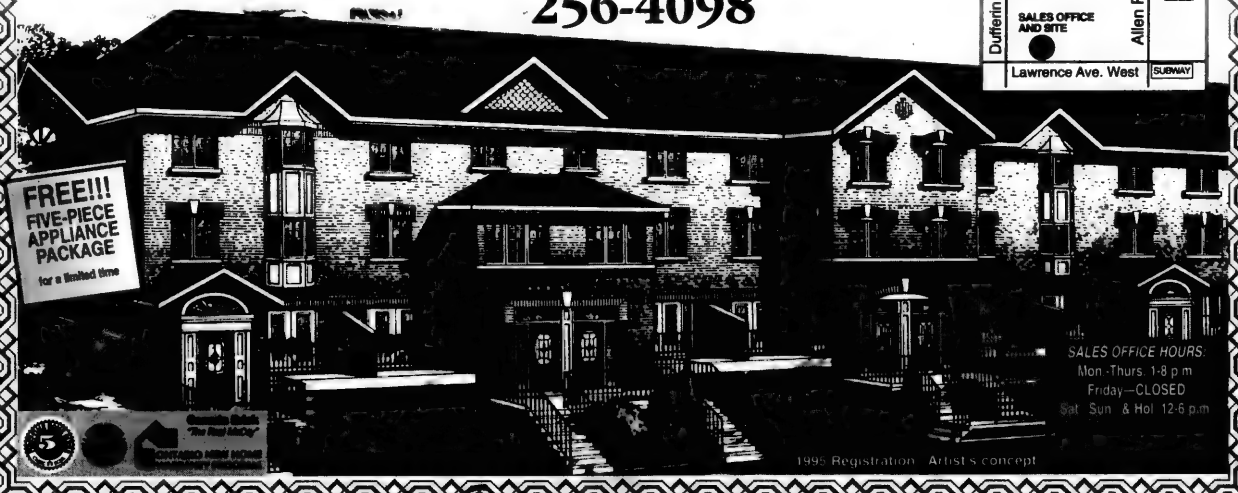

From coast to coast

Palestinian and Jewish geographers map out peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Geographers Ghazi Falah, left, and David Newman discuss their joint research project in Falah's University of Toronto office. [Frances Kraft photo]

TORONTO — David Newman and Ghazi Falah are colleagues and friends.

The two geographers — one a Jew, the other an Israeli Arab — met 15 years ago as PhD students at Durham University in England. They are collaborating in Toronto this year in examining possible boundaries of a Palestinian state and their related implications.

"In a sense our work is a microcosm of the peace process," Newman said of the academic effort.

The 38-year-old British oleh, who is a senior lecturer at Ben-Gurion University and the son of an Orthodox rabbi, says working with his Arab colleague takes "six to seven times as long" as working alone, but both men feel the results are worth the effort.

"The outcome is a superb academic work," said Falah, 41, a Bedouin whose family has lived in the Galilee for generations.

Since the two men began the project over a year ago under a grant from the Chicago-based John D. And Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, they have submitted three papers for publication in academic journals and are working on a fourth.

They are not funded by nor affiliated in any way with Israeli government or Palestinian officials, although Newman said "there has been some informal interest."

"We are looking at various options for a solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Falah said. That involves explaining the relevant issues and perspectives of both sides. Boundaries and autonomy are among the issues they have addressed.

During a joint interview in Falah's office at the University of Toronto, where he has been a visiting associate professor since last year, the pair displayed a good-natured rapport. Newman spent last year as a visiting lecturer at the University of Calgary; this year he is teaching in York University's Department of Political Science under the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

"I think the reason my ideas are closer to David's is partly because we were trained outside of Israel," Falah said.

"Since when have you come close to my ideas?" asked Newman jokingly.

"Let's say *academic* ideas," amended Falah, smiling.

One of the issues the two must sort out is that because of their cultural backgrounds, different words have different meanings for each of them. *Minority. Security. Terrorism. Violence. Threat. Victim. Refugee.* Each word must be discussed.

"We try to use terms which are not too emotive," Newman said. "We want [any] reader to be able to relate.

"It's not good for the scholar to try to label others," agreed Falah.

The collaborative process sometimes entails "a lot of heated debate in Hebrew," according to Newman, who adds that Falah speaks the language "more fluently than most Jews around the world."

Both men believe that, while certain differences of perspective are inevitable, "pragmatic" issues, such as boundary location, can be solved.

"We should not forget that the Palestinians and Jews are cousins," said Falah. "Things change when circumstances change. Human beings are not born to be enemies."

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Wiesenthal Centre tracking hate groups

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre of Los Angeles is currently tracking the activities of some 250 hate groups around the world, the centre's associate dean told an audience at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue recently

In a talk entitled, Nazi Threat: Is It Over ... Or Just Beginning?, Rabbi Abraham Cooper said, "There are triple the number of hate groups in North America that there are in Germany. The good news is that none of these groups has sparked a mass movement."

Unable to recruit adults in large numbers, many racist and hate groups distribute full-color comic books and promote rock music, in a bid to recruit teenagers to their cause. As well, several hate groups are utilizing the Internet — an international system of electronic mail by computer — to make their propaganda and pictures available to all callers.

Since a preponderance of computer users are young, this is another way that hate groups are reaching young people, according to Cooper. "No one really knows what their kids are plugging into [via computer]," he said.

There has been an explosion of newly-available misinformation about World War II and the Holocaust, easily available through computer sources and in public libraries under the topics of Holocaust denial and Holocaust revisionism, Cooper said.

"We have no way to present the potential user of these systems with a way for them to grade the kinds of information available to them."

The Thule Network, a neo-Nazi group operating in Germany, has put instructions on how to build a bomb on the Internet, while another group in Denmark has published an anti-Nazi hate list, according to Cooper.

"The computer is providing an absolute field day for the bigots of this world," he said.

Largely because of computers and modern technology, racism today does not obey national boundaries, Cooper observed. "There is no such thing any more as the democratic process," he said.

Cooper's talk was followed by a public discussion in which Sol Littman, director of the Canadian Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Toronto, was a participant. The event was sponsored by Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

Physicist wins Giller Prize

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was only fitting that the five Canadian books shortlisted for the new Giller Prize were positioned on pedestals outside the Toronto hotel ballroom where the winner was announced last Wednesday.

The $25,000 literary prize, established by ex-Montreal businessman Jack Rabinovitch in memory of his late wife, Doris Giller, a book editor with the *Montreal Gazette* and the *Toronto Star*, is meant to elevate the best work of Canadian authors through a rigorous selection process and all the drama of Oscar night in Hollywood.

Jurors Alice Munro, Mordecai Richler and David Staines read 90 works before narrowing their choice to one. Not even Rabinovitch was told of their decision, which was pulled from an envelope before 270 intrigued guests.

Kenyan-born M.G. Vassanji, a former nuclear physicist, won for *The Book of Secrets*, a novel set in colonial Africa.

"This is St. Urbain Street's gift to the burgeoning world of Canadian letters," Richler said before announcing the winner.

Rabinovitch, who with longtime friend Richler planned the prize over chopped liver at Moishe's in Montreal, is hoping the Giller Prize will surpass the $10,000 Governor General's Award as Canada's pre-eminent literary honor.

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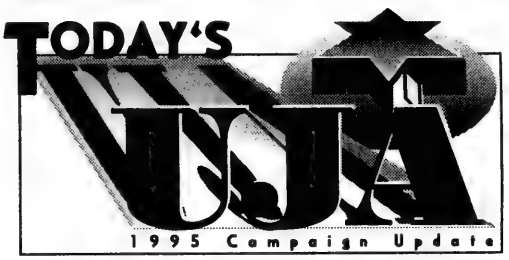

This is the midway edition of ***Today's UJA***. It's half-time for Campaign '95. So far, we've talked to more than 18,000 contributors, enticed fresh faces to UJA through exciting programming and kept pace with last year's contributors. However, we have well over 10,000 more cards to canvass and the toughest task is racing, rather than limping toward the finish line. If you haven't yet pledged, the sooner the better ... Jewish needs never go away.

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Sometimes, the most momentous ideas emerge from less than glorious surroundings. That's how CITY-TV's fabulously successful ***Fashion Television*** was conceived, at least according to its founder, producer and director ***Jay Levine***. There was Jay reading a copy of Vogue magazine in his mother's washroom, when the brainstorm struck.

"The trick really was to do something that is eclectic and working in a magazine and transfer it to television," he told a packed program sponsored by UJA's Young Business Network.

CITY bought the concept and Levine nurtured it from a pilot to a weekly half hour show, famous for its fast moving, glitzy glimpse at a galaxy of super-star models and designers. And what exactly does fabulously successful mean? It means a program with 10 million weekly viewers in over 80 countries and a year long waiting list to buy a $2200 thirty second commercial on the show. Hats off to YBN's vice-chairs for programming ***Wendy Woods*** and ***Barry Rivelis*** whose grand designs made this event possible.

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Life insurance can be a tedious, if not downright depressing topic. It's unusual to hear an insurance specialist talk idealistically about "fulfilling dreams." But ***David Brown*** is no ordinary insurance broker. He, his sister ***Golda***, and their father, affectionately known as ***Al G.***, the company founder, specialize in designing policies that will eventually yield a lot of tzedaka for specified charities. David advised his colleagues during a recent UJA Insurance Division breakfast to consider the charitable market because "the options are limitless." There was also some wise advise from ***Richard Gordon***, the second breakfast speaker. Find your niche. Stick to it, and become financially comfortable enough to walk away from an uncomfortable client situation. Sounds like smart thinking in any business. The guest speakers, courtesy of Division co-chairmen ***Peter Waxman*** and ***Mark Halpern***, were so stimulating most participants abandoned their 9-5 routine and stuck around until long after breakfast.

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What do cows, chickens, horses and hay have in common with 300 young professionals? The answer of course is UJA. Members of United Jewish Appeal's Young Professionals Network decided to do some field work for their most recent program. No more sterile colourless meeting rooms. Instead it was off to Puck's Farm for an ***Indian Summer*** evening, one of UJA's best attended events. Congratulations to YPN's Co-chairs ***Melissa Muskat*** and ***Dr. Lloyd Hoffman***, and program vice-chairs ***Anne Gottlieb***, ***Donna Glassman*** and ***Joni Rosenthal*** who are obviously unwilling to pitchfork any programming idea, no matter how crazy it may sound.

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B.C. set to test human rights law

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A recent amendment to the British Columbia Human Rights Act is due to be tested by the B.C. Human Rights Council in a case against North Vancouver columnist Doug Collins.

The legislation banning propaganda that exposes identifiable racial groups to hatred and contempt was passed earlier this year with little opposition, except for some editorial comment by the daily newspapers here.

The complaint against Collins is based on one of his columns published in the *North Shore News* on March 9, in which he expresses doubts about the movie *Schindler's List*.

Collins, who writes regularly for the *North Shore News*, a North Vancouver community newspaper, has aroused the ire of Vancouver Jews for years, especially with columns denying the Holocaust. A complaint was laid about the March 9 column by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Pacific region.

CJC also filed a complaint against John Ball, a self-professed expert in aerial photography, for allegedly distributing Holocaust denial pamphlets at the University of British Columbia.

The Human Rights Council said it had received many complaints about Collins and Ball and decided to investigate further. Ball and Collins are to be notified about the complaints and given an opportunity to reply, after which the council will decide whether to hold hearings.

Morris Soronow, CJC's legal counsel, said in a statement that "while we respect the right of free speech as enshrined in the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, this does not, in our view, give Doug Collins or John Ball the licence to engage in group defamation. We are pleased the issue will go before the B.C. Human Rights Council, and we intend to pursue it vigorously."

He added that this would be the first case heard under the new legislation and "is significant not only to the Jewish community but to all minority groups in the province and others who struggle against racism and hatred in our society."

Michael Elterman, co-chair of CJC's community relations committee, said Collins for years has been writing articles "which CJC believes to be anti-Semitic. However with the March 9 column, he has gone beyond the acceptable limits of public discourse and has written an item which will, in our view, expose the Jewish community to hatred and contempt."

Racists run for office

TORONTO — Members of the white supremacist movement have added their names to the list of candidates in the upcoming Ontario municipal elections.

Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege, more familiar perhaps with the inside of a jail cell than with city hall, is running for city council in Scarborough, a suburb of Toronto.

His colleague, Max French, a member of the Front, spoke on his behalf at an all-candidates meeting at the Birchmount Community Centre. French ran for mayor of Scarborough in 1991.

Meanwhile, Donald Andrews is again contesting the mayoralty of the city of Toronto. Andrews is a founder of the Nationalist Party and has been convicted of promoting hatred against non-whites. He has run for mayor on numerous occasions.

B'nai Brith Canada denounced the appearances of Droege and French at the all-candidates meeting as "an affront to the people of Scarborough.

"It is appalling that Droege, a man who has served time in prison for drug and weapons violations, and who has spent more than 20 years promoting racist ideology in Canada, would be given a legitimate forum at which he could espouse his hatred," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith.

"These are joke candidates who have run in the past, have never been taken seriously and never will be," said Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

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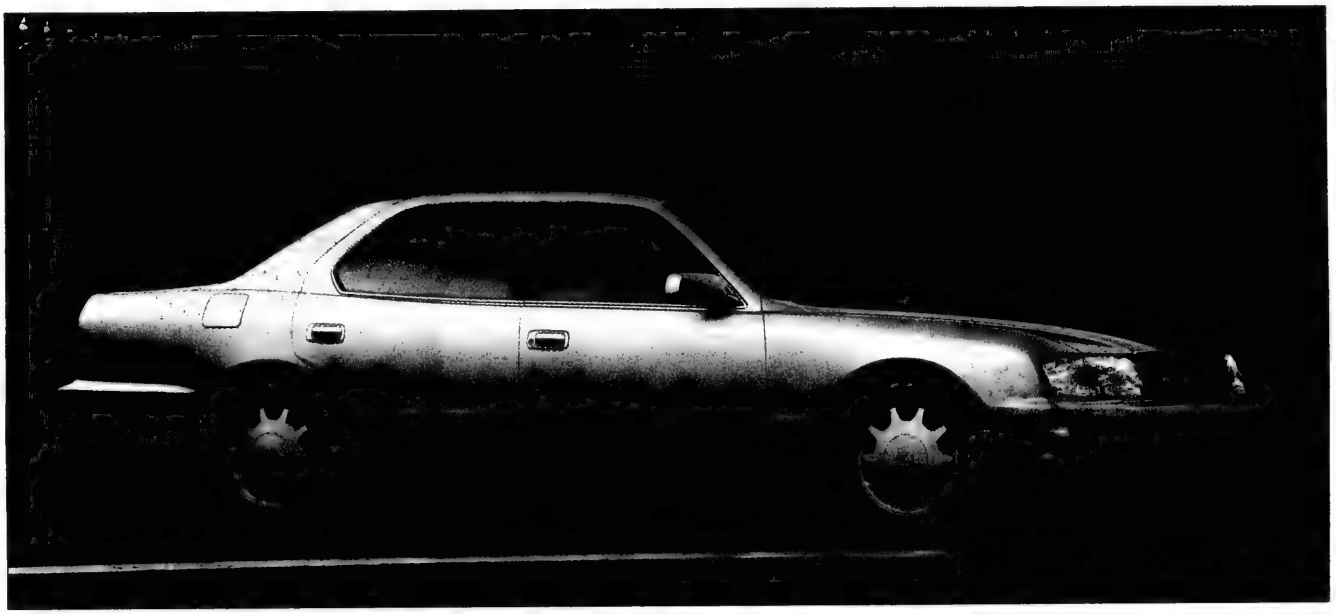

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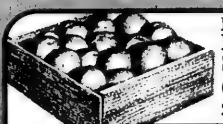

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From coast to coast

Search for Nazis hurt by political changes

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For years, while Canadians debated the thorny issue of prosecuting suspected Nazi war criminals, concerns were raised about relying on Soviet-source evidence.

Archives documents could be tampered with and witnesses pressured into incriminating opponents of the communist regime, it was argued. So persuasive were those arguments that in the Michael Pawlawski case, an Ontario court refused to permit an evidence-gathering commission to travel to the Soviet Union.

But with the collapse of the Iron Curtain, the arguments against Eastern European evidence have fallen as well. Nevertheless, the breakdown of communism has proven to be a double-edged sword for Nazi-hunters, according to Efraim Zuroff, author of a recent book on the search for war criminals.

While archives are now accessible and untainted by the Soviet connection, first-hand witnesses have become harder to find or harder to convince to testify against people now seen as nationalist heroes.

Zuroff, author of *Occupation: Nazi-Hunter; The Continuing Search for Perpetrators of the Holocaust*, said that the Latvian government is now offering pensions to former members of the Latvian SS. In neighboring Lithuania, the government offered compensation to those who suffered at the hands of the communists, even those who had participated in the murder of Jews.

Even though the Lithuanian legislation ostensibly precluded the rehabilitation of war criminals, the bureaucrats who administered the plan "didn't check, didn't care," said Zuroff, director of the Israel office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC).

Zuroff said the SWC's persistence in exposing wartime collaboration has not gone down well. "I'm public enemy number one in Lithuania. They hate me. I've been there five times in the last three years, trying to explain the history of the Holocaust there."

A condemnation by the Lithuanian parliament against the killing of Jews by "Lithuanian citizens" didn't go far enough because it could be interpreted to refer to other ethnic groups as perpetrators, Zuroff said.

But most Lithuanian Jews, 96 per cent of whom were murdered in the Holocaust, were "killed on the spot by police and murder squads." Many of the perpetrators fled to Western countries like Canada and Australia after the war.

On several occasions since the mid-1980s, when the Deschenes Commission investigated Nazi war criminals in Canada, the SWC passed along lists of Nazi collaborators along with the offer to cooperate with Canadian authorities, Zuroff said. The SWC has been repeatedly rebuffed, in part he suggests in his book, because SWC's Canadian representative

Efraim Zuroff

Sol Littman has been a persistent critic of the government's efforts to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

In his chapter on Canada, Zuroff states that "left to its own resources, the government has failed miserably in its task, with the real winners being some of the worst of Hitler's henchmen."

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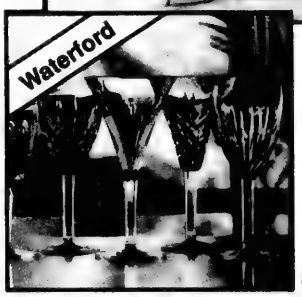

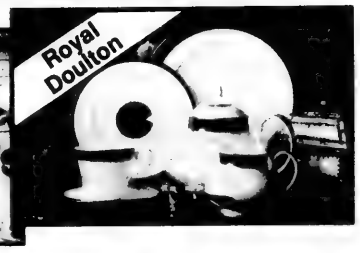

From coast to coast

Transnistria survivors search for answers

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Why is a region that saw over 300,000 Jews perish in its 132 labor camps, penal and transit camps, extermination camps and ghettos during World War II widely unknown today?

That is what members of the newly formed Transnistria Survivors' Association tried to answer at the first-ever North American commemoration of the victims of Transnistria, held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Felicia Carmelly, president of the association, explained that Transnistria was a political-geographic entity in southern Ukraine, near the border of Romania. The 16,000-square-mile region, existed only from 1941 to 1944.

"Why is it forgotten? It is not on any pre- or post-World War II maps, and the Red Army who liberated Transnistria did not record its findings. The Soviet Union did not consider Jews to be a national identity and did not talk about Transnistria.

"It is our fault that people do not know. We have to start talking. The Holocaust was not just an attack on Jews but an attack on humanity as a whole. We the survivors have been given the gift of life and it is our responsibility to be witnesses."

Carmelly said that Holocaust survivors lived through an experience so terrifying that they carry deep emotional scars. "We lived in constant terror for many years and we watched helplessly as loved ones died a slow, agonizing death. We mourn not only the loss of these loved ones but those we never got the chance to know."

She said that all survivors suffer to some extent from post-traumatic stress disorder, experiencing "guilt, nightmares and bouts of paranoia. Many are unable to fully enjoy happy events. Deep down there will always be a lot of turbulence. So few people know about Transnistria survivors that we feel our experiences are unrecognized."

She stressed that as survivors dwindle, there will be no one left to speak the truth. "Our healing and recovering process depends in part on people knowing about us. Talk about Transnistria so it is no longer forgotten."

Haim Waxman, Israeli vice-consul, brought greetings on behalf of the State of Israel and said that thanks to Holocaust survivors and Yad Vashem, those who perished in the war will not be forgotten. "We could not fight extermination then but we can fight denial now."

Elaine Ziemba, Ontario minister of citizenship, brought greetings from the Ontario government. She commended the group for starting the Transnistria Survivors' Association. "Unless we come together and remember, we will not learn. We must remember people who have suffered from terrorism and continue to suffer from terrorism.

Survivor and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region chair Gerda Frieberg said that she did not until recently know of the "tragedy of Transnistria. It is time that you speak about your suffering and that your stories are recorded. You dare not let the world forget — it is your obligation."

ETHIOPIAN TEENS VISIT

Three Ethiopian teenagers last week recalled their rescue by Israel in the 1984 Operation Moses airlift. They visited several Toronto Jewish day schools as part of a UJA-sponsored speaking tour. At rear, from left, are Sara Ibarkan, Sasson Ingedua, and Rakefet Ibarkan. They were joined by Bialik Hebrew Day School students Michelle Jacobson, 10, and Daniel Borts, 12. [Ron Csillag photo]

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From coast to coast

Yiddish stories reflect bygone era

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The world of their Eastern European foremothers is the subject of Yiddish writings never before published in English in *Found Treasures*, a collection of pieces lovingly collected and edited by Frieda Forman, Ethel Raicus, Sarah Silberstein Swartz and Margie Wolfe and published by Second Story Press, Toronto.

The new book's publication was celebrated at the Jewish Book Fair Nov. 6 with a talk by the noted scholar Irene Klepfisz and readings by Marilyn Lightstone and Vivian Reis.

Rachel Korn

The editors and contributors, who include Roma Erlich, Shari Cooper Friedman, Barbara Harshaw, Ronnee Jaeger, Shirley Kumove, Goldie Morgentaler, Norma Fain Pratt, Henia Reinhartz, Brina Menachovsky Rose and Miriam Waddington, are to be congratulated for saving priceless recordings of an all but lost Yiddish culture.

Though only four of the 18 authors represented in *Found Treasures* eventually lived in Canada, many of the others had short stories or poems published in Canadian Yiddish newspapers or magazines. At the same time, writings by the Canadians were appearing in Yiddish papers in Eastern Europe.

Sarah Hamer-Jacklyn

Only one of the Canadians, Chava Rosenfarb, 71, of Montreal is alive today. In her story *Edgia's Revenge*, Rosenfarb follows the lives of post-Holocaust survivors in Montreal, dealing with the moral-

Ida Maze

ly ambiguous position of kapos, the Jews selected by the Germans to be in charge of their fellow inmates.

Sarah Hamer-Jacklyn, who attended public schools in Toronto after arriving in Canada in 1914 at the age of 9, carved a career as a singer and actress, travelling across North America with a troupe. She later lived in New York. Her marriage ended in divorce and she raised her son alone.

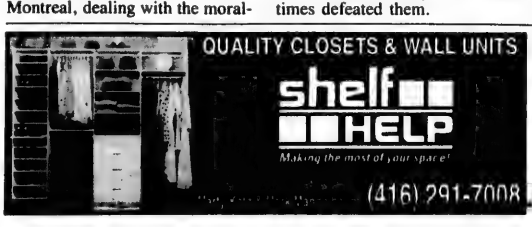
In her story *My Mother's Dream*, found in this volume, Hamer-Jacklyn recreates the shtetl she left behind 40 years earlier.

Another Canadian, Rachel Korn of Montreal, noted for her nature writing, writes about the chilling Nazi practice of making Jewish families select one of their own members to be deported in her story *The Road of No Return*. It is set in an occupied town in Galicia.

Chava Rosenfarb

Selections from her autobiographical novel *Denah, Denah*, by Ida Maze of Montreal, are included in *Found Treasures*. Her novel was left in draft form when she died in 1962 and was prepared for publication by the Yiddish poet Moshe Shafir in 1970. It is set in White Russia at the time of the 1905 revolution and the pogroms which followed.

Found Treasures is a collection of fiction that gives the reader a social, historical and cultural window on the everyday occurrences of Jewish women's lives as well as on those momentous and horrific times which challenged and sometimes defeated them.



Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Child Support, 1994-95

The recent case of *Willick vs. Willick* in the Supreme Court of Canada (released October 27, 1994) clarified the law of child support and how that support can be varied. The Court has also created some arguably new law that may give considerable comfort to access parents who are paying support and custodial parents who are receiving it.

Facts. In 1989, the former husband, an airline pilot, agreed to pay the wife $450.00 per month for each of their two children. At the time, he was earning about $40,000.00 a year, while the wife's only income was support payments and family allowance. In October of the same year, the father's gross annual income had increased to over $154,000.00. The first time the matter went to court, the judge increased the child support to $850.00 per month per child, almost doubling the support amount. However, the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan rejected this approach. The husband argued that once the deal for child support has been made, the deal cannot be changed by the Court, when the husband's income has increased but the child's needs have not. From this point of view, if the children suddenly need dental work or some other service not contemplated by the original agreement, then the husband might have to increase the support if he can afford to do so. However, if the only "material change in circumstances" is the husband's increase in income, then that in itself should not trigger an increase in support.

In its 7-0 decision, the Supreme Court of Canada rejected this argument by tying children's needs to the payer spouse's lifestyle and standard of living. In doing so, it made some of the following statements, some of which are not directly relevant to their main point, but which nonetheless may affect lower courts and the decisions they make throughout the country. Most of the following statements were made by Madam Justice L'Heureux-Dubé of the Court.

1. The Court confirms the "*Paras*" formula used by the Courts for several years. First the Court calculates the total amount of money a parent needs on a monthly basis to clothe, feed, educate and shelter the child, as well as provide for all his other expenses. Then the Court divides this sum in proportion to the parties' respective "incomes and resources". Here I am particularly intrigued by the term "incomes and resources". Traditionally, lawyers have usually looked solely at parties' cash flow in terms of what they received from employment or business or dividend income. Does the word "resources" include assistance from a person's parents or grandparents on an ongoing basis? If so, the law would take a radical departure from current thinking outside Quebec. (In Quebec, grandparents can be made directly responsible to support their grandchildren.)

2. This formula should not be applied rigidly. The Court must deduct from each party's total income monies that are needed to achieve subsistence, although the children's needs ought to be given priority over those of a parent when determining support.

3. "Judicial notice" must now be taken of the significant levels of child poverty in lone-parent families and of the Court's previous failure to contemplate hidden costs in their calculation of child support award. Judicial notice means that the Court no longer has to consider formal proof of a fact. It's deemed to be true.

4. The child's needs cannot be reduced to a "bare minimum" so that the access parent can enjoy a more comfortable lifestyle. The Court acknowledges that current child support calculations in existing court orders "bear little relationship to the actual costs of raising children". I wonder: does such a statement now "open the door" to having all such previous orders relitigated?

5. The total cost of caring for the child in any given instance is the sum of the direct and hidden costs established by the parties, including *reasonable access costs*. This is arguably quite new and revolutionary. Many courts are being asked to consider the access costs that parents incur in taking children to movies, feeding them, clothing them, or even giving them overnight shelter when seeing them on weekends or during the week as access parents.

However, judges previously tended to ignore these costs because "all access parents have such costs. If we were to include a calculation of such cost, then the custodial parent would get very little". However, the Supreme Court now appears to be saying that these costs must be considered when understanding the means of the parents and the total real costs of the children, and not just the custodial parent's obligations. Once this happens, the Court has ordered that "the costs of fulfilling the children's needs are allocated between the parents in accordance with their relative ability, having regard to those costs already assumed by each parent and having regard to each parent's existence levels, as well as to the income tax implications of the order". Clearly the Court also indicates the need to account for income tax implications since, for every dollar given to a custodial parent in the support order, a dollar may be deducted by the access parent from his or her gross income, and the same dollar must be included in the receiving parent's income for that taxation year. (This law may soon change. See my previous articles dealing with the Thibodeau Decision.)

6. When calculating costs, the Court must now assume that the financial obligation of raising children is jointly shared but that the custodial parent will generally assume a greater percentage of the direct costs, such as education, clothing, shelter and food, as well as the hidden costs. Surprisingly, Judge L'Heureux-Dubé quotes Professor Ellen B. Zweibel approvingly when she states that such hidden costs include the "present employment opportunity costs" of child rearing. The value of such childrearing "work" must be considered when apportioning the responsibility for paying for the child's needs. In short, the non-custodial parent must indirectly pay the custodial parent for such work.

7. Courts are not bound by the agreements of the parties as regards child support. This is old law restated. However, what *is* new is the idea that such agreements can rarely accurately foresee how the circumstances of the parties may evolve and change over the years. In fact, lawyers do often attempt to provide for such changes in their agreements. Moreover, even if they cannot, one often sees a clause in the separation agreement in which support either escalates over the years or post-secondary education is treated separately. **The legal reasoning behind the Court's ability to ignore such agreements is that the child is not a party to the agreement.** Moreover, the Court is the ultimate guardian of children and their interests.

8. Even though a child support amount was agreed to at a certain time and thought to be reasonable then, the Supreme Court has now ordered that present circumstances are the only factors that really count.

9. Perhaps the newest edict from the Court is the statement on children and luxuries. While children are not by reason of income alone entitled to whatever luxuries they desire, they have the right to benefit from the better lifestyles of their parents as circumstances permit.

10. The Court may now take "judicial notice" of the fact that it costs more to support children as they grow older. This is new law. What it means is that a party no longer has to formally prove to the Court the true statistical and other evidence that a child's needs usually increase as they get older. The Court should now merely assume this to be the fact, without such formal investigation. Indeed, this fact is now considered to be as true as such other realities as the world being round, and the impossibility of a 1994 World Series.

In summary, when a parent's ability to pay increases, then the children's needs may now include benefits that previously were not available. The Court ruled that this does not mean "income sharing", but does mean that the children may deserve a higher standard of living, if they do not already enjoy such a standard.

Personally, I feel the lower courts will be confused by the above-listed broad policy statements made by Madam Justice L'Heureux-Dubé. They will be more attracted to a more restrictive and traditional approach taken by Mr. Justice Sopinka who comes to the same result in the same decision, but uses the *Divorce Act* provisions and precedent case law to do so.

Notwithstanding these differences of approach, the overall effect of this 7-0 decision is to make the ability to increase child support much easier if the payer's income has significantly increased and the child's current standard of living could use improvement.

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STREET KIDS: *Sex, drugs pose a threat*

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three offices, the social worker has not been identified in the accompanying profile of a former street kid.)

"It's a little safer for boys than for girls on the street," Kalkstein says. More girls than boys end up being exploited sexually, although both are potential prey, he says. One 16-year-old girl was enticed with lavish offers of drugs from a pimp, but she "had enough seichel (common sense) to turn him down."

Saul Levine

Canada's bad winters exacerbate the danger. Street teens seeking shelter "are sitting ducks for people who entice them into lives that are more dangerous," said Levine.

Girls who get into prostitution tend to "make some money and stay as long as their health allows," Kalkstein says. The problem is bigger in the general community than in the Jewish community, he notes.

Boys, he has found, often romanticize life on the street. "They have a kind of pirate culture. They share their drugs and loot. They're like Robin Hoods, stealing to give to one another. As long as things are going okay, they love the adventure of it, but if they get one good meal a day, they're lucky."

The majority of street teens return to their homes, says Levine, "but it's not as if their problems have disappeared. They need counselling. Sometimes they need to go to a group home. These are kids at risk."

Getting them off the street can take "something dramatic — either positive or negative," Kalkstein says. Getting arrested can have the same effect as becoming involved in a relationship or getting a job.

"Sometimes it's a social worker who makes a difference," says Kalkstein. "Unfortunately that's too rare." Workers are hampered by the number of street kids they see as well as by the lack of trust many of the youngsters have in adults.

Simon Kalkstein of Jewish Family & Child Service, shown in his downtown Toronto office, estimates he has counselled half a dozen street kids in the past four years. [Alron photo]

The best predictor of which kids will do well off the street can be found in their own histories, Levine says. Although it's not a guarantee, he says youngsters who have demonstrated responsibility — perhaps by holding a job or doing well in school — and who have a good relationship with a family member, a friend, or a boyfriend or girlfriend, have an advantage.

Sometimes a trusted relative can act as a go-between for a troubled youngster and angry or bewildered parents.

"Often a family member will stick by [the street kid] until he's ready to turn himself around," Levine says.

It's not an easy road. The legacies of street life may include pelvic inflammatory disease, AIDS, a police record, and infections from using needles to inject drugs. "It affects you the rest of your life," Levine says.

Sometimes efforts to reach troubled street kids fail. "Every now and then you'll get a kid from a good family not being able to tolerate what the family has to offer. To me it's a tragedy, but it can happen.

"If it's a Jewish family — for the most part — you can bet they've made attempts [to seek help], tried to see a shrink, gone to JF&CS, spoken to school authorities. Going on the streets is a continuation of the process of self-destructiveness or a cry for help, but when you have in place the structure and the caring of the family, the chances of not getting into serious and permanent damage are better," says Levine.

Kalkstein reminds parents that teenagers want both freedom and "some degree of responsibility. If you're too autocratic, kids [might] feel they can just take off."

"There's no magic right or wrong [formula for parents]," Levine says. "We have a responsibility to keep our doors open. You can say, 'I don't agree with what you're doing, but I'm prepared to stretch my arm out if you're prepared to grasp it.' And you have to be ready to take that hand."

Levine remains "an inveterate optimist." When interviewed recently, he was planning a conference to be called The Resilience of Youth. He is also writing a book about people who have done well despite their early backgrounds.

Often, Levine has felt he was "making no inroads" with young patients. But once in a while he hears from former patients who call to thank him.

Last year he received such a call from a happily married thirtysomething mother of three. "She used to come in stoned on marijuana," Levine recalls. "Every so often I'd make her cry, but she would stay on the streets, and then she realized she wasn't happy on the streets. This was a girl from a Jewish family. It's not unusual."

Youth turns her life around

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Janine's childhood in an upper middle-class Jewish home didn't prepare her for her four-month stint living on the street.

Five years ago, Janine, then a young teenager, was sleeping wherever she could — sometimes on heating vents or park benches. Often, she walked around in a drug-induced haze, and had numerous sexual encounters for which she realizes now she wasn't ready.

Although her name has been changed in this article, her story is painfully real. Janine, now 20, is off the street, living in a rented apartment, working part-time and attending high school again.

Her good marks reflect the effort she's made to turn her life around. She's been off drugs for a year, doesn't drink, has a boyfriend, and plans to continue her education at university.

"I don't think anything could have prevented me from going out on the streets," Janine reflects now. "I couldn't take authority from anyone."

Friction at home

At home, she experienced friction with her mother and problems in her relationship with her stepfather. Janine's father had remarried, and she preferred not to move in with him, although their relationship was good.

In fact, she credits her father with being her lifeline when she was on the street. She called him every day to tell him, "I'm alive, I love you," and is convinced she "would have ended up dead or prostituting" without that regular contact.

"It's so simple," Janine says, when asked what her father told her that gave her strength. "He would say, 'I love you very much,' and give me a kiss. Just hearing 'I love you,' and knowing it's honest, gave me the courage to go on another day."

Janine came into contact with Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) after she first ran away from home. She sensed that her social worker was "someone who would honestly care [about] me," but her instincts were not reflected in her actions.

Janine missed appointments, screamed, yelled and threw things, but the JF&CS staff member never gave up on her, she says. "[My social worker] would chase me day and night."

Through JF&CS, Janine ended up in a Catholic group home, where she stayed for three years. (There is only one Toronto Jewish group home for troubled teens — JF&CS's Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre).

"The group home was good and bad for me," Janine says now. "There were a lot of really rough and tough kids. I had things stolen. I got in a lot of fights, and I'd never fought with anyone before. I had bad behavioral problems. I got in a lot of trouble for skipping classes and smoking drugs.

"But being in a group home gave me time to grow up. I started smartening up. I started to think, 'Where am I going to be in 20 years with no education?' I looked like a slob, and I started feeling really bad about how people looked at me. I started doing everything I could to better myself."

Today Janine is confident and self-possessed. Her hair shines and her clothes are cared for. She takes pride in her newly honed housekeeping and budgeting skills as well as in her academic accomplishments.

To supplement money she receives from her father and earnings from her part-time job, she receives a stipend from JF&CS.

"I'm very happy," she says. "I would never, ever, go back to a life like I had before. Sometimes when I start to feel like I'm slacking off, I tell myself, 'Don't! This is better than it ever was.' "

Janine considers herself extremely lucky. "With all the guys and all the drugs, I never had any disease. I never got pregnant. I was too young and rebellious to be afraid. A lot of nights I stayed on those streets alone, and luckily I didn't run into trouble. I didn't get raped. I didn't get mugged."

A typical day on the street was long, Janine recalls. "I'd try and stay up really late, so I could sleep through most of the day." She spent a lot of time in 24-hour doughnut shops or video arcades.

She found she could make $10 to $15 a night panhandling outside the Eaton Centre. Other times she would steal to get food.

Some days she was on her own, others with new acquaintances. "Wherever the day took me, I would be," she recalls. "I did a lot of walking, a lot of thinking, a lot of running from my parents and social worker."

At night she would drink or smoke up, although she specifies that she didn't do heavy drugs and was never addicted. "Almost all the kids I knew did drugs. Everyone started about Grade 7," she said.

"I think I was very stupid, very easily taken advantage of," Janine says now.

"Someone was watching over me."

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Aging a time of opportunity, says author

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Betty Friedan

TORONTO — Betty Friedan says she never set out to write a book about aging.

"But then, I never set out to start the feminist movement either," she told an enthusiastic audience at the Recital Hall of the North York Performing Arts Centre.

Friedan, author of *The Feminine Mystique* and the recent *The Fountain of Age*, was speaking at this year's Baycrest Public Health Forum, sponsored by the women's auxiliary of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Aging, she said, should be seen as a time of opportunity and adventure, a time to "affirm the strengths emerging in yourself."

People reaching 50 can look forward to another third of life, and the possibilities are endless, said the 73-year-old.

"You are liberated from the things that used to obsess you, and there is an enormous comfort and liberation in embracing that."

You realize, she said, "that you don't have to be driven by the things that drove you when you were young."

Many great artists and scientists continued to create well into old age, Friedan said, and slammed those who say they are 70 outside but inside are 17.

"No, you're not. Haven't you learned anything?" she demanded.

When she completed *The Feminine Mystique*, the seminal book of modern feminism, she tried to find women who successfully combined work and home responsibilities. To her surprise, there weren't many.

What she found, she said, were older women, veterans of the earlier fight for women's rights that culminated in women getting the right to vote in 1920.

These women, she said, "looked more alive than a lot of suburban women I talked too."

Furthermore, she said, they claimed to have missed menopause. She didn't think much about it until she realized that she herself seemed to have missed it too.

"Actually," she joked, "I think I had a hot flash — in August of 1970."

When she began to research her latest book, *The Fountain of Age*, she discovered much of the research on the elderly had been done on people shut away in nursing homes.

That research was wildly inaccurate for the bulk of the population, she said, but those working with the aged spoke of them with "compassionate contempt, or contemptuous compassion," pathologizing old age as a time of senility and nursing homes.

The two most important elements for a vital old age, she said, are projects to structure the days and ties of intimacy, both of which, she said, favor the experience of women.

She said society must accommodate the new, vital elderly through more services to keep people in the community and maintain intergenerational contact; intelligent and accessible health care; intergenerational housing; and increased use of the very real abilities of older people, such as a council of elders in the various professions.

The question period was moderated by Rose Wolfe, chancellor of the University of Toronto.

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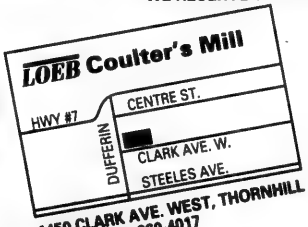

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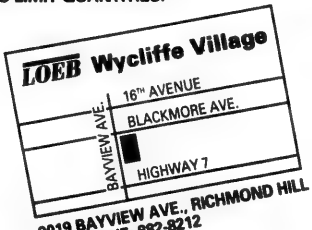

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Jewish addicts learn to deal with problems

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — To deny that there are addicts in the Jewish community only serves to intensify the problem, says the president of the Jewish Recovery Network, a group of men and women currently in a 12-step program.

"If we say there is no such thing, then we force the Jewish addict to hide. When we talk about addictions, we do not just mean drugs. We mean food, alcohol, relationships — an addict is an addict," Martin told a recent meeting of the Temple Sinai adult education committee.

He said that because of this tendency to deny the severity of the problem, many addicts lose a sense of Jewishness.

"That is where the Jewish Recovery Network, made up of other Jews struggling with addictions, comes in. We help them back into the Jewish community. There are many 12-step programs in churches but Jews should not have to go to a church for help. I praise Temple Sinai for being one of the first synagogues in Toronto to open a 12-step group," he said.

He added that the Jewish Recovery Network has about 150 members, of which 75 attend regularly. "It is an eclectic group of people. There is no common denominator."

Saul, "a grateful, recovering food and drug addict as well as alcoholic," said that the 12-step program and the Jewish Recovery Network changed his life.

"I was overweight as a child and by age 7, I was stealing money from my family to buy food to supply my habit. By age 9, I was smoking cigarettes and as an adult, I was addicted to alcohol and drugs. I did these things just to cope.

"My life changed, however, when I joined a 12-step program and was introduced to the Jewish Recovery Network. I am now happy to be alive and I hope to be able to help other people."

Rochelle Thompson, a social worker and alcohol and drug addiction counsellor, said that addictions are a progressive, debilitating illness.

"One can be addicted to anything — food, drugs, gambling, work, exercise," she said. "Any mind altering experience can turn into an addiction; it does not have to be a chemical experience. Addiction is a disease of distraction. It takes the addict off the normal course of life and takes precedence over family, friends, work, the law and stability."

She stressed that addictions are a problem in the Jewish community and that people can make the choice of hiding from it by pushing it aside or looking at it head on.

"One in ten people in the general population are addicts and we have no reason to believe the Jewish population is any different. We must allow for the acceptance of people and their struggles. Addictions have to do with knowledge, awareness and choice — not will-power."

When asked if recovering addicts have to continue with a 12-step program, Martin replied, "These programs are a blue-print for living. It is easy to get someone off drugs but it is also easy for them to get back on. For some people, balance only comes when they continue to attend 12-step programs."

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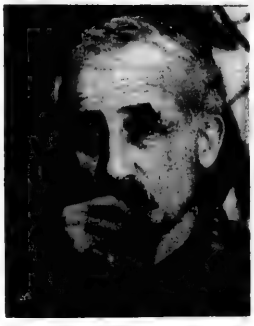

Irving Grossman

TORONTO — Two Jewish architects have become the first annual fellows of the Toronto Society of Architects.

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Markson received his degree in architecture from the University of Toronto in 1953 and studied at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

From a modest beginning in his attic-residence, Markson's architectural practice grew into Markson Borooah Hodgson Architects Inc.

He designed apartment buildings, medical facilities, homes for the aged and community buildings, seemlessly blending them into the surrounding environment. He won much praise for the Market Square condominiums, Alexandra Park and the Civic Centre at Edwards Gardens.

Markson also designed the additions to the Beth Sholom Synagogue, the Jewish Community Centre and the Lipa Green Building's Albert Latner Jewish Public Library.

Presently, Markson is working on a community health centre in Toronto and the new Fredrick Variety Art Gallery in Unionville.

The Canadian Housing Design Council has given Markson eight separate awards.

"Jerome Markson represents a tenure of architectural practice and commitment that deserved to be recognized by the [Toronto Society of Architects] and particularly as an inaugural recipient of the Fellowship award," said the program of a recent tribute evening held at Harbourfront's duMaurier Theatre.

Grossman, the so-called "conscience" of the society, graduated from U of T in 1950.

He designed the Administration Building for Expo '67 in Montreal and Crombie Park, a mixed-use building in the new downtown St. Lawrence neighborhood.

He is also known for his exquisite synagogue projects like Shaarei Tefillah, B'nai Israel Beth David Beth Am and Temple Emanu-El, all in Toronto.

"My Jewish education was at the Workmen's Circle school and I feel that my family's working class background, together with my interest in art, led to architecture being a natural creative outlet for me — especially social housing," Grossman told *The CJN*.

Dealing with death

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A year-long support system built into the Jewish religion helps mourners cope after the death of a loved one, says Michael Benjamin of the Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral and Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

The shivah, shloshim and the end of the first year shows that "Judaism takes us by the hand and moves us on. It doesn't mean that the pain or hurt is gone, but it does mean that we have to get on with our lives," he said.

Benjamin, who along with his son Mark recently spoke to Tel-Aide volunteers, said the year-long cycle eases people back into society.

"Shivah is a time when people want to withdraw and Judaism recognizes that fact. On the seventh day however, mourners walk out the door so that they understand that even though they may not want to go on, life is important."

Mark said grief is a process, not a single event. Mourners always feel the loss, he said, but they have to move on with their lives.

Another positive aspect to Jewish mourning is the freedom to express one's grief, the Benjamins said. "The tearing of a mourner's shirt represents the coming out of pent up emotions," which if not expressed may cause psychological problems, Mark said.

He said everyone grieves differently, but those whose grief prevents normal functioning should seek professional help. They also said guilt is a normal reaction and part of the grieving process.

"It is important the mourner accept what really happened and work through and experience the pain of grief," Mark said.

"It is necessary to adjust to life where the deceased is missing and redistribute family roles. It is important to eventually redirect energies and reinvest them in new relationships."

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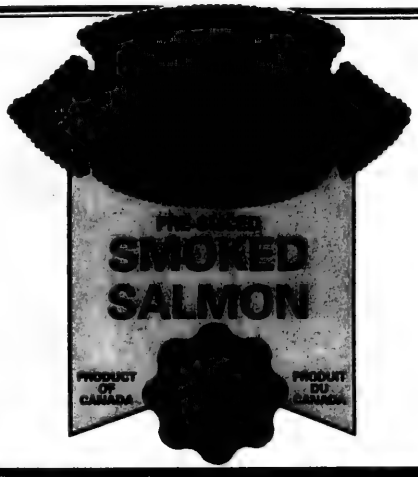

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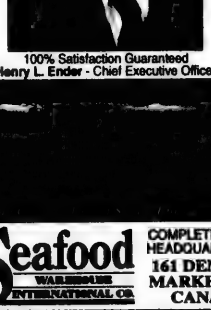

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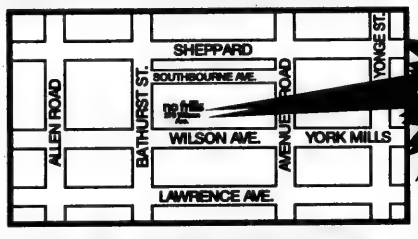

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From coast to coast

Shul youth get lesson in social issues

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On a recent Sunday morning 300 members of the Temple Emanu-El congregation gathered at the synagogue for a morning of mitzvah making.

The temple's social action committee planned the day as a consciousness raising event to spur congregants to be more active in social issues.

"The goal of today's activities is for all of us kids and adults to start thinking about doing some good things in the community," Mark Sandler, a member of the social action committee, said at the start of the day.

Everyone took part in at least one of 14 workshops, each of which was designed to promote greater understanding of a particular social issue: living with disabilities, poverty in the Third World, family violence, the homeless, and AIDS in the Jewish community.

Martha Rosenberg, chair of the committee, told *The CJN* participants were moved by Kael Shriar's AIDS presentation. Shriar, a member of the AIDS committee of Toronto at Holy Blossom, has been HIV positive for nine and a half years.

He spoke candidly about the impact on his life. Shriar was told he had six months to live when he was first diagnosed as HIV positive. "I'm surprised today I'm still alive," he told six teenagers and three adults.

From left: Rachel Telch, Kim Silverston and Arianne Shaffer work on a quilt dedicated to those who have died of AIDS. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Shriar gives companionship and support to people with AIDS and during the final stages of their lives. He told the group, "I have met brave courageous men who have taught me how to live and how to die."

After his presentation, workshop participants worked on a quilt to be dedicated to the memory of Aisha Howard, a former member of Temple Emanu-El. Each patch honored individual Jews who had died of AIDS.

Rachel Telch, 14, told *The CJN* the AIDS workshop was her "first and only choice." She said it was very important for her to learn more about AIDS "because so many are affected by something we know so little about."

Down the hall, 20 people participated in the workshop on issues relating to the Holocaust and modern hate crimes. People broke into small groups to discuss ways of resolving and combating hypothetical episodes of racism.

Karen Mock, the national director of the League of Human Rights of B'nai Brith, led this workshop. "The students were very responsive," she told *The CJN*. "They delved right into the case studies."

Michael Goldlist, 11, said he was interested because his grandparents are Holocaust survivors. "I feel very strongly that people should learn about [the Holocaust]," he said.

Several classrooms were filled with adults and children decorating holiday banners for Baycrest. The workshops took place throughout the synagogue in the library, the kiddish room, offices and all classrooms.

Daniel Rosenberg, 11, told *The CJN* he gained some appreciation for how disabled people go about their daily activities, after participating in the workshop for understanding disabilities. "It's hard being blind and visually impaired and not being able to speak," he said. "It makes me appreciate more of what I have."

Sandler said the day went well. "Many children were very enthusiastic. We have to follow up with them . . . We'll have to feed that enthusiasm . . . Now we're going to have to design a program to complement this day to encourage the kids to participate [in the community]."

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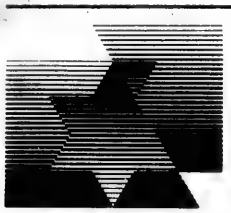

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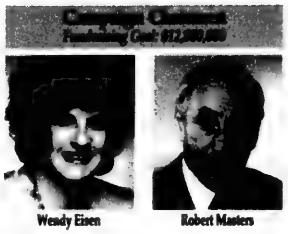
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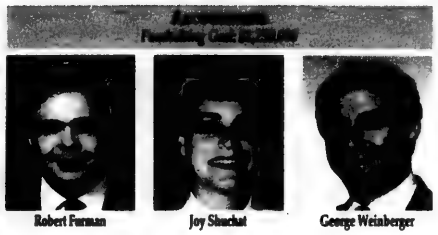
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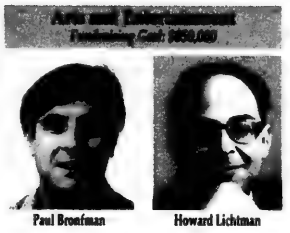
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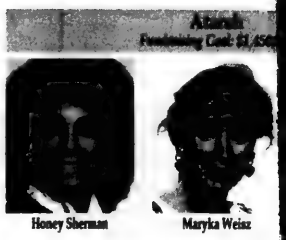
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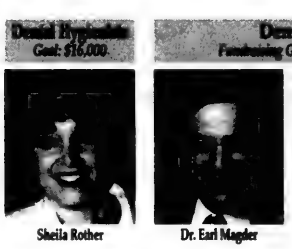
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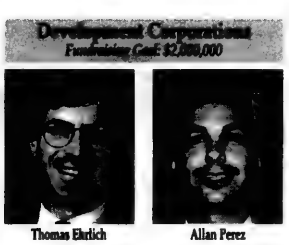
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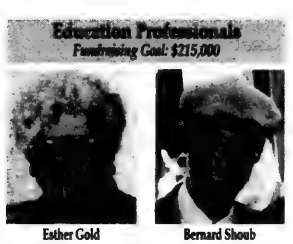
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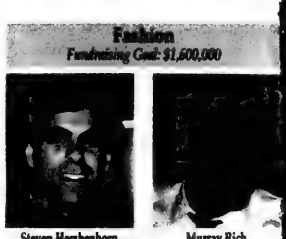
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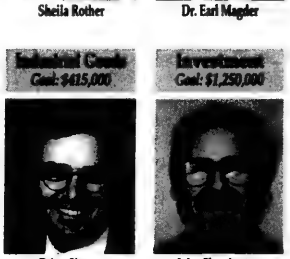
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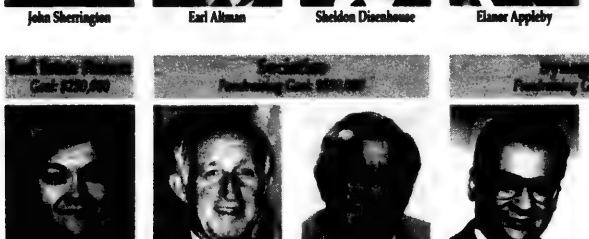
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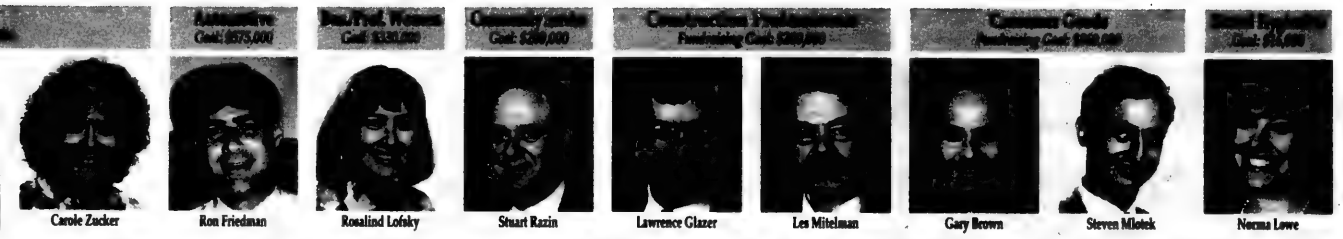

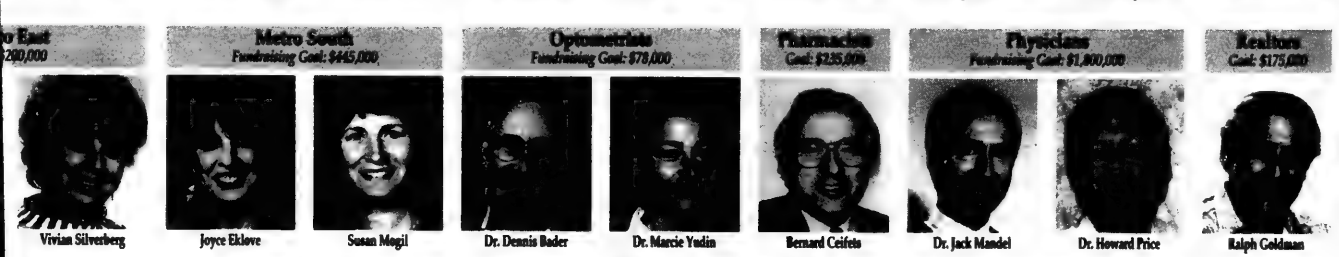

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From coast to coast

Drildzer Society turns 60

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The 60th anniversary celebration of the Drildzer Young Men's Mutual Benefit Society was a time to look back to past presidents and a time to look forward to the future.

More than 140 members and their families from the Polish town of Drildz, including second, third and fourth generations, attended the gala dinner held recently at the Adath Shalom Synagogue on Sheppard Avenue.

Society president Jack Silverman hosted the cocktail reception and introduced David B. Greenspan, the evening's chair.

Founding member Jack Stopper presented a history of Drildz and told of the founding of the Toronto Drildzer Society. Filled with humor, the octogenarian Stopper spoke of the close links formed and maintained between the families who came to Toronto from Drildz.

Silverman, who was surrounded by three generations of his family, appealed to the younger generation to continue working for the organization and to keep the Drildzer name alive.

Celebrating at the Drildzer Society's 60th anniversary are (back row from left) Steve Silverman, David Greenspan, (front row from left) Jack Stopper, Debbie Cowitz, and Jack Silverman.

To honor the 10 founding members, Debbie Cowitz presided over a candle lighting ceremony. Among those taking part were members of the Bliman, Bongard, Hoffer, Kirshenbaum, Schaefer, Stopper, Waese and Zigler founding families.

There was a remembrance for those in Drildz who perished in the Holocaust.

Past presidents Joseph Rotman, Shama Bongard, Benny Greenglass, Henry Godfrey, Morry Kornbloom, Louis Shields, Morris Naiman, Samuel Hirshenhorn, Silverman and Stopper were honored with plaques.

Cowitz told *The CJN* she "greatly admired the seniors in the Drildzer organization who have persevered through the years and have thus kept the name of this small town alive in the minds of their families."

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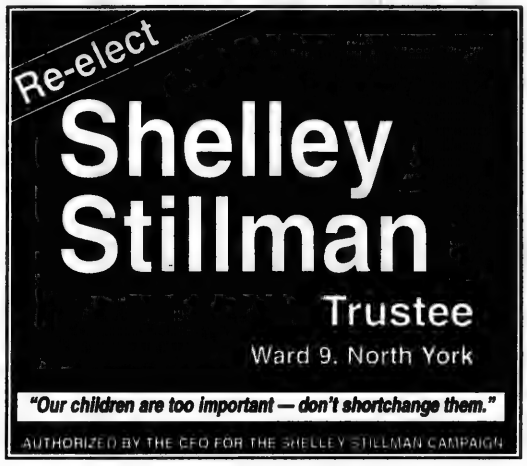
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Bnei Akiva of Toronto is holding a remembrance siyum in memory of **Nachshon Waxman**, the Israeli soldier abducted by Hamas and killed during rescue mission, and his rescuer **Nir Poraz** at Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim, 159 Almore Ave. Maariv 5:50 p.m. Memorial shiur by **Rav Hershel Schachter**, shlita, rosh kollel, Yeshiva University, New York.

REVOLUTION FOR TRADITION

Ohr Somayach Thornhill hosts a public address by one of the original Refuseniks, **Rabbi Eliyahu Essas**, entitled Revolution for Tradition: Creating Jewish Life Under Communism, 8:30 p.m., Tanenbaum Residence, 601 Clark Ave. W. This is part of a five-part international lecture series. Cost for series $20 (pre-register) or $5 per lecture. (905) 886-5730.

A MEETING OF GENERATIONS

Survivors of the Hungarian Holocaust from Satoraljaujhely and Zemplen County meet 50 years later with their children, the second generation, in a program of education, exploration and remembrance, 2:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Lynne Gordon

LYNNE GORDON TO SPEAK

Lynne Gordon, broadcaster, consumer expert and host of CBC TV's *50 Up*, will speak on How the Women's Movement Saved My Sanity at a public meeting sponsored by North York chapter of Older Women's Network, 1:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library. Gordon was chair of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust — **Andre Stein**, psychologist and author, 11 a.m., Bloor JCC.

Motherless Daughters: Child Survivors Learning to Parent — **Aviva Burke Goldberg**, poet and teacher, 8 p.m., Congregation Darchei Noam, 15 Hove St.

The Jews of Hungary Under the Horthy Regime — **Prof. Randolph Braham**, City University of New York, 8 p.m. Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Concert reading of the play *This Night the Kapo*, directed by **Nicholas Rice**, assisted by **Bruce Soer** and presented by Medina Theatre Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Bloor JCC.

Monday, Nov. 14

PROPHECY AND PROPHETS

Prophecy and Prophets in Halachah and Kabbalah, a lecture by **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, director of Chabad of Markham, is 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill.

JERUSALEM MUSIC CENTRE TRIO

The Toronto chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation presents the award-winning Jerusalem Music Centre Trio: pianist **Dimitri Steinberg**, 17; violinist **Misha Vittenson**, 16; and cellist **Guy Cedayev**, 14, at 8 p.m., Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre of the Arts. Reception sponsored by Ford Motor Company of Canada will follow. **Grace Brooker**, 921-2103.

CAFIP MEETING

At the Canadian Association for Israeli Philately meeting, **Harry Frimerman** will present Telchai Fund Stamps History and Present Situation, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Joseph Berkovits**, 635-1749 or **Stanley Davis** 223-6373.

FAITH AND BELIEF

Rabbi David Sapirman's series for men and women, Faith and Belief: The Test of Our Times, continues with The Rebono Shei Olam Knows Better, 9 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach, 2939 Bathurst St. 785-5899.

THEY FOUGHT FOR YOU

At Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brrotherhood breakfast **Sam Romberg** will speak on They Fought for You: The Untold Story of Canada's Jewish War Veterans, services 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 9 a.m.

EMBRACING LIFE

Temple Sinai's adult education program features **Sheila Walker, Rabbi Ronald Weiss** and **Dr. Lawrence Librach** of the Jewish Hospice Program, speaking on Embracing Life: Helping People in the Final Stages, 10 a.m., admission free.

HONOREE BREAKFAST

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood's annual honoree breakfast honoring **Marty Keshen**, presents guest speaker **Eleanor Getzler**, chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, speaking on Children of the Survivors, 10 a.m. Breakfast $3.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

CURRENT AFFAIRS

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, features Current Affairs with **Erika Biro**, 8:30 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Members $5, nonmembers $10. RSVP 633-5100.

ETHICAL & MORAL PRICIPLES

Rabbi Moshe Stern discusses Ethical and Moral Principles vs. Practical Life Situations, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

THE MESSIANIC AGE

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks focuses on The Messianic Age and Return to the Land, 8 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. This is a two-session lecture. Next session is Nov. 22. 229-2167.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School presents Dreamy Desserts, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. 635-9550.

ISSUES AND INSIGHTS

New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's Issues and Insights series first lecture features **Thomas Friedman**, Washington correspondent for the *New York Times*, discussing The Challenge of Peace: An Insightful Account of Middle East Politics Today, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Tickets $25, students $22. 485-8000.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

Jewish Collaborator? The Kastner Affair After 40 Years — **Prof. Michael Marrus**, University of Toronto, 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple.

Surviving the Holocaust — **Prof. Andre Stein**, with poems and readings from his book by **Al Hershkovitz**, 8 p.m., New Fraternal Jewish Association, Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families, a self-support organization for families following the death of a child, is holding a family night focusing on Healing the Pain with guest speaker **Rhona Wolpert** of the Hospital for Sick Children, 8 p.m., Lipa Green Building, fourth floor. **Maureen Feder**, 638-7800, ext. 202.

YOU & YOUR AGING PARENTS

You and Your Aging Parents with **Diane Phillips**, social worker at Baycrest Centre, a program co-sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood and the Department of Jewish Living, is at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. No charge. RSVP to **Olivia D'Souza**, 789-3291.

IS A CHANUKAH BUSH KOSHER?

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich discusses Is a Chanukah Bush Kosher?, an exploration into myths, misconceptions and a deeper grasp of the season's miracle, 7 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres. 226-0111.

Thursday, Nov. 17

JEWISH LAW IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Prof. Shmuel Shilo, law professor at the Hebrew University of Jeruslaem, speaks on Jewish Law in Medieval Europe, 8 p.m., 100 St. Joseph St., presented by The Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies. 926-7142.

THE LITTLE SHOPS OF BAYCREST

The Little Shops of Baycrest is a shopper's paradise with more than 60 vendors offering unique and creative items, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. main floor, Baycrest Hospital.

And What Else Is New...

BBW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Anne Armstrong Gibson has been chosen as recipient of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto's 38th annual Women of the Year Award, to be presented at the BBW Covenant Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., Monte Casino Place, 3710 Chesswood Dr. in Downsview.

Gibson, founder of WELLspring, a support centre for people and their families living with cancer, is the recipient of the Breast Cancer Foundation Award of Merit 1991, the *Toronto Sun* Award of Excellence 1993, and was nominated for a 1993 Courage to Come Back Award by The Clarke Institute.

BROTHERHOODS BREAKFAST

The Council of Jewish Brotherhoods annual breakfast takes place Sunday, Nov. 20, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, services 9:15 a.m., breakfast at 10 a.m. Guest speaker **Patricia Rucker**, former editor of *The Canadian Jewish News* and currently a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, will discuss The Changing Relationship Between Israel and the Diaspora. For tickets, **Joe Grossman**, 633-0479.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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CJC BOOKLET WINS AWARD

The 36-page booklet published for the 28th Regional Plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, earlier this year has won a "gold award for excellence" in the Special Brochure Category in the 1994 Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) Public Relations Awards competition.

Prepared by the region's communications department, plenary committee and staff, the booklet was designed and produced by the communications department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. It features reports on the region's committee activities and programs, and a history of Ontario Jewry. The award will be presented at the CJF General Assembly, Nov. 16-19, in Denver, Colo.

A '60s DANCE & PIZZA PARTY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood presents a '60s Dance and Pizza Party Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, with music, cash bar, prizes, refreshments. Dress code is '60s casual. Cost $18 in advance, $20 at the door, $180 reserved table. Tickets at synagogue office. **Ron White**, (905) 731-2525 or synagogue office 633-3838.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Solel activities — Friday, Nov. 18, Sisterhood guest speaker **Karen Mock**, national director of League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada; Friday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m, annual Solel Zimriah; regular services Tuesdays 7 a.m., Friday, Nov. 18, 8:30 p.m., Saturday Nov. 12 and 26 at 10 a.m.; family service Friday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. (905) 820-5915.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Tuesday night Israeli folkdancing with **Marco Ben-Shimon** now takes place at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave., beginners 7:30-8:30 p.m., intermediate/advanced 8:30-11:15 p.m. Thursday night group remains at Yorkhill Public School, 350 Hilda Ave. (905) 771-0363.

JEWISH FAMILIES OF DURHAM

Jewish Families of Durham and B'nai Shalom V'Tikvah are hosting a Chanukah party Sunday, Nov. 20, 1-3 p.m., Don Beer Arena, Dillingham Rd. in Pickering, with buffet lunch, arts and crafts, games, prizes, songs. $5 non-members.

$10,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Temple Sinai Brotherhood's annual draw ($10,000 in cash prizes plus door prizes) is Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the temple with an open bar, hors-d'oeuvre and dinner. Tickets $130 (partial income tax receipt). Proceeds help projects such as children's attendance at Reform summer camps and visits to Israel. **Howard Zippan** 445-0916 or **Joel Cadesky** 636-8187.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Looking Ahead for separated and/or divorced people, begins Jan. 4; Positive Parenting for teens, school age and preschool children, begins January; One Marriage Two Religions for engaged or recently married couples of interfaith backgrounds begins Jan. 12; Grandparenting Through Divorce (new group). **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

AYJA AEROBATHON

The Association of Young Jewish Adults (AYJA) invites you to participate in the Aerobathon Sunday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds go to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. Registration $10. AYJA hotline 760-4149.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv 5 p.m. Shabbat services are 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. **David** 256-1600.

NEW YORK TORAH EXPERIENCE

New York Torah Experience invites students Grades 9-13 to New York City and Washington D.C. Dec. 26-Jan. 1, highlighting Holocaust Museum, Statue of Liberty, Broadway show, New York Knicks at Madison Square Gardens, Empire State Building, NBC studios and more. Early bird (before Nov. 15) $320, or regular price $365. **Shimmy Wenner** 782-4426.

A SPECIAL SHABBAT

JEP/Ohr Somayach, Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St., is holding a special Shabbat with **Rabbi Eliyahu Essas**, head of Russian Program, Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, focusing on Jewish Life Today in the CIS, Nov. 11-12. Oneg Shabbat program, Friday, 9 p.m.; Shabbat davening 8:30 a.m. with Devar Torah by Rabbi Essas, Shalosh Seudos, 4:45 p.m. 785-5899.

SINGLES TOUR ISRAEL, JORDAN

A singles tour of Israel and Jordan, presented by B'nai Brith Canada, Feb. 8-20, includes 10 days of touring, VIP visit to Knesset, presentation by a Jordanian scholar, deluxe accommodations, breakfasts, eight dinners, and much more. information meeting Sunday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., BB boardroom, 15 Hove. St. 633-6224.

JSU HOLOCAUST PROGRAMS

Jewish Students' Union, Univeristy of Toronto, Holocuast Awareness Week programs at Sidney Smith Hall — Monday, Nov. 14, multimedia display, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the lobby, and Telling the Holocaust by Jewish Storytelling Arts, 4:30 p.m., Room 1072; Tuesday, Nov. 15, What I Have Learned from the Holocaust, 4 p.m. Room 1072; Wednesday, Nov. 16, Survivors Speak, 4 p.m., Room 2130; Thursday, Nov. 17, Canadian Refugee Policy During World War II, 4:30 p.m., Room 1086.

at the JCC/BJC

The Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services, 4588 Bathurst St., learning experience program continues with Living Will: Planning for the Future with **Linda Alexander**, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1 p.m. **Yvonne Martell**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Join instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** for Israeli dancing, Mondays 8-10 p.m., Bloor JCC. Beginners and advanced students welcome. Fee $5 per evening. This is an ongoing program. **Marco Ben-Shimon** (905) 771-0363 or **Lindsay Henderson** at the JCC 924-6211.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 10, club president **Eliezer Teach** speaks on Anti-Semitism, followed by a movie on the subject. Nov. 17, **Audi Savion** of the Israeli consulate speaks on The New State Health Insurance in Israel, everyone welcome. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club continues registration for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Phone **Libby** 782-2059. Tickets at the Centre for the annual Chanukah party, Saturday, Dec. 3. Next Luncheon Meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m.

The Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is Nov. 11. **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Wednesday, Nov. 16, Stage West to see *Reunion*; Wednesday, Nov. 16, movie *Strike Up the Band*, 2 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 17, Chanukah party and entertainment, 2 p.m., clubhouse; Saturday dance, Nov. 12, clubhouse, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band, Nov. 13, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Community Centre. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Information regarding future programs coming soon; North York Board of Education ongoing courses — Tuesdays, exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga 11 a.m., and Wednesdays, line dancing 10 a.m. to noon (**Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923 for activities information). Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

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North York Community House offers seniors drop-in, line dancing, creative writing, knitting and needlecraft group, current events, health lectures, crafts and games. 784-0920 for times and locations.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Diabetes Update with **Anna Brundage**, nurse-manager at the Diabetes Education Centre, North York Branson Hospital, Thursday, Nov. 17, 1:30 p.m. **Sandra**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts, dances. **Anna**, 225-2112.

IMA CONGRESS

The 16th World Congress of the Israel Medical Association, taking place this month at the Crowne Plaza Hotels in Jerusalem and Tiberius, will host seven days of scientific sessions where five Canadian scholarships will be presented. Canadian planners include (from left) Dr. Roger Goldstein, president of the Canadian chapter IMA; Carol Epstein, public relations; and Dr. Wulf Grobin, honorary president, International Board, IMA.

RAE SEES DESTINY IN SPACE

Pictured at the Canadian premiere of the Imax film Destiny in Space at Ontario Place Cinesphere, sponsored by Canadian ORT, are (from left) Kathleen Crook, president, Toronto ORT; Premier Bob Rae, and Mark Pearlman, president, Canadian ORT, Ontario Region.

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Chief Justice of Canada visits Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — The Chief Justice of Canada's Supreme Court, Antonio Lamer, is in Israel this week — the first time ever that Canada's top judge has visited the Jewish state.

Lamer is scheduled to meet his Israeli Supreme Court counterpart, Meir Shamgar, as well as President Ezer Weizman, and to establish the Chief Justice Antonio Lamer Graduate Fellowship in Human Rights at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Lamer and Shamgar are co-chairs of the 2-year-old Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program, a groundbreaking project designed to foster exchange on legal and human rights issues between the two countries.

Lamer's visit will pave the way for the program's second biennial conference on human rights, scheduled for Dec. 11-14 in Israel.

Chief Justice Antonio Lamer

Three judges of the Supreme Court of Canada — Peter Cory, Frank Iacobucci and Gérard LaForest — are slated to attend.

Two years ago, three other judges of Canada's top court — Charles Gonthier, Claire L'Heureux-Dubé and Beverley McLachlin — attended the program's inaugural conference. By the end of this year, all but two of the nine justices of the High Court will have been to Israel.

Lamer is accompanied in Israel by his wife, Danièle Tremblay-Lamer, who is a judge of the Federal Court of Canada.

His itinerary includes a meeting with Israeli Justice Minister David Libai, a lecture to Israeli judges on Canada's Legal Revolution — Judging in the Age of the Charter [of Rights], and private visits to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Church of the Nativity in Jerusalem.

His wife will attend a reception hosted by the two female judges on Israel's Supreme Court, Dalia Dorner and Tova Strassbourg-Cohen.

A closing dinner is scheduled at the residence of Norman Spector, Canada's ambassador to Israel.

The warm relationship between Canadian and Israeli legalists is largely the brainchild of Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University in Montreal, who set up the legal cooperation program with Hebrew University.

Cotler told *The CJN* that the program's next conference was to have taken place in Canada but that Israeli judges were too busy to leave the country.

The 1996 conference, however, is scheduled to take place in Canada, with the expected attendance of Aharon Barak, currently the Israeli Supreme Court's deputy president and slated to become its next chief justice.

Ontario Liberal leader planning trip to Israel

TORONTO — Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod will pay her first visit to Israel from Nov. 13 to 18.

Organizers stress it's a private visit. McLeod's trip follows visits to Israel by Premier Bob Rae and Tory leader Mike Harris earlier this year.

McLeod will be accompanied by Liberal MPPs Monte Kwinter (Wilson Heights) and Joseph Cordiano (Lawrence).

Her schedule includes a luncheon hosted by Norman Spector, Canada's ambassador to Israel; meetings with members of the Knesset; a wreath-laying at Yad Vashem; a tour of the Old City in Jerusalem and a tree planting in the Forest of Peace.

She is also slated to hold talks with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

Lyn McLeod

As well, McLeod is to tour the Golan Heights and address the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the trip is to develop closer ties between Ontario and Israel, said Allan Golombek, McLeod's spokesman.

Canadians to join Rabin, Netanyahu at Denver GA

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DENVER — For the first time, the leader of Israel's opposition party, Benjamin Netanyahu, will be addressing the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (G.A.), to take place here Nov. 16-19.

Also addressing the gathering, which is expected to bring 3,000 Jewish communal professionals and lay leaders to Denver will be Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

Dozens of Canadians are slated to attend, including the lay and professional leaders of federations from Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, as well as unfederated communities in Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa.

The theme of the 63rd G.A., "Building Jewish Community: Contributing to Our Societies," will focus attention on Jewish community-building in the context of the larger society.

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, will deliver the keynote address on strengthening Jewish life on college campuses.

"The Jewish community and the federations have been dealing with these facts for quite some time," said Carl Sheingold, program director for the G.A.

He added that being a part of the society around us "doesn't guarantee we will assimilate, but it means that maintaining a vibrant Jewish community is not a simple challenge."

Menachem Begin was the first Israeli prime minister to address the G.A. Gore will be the second U.S. vice president to address the gathering; the first was George Bush.

At last year's GA in Montreal, the policy of inviting only the party in power was harshly criticized by Likud officials, who had hoped for a forum to spell out their opposition to the Israeli peace accord with the PLO.

The policy also drew criticism from a leading member of the ruling Labor Party.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who had battled to get an American hearing for the Peace Now position when he sat in the opposition before Rabin's election in 1992, last year called on the CJF to hear out both sides of the Israeli political debate.

Speaking at a session at last year's G.A., Beilin said that "automatic support of what the Israeli government does" was a factor in the increasing gaps between Israel and the Diaspora.

Following the 1993 G.A., the Council of Jewish Federations' executive board reconsidered its practice and decided that "in addition to a spokesman of the government — generally the prime minister — we would provide a spot for the opposition."

Netanyahu's first appearance as opposition leader before a major Jewish gathering took place last February, at the annual plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. His speech immediately followed one by Beilin.

A day later, the conference overwhelmingly endorsed the peace process.

Other G.A. highlights will include a Friday evening Oneg Shabbat discussion led by Israeli novelist Amos Oz, and photographer Edward Serotta's acclaimed photo exhibit on the Jews of Sarajevo.

The Council of Jewish Federations of Canada was set up a few years ago to represent the interests of Canadian federations.

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BB wants ban on Zhirinovsky

Vladimir Zhirinovsky

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and CJN Staff

OTTAWA — B'nai Brith Canada has called on Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi to "ban" Russian extremist Vladimir Zhirinovsky from entering the country.

Zhirinovsky is in the United States until Nov. 14. The U.S. State Department last week granted him a tourist visa, amid fierce condemnation from U.S. Jewish groups.

Zhirinovsky, who has made anti-Semitic and other inflammatory statements in the past, was to have addressed the World Affairs Council in San Francisco on Monday.

A spokesman for the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League told *The CJN* Zhirinovsky is slated to travel to Florida and New York before his visa expires this Monday, although it was not known whether he would make public appearances.

B'nai Brith has asked Marchi to keep Zhirinovsky out of Canada, and has written to the U.S. ambassador to Canada, requesting the Russian leader's actions and statements be monitored closely.

Immigration Department spokesman Pam Cullum told *The CJN* that Zhirinovsky would need a visa in order to come to Canada. She would not say whether the Russian ultra-nationalist has applied for or received a visa, but added Canada "may decide not to" grant him one, "given his views."

She conceded it's possible Zhirinovsky could sneak into Canada.

Granting Zhirinovsky a U.S. visa sends "the wrong message at the wrong time," Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, said in a statement.

The centre added that Zhirinovsky met with Toronto-based pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel in Moscow in July.

The U.S. State Department defended its action, saying that granting Zhirinovsky a visa does not endorse his views or support his ambitions.

Offers to speak at Columbia University in New York and in Los Angeles were withdrawn in the face of increasing opposition.

New policy poses problems for Russian Jews

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And they are also unlikely to have the ability to post performance bonds for relatives, she added.

According to immigration lawyer and JIAS board member Sergio Karas, Russian Jews in Canada face serious obstacles in bringing aging parents or other relatives here under the new policy.

Karas gives the policy a "mixed review" because of its downplaying of family reunification.

"It is a step in the right direction, except for family reunification, particularly from a Jewish point of view," he said.

"It will be next to impossible to bring in an uncle or aunt."

The shift from family class to economic immigrants should help professionals from Russia and Israel, Karas said.

Karas agrees that a negative feature of the policy is its requirement of facility in English or French. That, he said, would especially hurt reunification of Russian Jewish families.

The onus on landed immigrant refugees here to guarantee for 10 years that their relatives will not go on welfare, and to post a bond or surety to that effect, even if it means increasing a mortgage, will make it much more difficult to sponsor applicants, he said.

The new policy requires that a refugee in Metro Toronto must have an income of at least $30,000 with a family of three to be eligible to sponsor an applicant, Karas maintained.

Last year, JIAS's caseload involved 700 families who settled in Toronto, 400 who went to Montreal and the rest, 240 families, who settled in other places in Canada.

Sixty per cent arrived in the skilled or independent category and 40 per cent under family class. That's a reversal from the previous year.

Canadian Jewish Congress too had lukewarm reaction to Marchi's plans.

Shifting the emphasis away from families to economic immigrants "sends a dubious message" and "runs the risk of diminishing Canada's reputation for fairness and compassion," CJC said in a statement.

B'nai Brith Canada had similar concerns, saying that family has always been central to Jewish life.

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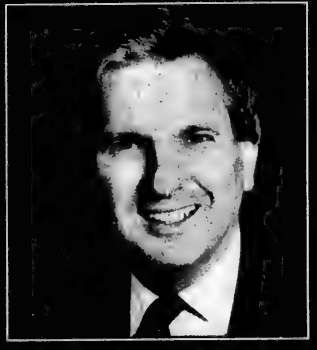

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Hebron tomb re-opens with new security

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

HEBRON — The Machpela Cave, closed for more than eight months since Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Muslim worshipers there in February, reopened on Monday under the watchful eyes of hundreds of soldiers, and with new security and prayer arrangements.

The cabinet voted unanimously on Sunday to open the cave, also known as the Tomb of the Patriarchs, which has been divided into separate sections for Jews and Muslims.

Jewish settlement leaders in Hebron have been told that the cave will be open each day from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Under the new security arrangements, the tomb will be physically divided between Muslims and Jews and there will be separate entrances for the two groups. Jews will pray in the Avraham and Ya'acov halls, and Muslims in the Yitzhak Hall. The Yitzhak Hall is many times larger than the two allotted to Jews, though the Jewish prayer space was substantially increased by covering the courtyard separating the two halls.

There are also special provisions for holidays: On 10 days during the year, Jews will have access to the entire cave, and on 10 days, Muslims will have complete access. At first, only 300 Muslims and 300 Jews will be allowed in the cave at one time.

The tomb is to be open for two days, then closed for another two to allow the new security arrangements to be studied.

In addition to the physical division, 16 closed-circuit cameras and smoke detectors have been installed. There are also metal detectors at the separate entrances.

Guard booths set up

Additional guard booths have been set up inside, and worshipers will not be allowed to bring weapons inside. A police station has been erected outside and will be responsible for security around the clock.

The new arrangements were criticized by both Jews and Palestinians.

"The arrangements have pluses and minuses," said Noam Arnon, head of the settlement in Hebron. "The plus is that the cave is finally reopening. The minuses are the new arrangements."

Arnon said it is "very grave" that the Yitzhak Hall will be off limits to Jews. "This is the largest hall, and the one with the most sanctity," he said.

The Yitzhak Hall sits directly above the site of the forefathers' graves, Arnon said.

Moshe Levinger, the father of the settlement in Kiryat Arba and Hebron, called the new arrangements a "humiliation. We believe if the situation is not rectified now, it will be rectified at a later time."

Muslims, meanwhile, are so unhappy with the arrangements for reopening what they call the Ibrahimi Mosque, they prefer it remain closed.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said that "the principle of partition is rejected. It has never been a synagogue in history before 1967. For 1,300 years it has been a mosque. The State of Israel declared in 1967 that Christians and Muslims are safe in their shrines. Why did they change that?"

The limit on the number of worshipers is not acceptable, he added. "Usually on Friday, 2,000 Muslims go to pray in the mosque, so to limit that number is rejected."

Natshe said Muslims in Hebron do not accept that the security precautions are for their own safety. Many see them as measures to prevent an Arab attack on Israelis.

"We are suffering from the unbearable security situation in the city. Whoever wishes to commit a crime, whoever wishes to imitate Goldstein, can do it easily somewhere else," he said.

"Meanwhile, the restrictions around the mosque prevent people from passing through the streets, forcing them on a long detour. About 1,500 soldiers are on our rooftops, in the streets. People cannot move freely, cars cannot pass. All this is against the Palestinians."

CORRECTION

In the article "Justice is the policy of Israel," (*CJN*, Nov. 3), the last two paragraphs were erroneously attributed to Israeli ambassador Itzhak Shelef. Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, made the remarks.

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Israel rejects overtures for talks offered by Hamas

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Two Hamas leaders in the territories said last week they would welcome dialogue with Israel, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin categorically rejected the possibility.

The Hamas statement came from Sheikh Jamil Hamami of eastern Jerusalem, and Sheikh Hussein Abu Kwaik, from the West Bank town of Ramallah. Both were responding to a previous statement from Police Minister Moshe Shahal.

While Shahal advocated that Israel should continue to "fight aggressively those with whom there is no chance or hope of reaching any understanding," he said dialogue might be one form of combating violent attacks by Islamic activists against Israelis.

Kwaik told the Arabic *Al-Quds* newspaper that the opening of any talks with Israel would be contingent on the release of Hamas prisoners, including the movement's spiritual leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

Hamami, citing the same preconditions, reportedly spoke of internationally supervised talks with Israel.

Hamas, which violently opposes Israel's accord with the PLO, claimed responsibility for three attacks on Israelis last month: the Oct. 9 shooting spree in Jerusalem that left two dead; the Oct. 14 murder of kidnapped Israeli soldier Nachshon Waxman; and the Oct. 19 Tel Aviv suicide bus bombing in which 23 people, including the perpetrator, were killed.

Rabin vehemently rejected any dialogue with Hamas.

He told Israel Radio that Hamas is "the enemy of peace" and that the only way to battle, and ultimately destroy it, is through a "total war."

Also last week, Rabin was reported to have told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence committees that Hamas leaders in Jordan have issued orders for terrorist strikes inside Israel.

That contradicted recent statements by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who asserted that Hamas activities in Jordan are confined to fund raising.

Rabin also said that Hamas leaders in the territories are avoiding conflict with the PLO, adding that as long as they do not provoke Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader would allow them to keep their arms and not hunt fugitives.

Rabin described the interrogation of 150 Hamas activists detained since the Tel Aviv bus bombing as "very harsh" but keeping within prescribed guidelines.

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Islamic activist killed

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A leading Islamic Jihad activist was assassinated by a powerful car bomb in Khan Yunis last Wednesday, raising strong suspicions in the Gaza Strip that Israel security services have begun to eliminate organizers of terror attacks.

Hani Abed, 32, was suspected of arranging the drive-by shooting of Sgt. Moshe Bukra and Cpl. Erez Ben-Baruch near the Erez checkpoint on May 20. Hamas and Islamic Jihad both claimed responsibility for the attack.

The blast tore apart Abed's car outside the Khan Yunis College of Technology, where he taught chemistry. The car exploded when he either opened the door or turned on the ignition, local sources said. Abed died in hospital.

Abed was also an editor of the Islamic Jihad's recently licensed weekly, *Istiklal*.

About 300 Islamic Jihad supporters crowded into his house when his body was brought there. Some fired guns into the air, vowing revenge.

Abed was arrested by the Palestinian Police the day after the May attack, which occurred one day after the IDF evacuated most of the Gaza Strip. He was held in Gaza Central Prison for 17 days.

When Islamic Jihad leaders demanded his release, police said they were holding Abed for his own protection, as they had information that the Israeli security forces planned to kill him. Israel was angered by his release.

A Palestinian Authority spokesman had no comment about the killing.

Polish leader backtracks on invitation to Arafat

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Nobel Peace Prize or not, Jewish groups were not pleased to learn that Polish President Lech Walesa had intended to invite PLO leader Yasser Arafat to attend ceremonies in January marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Bowing to a surge of international protest, Walesa has apparently changed his mind.

Walesa, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 for his leadership of the Solidarity union movement in Poland, reportedly had planned to invite all living winners of the award to the Jan. 27 event.

But the Polish president has backed down on the Arafat invitation, according to Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the World Jewish Congress, whose executive director, Elan Steinberg, received the word last Friday from officials at the Polish embassy in Washington.

The decision not to invite Arafat was made according to a formulation under which "Walesa and the Polish government will invite all Nobel Peace Prize winners up to last year only," Peres told Israel Radio on Saturday.

Peres is a co-recipient of this year's prize, along with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Arafat.

However, Peres and Rabin reportedly might still attend the commemoration as leaders of the Jewish state.

Word last week about the invitation to Arafat prompted an avalanche of protest from Jewish organizations. The European Jewish Congress promised to boycott the event and the New York-based Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha threatened to demonstrate.

Criticism over the invitation to Arafat was also voiced by such parties as the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, the Anti-Defamation

Lech Walesa

Yasser Arafat

League, the Zionist Organization of America and the head of Germany's Jewish community, Ignatz Bubis.

Although the Jan. 27 commemoration was supposed to be coordinated by the Polish government and the International Auschwitz Committee, it has become largely Walesa's project, according to Jewish officials.

Rabbi's wife killed

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PHILADELPHIA — The Jewish community here is in mourning following the brutal murder last week of the wife of a prominent suburban rabbi.

The body of 52-year-old Carol Neulander was discovered by her husband, Rabbi Fred Neulander of Congregation M'kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, upon his return home from the synagogue.

Although the results of an autopsy were not available last week, the apparent cause of death was "multiple incidents of blunt trauma" to Mrs. Neulander's head.

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It was submitted to The CJN *by Werner M. Rappoport, a Toronto chartered accountant.*

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Potential Real Estate Buyers

TORONTO — Soft housing market conditions have created unique opportunities for potential purchasers in many Canadian cities, according to the Fall 1994 issue of the Royal LePage *Survey of Canadian House Prices.*

With the exception of Winnipeg, Regina and Saskatoon, real estate activity has been relatively quiet across the board.

In spite of a positive economic outlook, housing markets in large centres continue to struggle, says a Royal LePage spokesperson.

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Worldwide exports of the Israel diamond trade for the first three-quarters of the year reached $2.44 billion net (nine per cent more than last year.

At the same time, diamond buyers from Hong Kong imported $483 million in goods during the nine-month period, compared to $379 million last year.

Israeli exporters also anticipate that October exports will be particularly strong, as September included many Jewish holidays, while in contrast to last year, this October had no festival work interruptions.

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Peace dividends add lustre to Israel's image

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Midway through a four-year term as director of the Israel Government Tourist Office IGTO) in Toronto, Ruth Ben-Tzur says she feels lucky to be marketing the Jewish nation as a destination for Canadian tourists, at a time when peace dividends are adding new lustre to Israel's international image.

"It used to be that we were representing a country that was in a strangulating ring," she says, alluding to the once-closed borders of the neighboring Arab states of Egypt and Jordan.

"Israel was seen as a dead-end spot some place in the Middle East, a nation surrounded by walls. But 1994 has demonstrated that things can be changed."

Now that Jordan has followed Egypt's lead and opened its borders with Israel, the Jewish state's once acutely-felt sense of regional isolation has eased considerably, says Ben-Tzur.

One day after the Israel-Jordan peace treaty was signed, she says, hundreds of Israelis crossed into Jordan to see Petra, a spectacular city which the ancient Nabateans and Romans carved into solid rock in a remote desert canyon about 90 minutes north of Aqaba.

"Canadian and other visitors to Israel may easily visit Jordan as well. It's no more difficult than crossing the U.S. border into Buffalo," says Ben-Tzur.

'We're entering a new era'

"We're entering a new era. [Next year] is going to be a year of open borders in the whole Middle East. Travellers to Israel will visit at least three or four countries in the same package."

Ruth Ben-Tzur

The peace treaty with Jordan, the breakdown of the Arab world's long-held economic boycott against Israel, and other recent political and economic gains have spurred international investment in Israel, says Ben-Tzur.

"Business people are very sharp. They understand that this is the time to invest because of the prosperity that will follow in the wake of peace. They know that they're going to see a good outcome," she says.

Tourism to Israel is also on the rise. Ben-Tzur cites statistics showing that tourism generated about $2.2 billion (US) last year, an increase of 15 per cent over 1992. That makes it the country's second largest industry after the diamond trade, which last year earned $3.2 billion.

IGTO establishes contacts

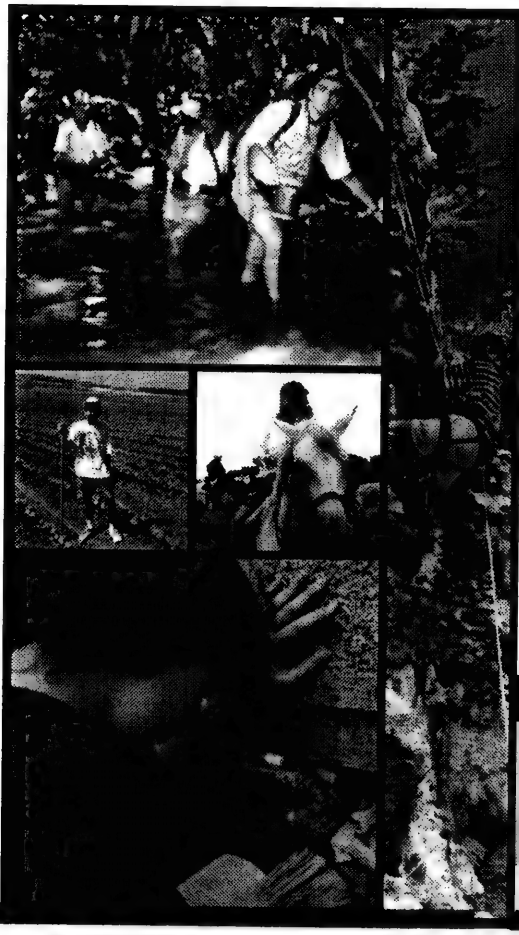
By comparison, agricultural exports (excluding citrus fruit) raked in $558 million and citrus exports made $121 million.

In her two years in Canada, Ben-Tzur has learned much about the travel habits of Canadians, especially those most likely to visit the Middle East. About 35 per cent of Canadian visitors to Israel are Jewish and 65 per cent are not, she says, noting that these percentages are the reverse of U.S. figures.

In that time, the IGTO has established contact with some 3,000 Canadian travel agents, about 300 of whom have gone on IGTO-sponsored tours of Israel to familiarize themselves with the destination "so they no longer need to ask how far the Holy Land is from Israel."

Recently introduced and competitively-priced travel packages to Israel by tour operators like Sunquest, Regent, Conference Travel and Tourcan Vacations are helping to change the perception that you need to be wealthy to visit Israel, she says.

According to Ben-Tzur, Israel's Ministry of Tourism is in the process of arranging landing rights for a Canadian air carrier to make direct, non-stop flights to Israel, a privilege presently held exclusively by the Israeli national airline, El Al.



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AN AERIAL VIEW

A close-up aerial view of the three-tiered northern palace built by King Herod. At the bottom tier is the main veranda with columned loggia. Here a number of colored friezes may be seen. This view, taken during the restoration, shows the construction of exterior staircases to enable visitors to descend to the palace's lower tier.

Excavation raises questions

Recent archeological excavations carried out at the site of the ancient port of Yavneh Yam or Jamina, just south of Tel Aviv, have revived a question that surfaces time after time in archeological circles: Just when did Greek culture begin to spread into ancient Israel and the rest of the Fertile Crescent?

Although it was once assumed that Greek culture became widespread with the conquest of the Middle East by Alexander the Great in 330 B.C., archeologists occasionally unearth more evidence of pre-Hellinistic Greek artifacts, supporting a growing body of evidence that Greek culture had already established itself prior to the Age of Alexander.

This raises still another question: Who were the residents and who were the owners of these items unearthed after more than two-and-a-half millenia?

The dig at Yavneh Yam — a site with a history stretching from the Bronze Age to the Middle Ages but almost untouched by archeological teams — was headed by Israeli archeologist Dr. Moishe Fischer.

Yavneh Yam is located on the Mediterranean Coast, equidistant from the two ancient ports of Jaffa and Ashdod. The settlement's natural harbor was in use during the periods of inhabitance.

Underwater excavations have revealed finds dating from the Middle Bronze Age (first half of the second millenium BCE) to the Early Muslim Period (eighth-twelfth centuries CE). These finds include anchors, fishing equipment and a lead brazier, which were used by Roman sailing vessels.

During recent excavations carried out by students of the Department of Classical Studies at Tel Aviv University in the area of the harbor of the ancient port city, earthenware imported from Rhodes or Pergamon and other Greek cities was found, including Megarian bowls characteristic of the third and second centuries — artifacts dated to a time when ancient Israel was still under Persian rule.

Large wine amphoras with stamped handles common in Rhodes, Chios and Kos were also found. The vessels indicate the presence of a large Hellenized population in Jamnia.

One of the most impressive finds from this period was a statuette of a girl playing a harp.

Other Greek findings at the site were ceramic jars and two types of oil lamps of clearly Greek origin or inspiration, and potsherds decorated with mythological figures in the red-figure style characteristic of the fifth and fourth centuries BCE.

The discovery of an almost whole jug of East Greek character dating back to the seventh century seems to point towards even earlier connections with the Greek world.

Second century B.C. Greek ceramic statuette of a girl playinga harp was found at Yavne Tam excavatons in Israel.

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Fifth century shul mosaic floor unearthed

A beautiful and colorful mosaic synagogue floor depicting the zodiac was unearthed last year during excavations at Sepphoris, an important Jewish, Roman and early Christian city located near Nazareth in Israel's Galilee region.

The richly designed floor was in the first complete synagogue found at the site, and was built in the 5th century CE.

Jewish sources from the 3rd century say there were 18 synagogues in Sepphoris.

The main hall mosaic floor is a single large carpet divided into rectangular panels. A zodiac occupies the centre panel with the months and the astrological signs written in Hebrew. The four seasons are depicted at the borders of the zodiac and include both Hebrew and Greek inscriptions.

The autumn season has been personified by the figure of a woman, a rare example of human representation in Jewish religious art of the period.

Other mosaic panels depict various Jewish festivals, including a basket of fruit decorated with two pigeons that represents the Temple offering for the festival of Shavuot, menorot, shofar, and the four symbols of Sukkot.

The mosaic also contains dedications in Aramaic and Greek and fragments of biblical verses. Apparently, funding for the building was largely supplied by one family, whose names are inscribed throughout the floor.

The excavations are being carried out by archeologists from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem under the direction of Dr. Ehud Netzer and Zeev Weiss.

The archaeologists say the synagogue's mosaic floor is artistically related to the Byzantine mosaics found at Sepphoris during the last two years, although not of the same quality.

The discovery of the synagogue mosaic strengthen the hypothesis that Sepphoris was a centre of the mosaic industry, as were other cities in the east.

This synagogue floor with its unique mosaics was unearthed at Sepphoris (Zippori) in the Galilee. [Photo: Joel Fishman]

Increased tourism forecast as benefit of peace process

There will be a Red Sea Riviera and a Lowest Point on Earth Park, among the joint tourist developments that should evolve from the historic Oct. 19 peace agreement between Israel and Jordan.

The U.S.-Jordan-Israel Trilateral Economic Committee recently convened in Jordan for its fifth meeting to discuss cooperation in tourism between Israel and Jordan.

"This is a turning point for our region and all its economic outlook," said Mordechai Benari, international relations director for Israel's tourism ministry. "It is most probable that an increase in tourism will be the first economic outcome of this new step toward peace."

Uzi Michaeli, Israel's tourism commissioner for North America, said regional tourism will rise substantially "very shortly with this new climate of friendship and cooperation between Israel and its neighbor Jordan."

The Red Sea Riviera will constitute a pedestrian promenade running along the Gulf of Aqaba from Aqaba to Eilat, with cafes, restaurants and ticket kiosks for tourist attractions in the area.

Uzi Michaeli

The Lowest Point on Earth Park would be a Dead Sea area venture with roads linking Israel and Jordan, health spas and visitor centres for information on historical and archaeological sites in the area.

The Trilateral Economic Committee (TTC) was led by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Jordanian Prime Minister Samer Majali.

Israel's tourism subcommittee delegation was led by ministry director Eli Gonen, with Benari and Negev Tourism Development Authority director Dany Maayan as members.

The subcommittee agreed to build a road across the Rift Valley in 1995, undertaking joint marketing efforts for tourism writers and travel agencies, preserve the natural and historic environment, develop tourism infrastructure in various areas along Jordan's Rift Valley, and create a joint tourism committee to develop a regional tourism master plan.

A Trilateral Tourism Committee comprised of the United States, Jordan and Israel will provide guidance.

Other area attractions to be built include an underwater nature reserve park in the Red Sea, where divers and other underwater sportsmen can access the famous coral reefs; a Spice Trail Park linking the Nabatean cities of Avdat, Shiva and Mamshit in Israel, Petra in Jordan and the Ramon Crater; and expanded sailing, windsurfing and pleasure cruising in the Red Sea.

"With the long awaited peace agreement between Israel and Jordan and the resulting ambitious plans for joint tourism between the two countries, I think the world will see a whole new dimension in travel to Israel and the Middle East," said Uzi Baram, Israel's tourism minister.

"Once these projects have reached fruition, all previous statistics on tourism to Israel and the Middle East will pale in comparison."

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TRAVEL TALK

BY BILL GLADSTONE

Under the British mandate, the Red Sea settlement of Eilat was never anything more than an isolated police outpost in the desert. Forty-five years ago, in March 1949, soldiers of the renascent Jewish state recovered Eilat in the last military operation of Israel's War of Independence. A boom town on the edge of the Negev, its oldest building dates from only 1951. Today Eilat is a thriving resort town (population 34,000) that receives about one million sun worshippers yearly.

More growth is predicted for this hedonistic hamlet, already bursting with haute hotels and hot nightspots. Even before the ink had dried on the peace treaty that Israel and Jordan signed last month to end a 46-year-old technical state of war, tourism officials in both countries had begun to design a dazzling Red Sea Riviera, stretching from the Egyptian resort of Taba, through the centrepiece of Eilat, to the smaller Jordanian resort town of Aqaba.

Last week, the regional director of tourism, Alphonso Nussbaumer, was the featured after-dinner speaker for two large gatherings of travel agents in Toronto and Montreal, courtesy of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada.

"Thirty years ago," he said, "if you said to an Israeli, 'Come to Eilat,' he would have thought you were crazy, that you had fallen on your head. Thirty years ago, they regarded me and others who came to Eilat as pioneers, as heroes. Now they envy us."

As with many things in Israel, 1967 was a turning-point for the perennially sunny town where temperatures typically hit 40 degrees Celsius in summer and the clear waters of the gulf, famous for their coral formations, never dip below 22 C in winter. During the Six Day War and for several years thereafter, Nussbaumer explained, multitudes of Israeli soldiers found themselves stationed in Eilat and vicinity, thus discovering that the region's dry heat feels more comfortable than the marginally cooler but far more humid conditions that summer imposes on Tel Aviv.

Today Eilat is the undisputed Miami Beach of the Middle East. All winter long, some 46 chartered jets fly here direct from Europe each week. In summer, Eilat fills up with Israelis, many of whom arrive in 55 minutes from Tel Aviv or Jerusalem on the domestic Arkia Airlines ($80 US return flight). There are about 5,500 hotel rooms here at present, with about 8,000 expected to be available by 1997. Eilat's 32 hotels enjoy an 80 per cent occupancy rate, the country's highest.

As Nussbaumer noted, hotels in Eilat, often built to exacting European standards, are among the ritziest in the country — and feature unprecedented views. "From every hotel balcony, you can see four countries, two peninsulas — Sinai in the west, the Arabian peninsula in the east — and two continents, Africa and Asia," he declared. "This is a unique gimmick."

The Negev also attracts an increasing number of tourists, he said. Vigorously protected as a nature reserve, the desert has generated about 6,000 tourism-related jobs, from camel driver to mountain guide. Overall, the region's potential for attracting international tourists is so impressive that even Saudi Arabia, where the very thought of a bikini is a punishable offense, is allowing some tourist development at El Chagel (the sea turtle), a town on the gulf some 20 kilometres southeast of Eilat. At night you can see the lights of El Chagel from the beach in Eilat.

The borders of four countries — Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia — converge near the northern end of the narrow body of water known as the Gulf of Eilat (or the Gulf of Aqaba, depending on who published the map you're holding). If present political trends continue, the day may soon come when relations among this diverse quartet of nations become nearly as warm as the inviting subtropical waters they share.

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Israel's music festival suits all tastes

Israel, where in ancient times King David played the harp, is these days a land with a vibrant music scene that combines the sounds of many cultures in the new, cosmopolitan Israeli society.

There are music festivals catering to every taste.

The recent Jerusalem Israel Festival saw international artists perform classical music and opera as well as dance and theatre.

Also held recently was the second annual Blues and Soul Festival in Haifa, with the participation of many artists including Ray Charles, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band and Paul Young.

Last August, Israel hosted the Red Sea Jazz festival in Eilat, the country's southernmost vacation spot, which was crowded with jazz fans from all over the world. This festival has traditionally attracted some of the world's best known jazz musicians. Visitors gather to combine sun, sea and relaxation with evening jazz sessions.

And for those who seek classical music, the Arab village of Abu Gosh, some 10 miles from Jerusalem, celebrated the Abu Gosh Music Festival during Sukkot.

This year's performers included Capella Gedanensis — Ensemble of Early Music from Poland, the Rinat Choir from Israel and the Swingle Singers from England singing works by Bach, Mozart and others.

The arrival of new immigrants from many countries has had a vast impact on Israel's music scene.

From the former Soviet Union came many musicians, some of whom were able to find employment with several existing orchestras, including the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

But many others have taken to performing in the streets. Indeed, on any given day, pedestrian malls in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem are ringing with the sounds of music from every corner.

The former Soviet musicians have also started their own musical ensembles or their own jazz or rock bands, as did the former Soviet rock star Maxim.

There is also a wide variety of musical entertainment performed in nightclubs and discos. In Israel, the big night out on the town is Thursday and nightlife does not really get going until about 9 or 10 p.m.

There are nightclubs that are popular with the Ethiopian newcomers, where the reggae beat is heard into the early hours of the morning.

There are clubs where traditional folk songs are played and singalongs are encouraged. There are jazz clubs where hard rock and pop music are played and there are clubs that play Rastafarian music combining Jamaican, African and Hebrew sounds.

The night scene is not limited only to Tel Aviv. Indeed, Jerusalem, traditionally considered a more subdued city for nighttime entertainment, has recently gained a momentum of its own and is now attracting many fans, even teenagers from Tel Aviv. They all come to enjoy the combination of an historic city with the latest in music.

Klezmer music, popular in the Jewish neighborhoods of Europe at the turn of the century, has a devoted following.

The ancient, mystical town of Safed in the Galilee has a Klezmer Festival.

Israel is a country that loves music; it has given the world many talented musicians, including Daniel Barenboim, Pinchas Zukerman and Itzhak Perlman.

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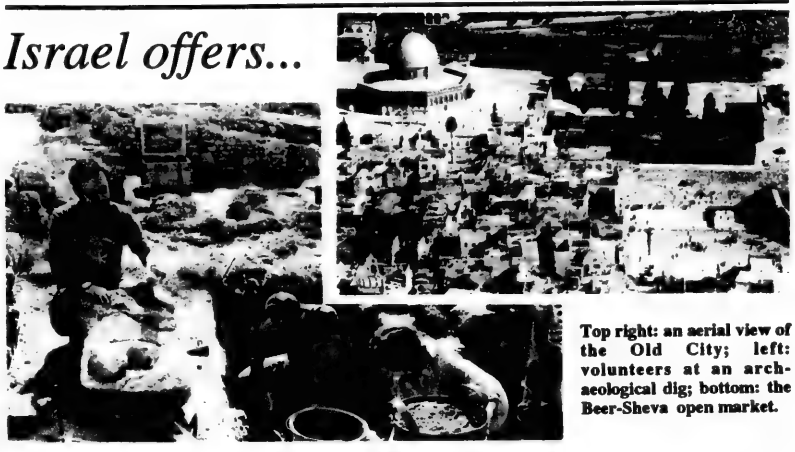

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Joe Chinsky is pictured here at Lou Spiegel's grave in the Canadian Cemetery, Holland.

On a personal note:

Remembrance in Holland

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jack and Lou Spiegel and my husband Joe began working together in the office of Top Top Tailors before the onset of World War II, when all three were in their late teens and still single.

The Spiegel brothers were twins. During the war, Jack enlisted in the RCAF and served as a wireless operator air gunner in Europe. He was shot down on what was to have been his last op before returning home on leave and lies in a military cemetery near Nijmegen, Holland. Lou joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a topographer. (Their parents had come to Canada from the United States.) He was shot down over Guadalcanal and hospitalized but returned to duty and survived the war. Joe served with the RCAF in Canada and England.

Last spring, when Joe and I were planning a trip to Holland, Bill Stern, another air force buddy, called. He had been watching an Adrienne Clarkson Presents documentary when the camera zoomed in on a headstone bearing the Star of David and ... the name Jack Spiegel.

"Joe," he urged, "you have to go to that cemetery!"

Arriving at Amsterdam's Schipol airport, we picked up a rental car and drove to our motel outside The Hague. Under mainly sunny skies, we explored Delft and The Hague, toured Rotterdam Harbor, seeing the very dock area where Joe's mother had embarked for Canada enroute from Poland in 1913; we visited with friends whom our daughter had met on a kibbutz near Haifa and spent an idyllic afternoon at the exquisite Keukenhof Gardens.

Our last day in the area was overcast and misty. Soon we would be leaving for Amsterdam and exchanging our car for public transit. But while we still had our own transportation we thought we should go to Jack's gravesite. Perhaps subconsciously we had been postponing this.

We would have to drive two hours cross-country and, as we looked at the clouds, we almost hoped they would open up. Something held us back, yet something inside said go. Finally Joe decided, "Let's do it."

A pale sun broke through as we approached Nijmegen where we expected to find the Canadian cemetery. On a quiet tree-shaded road outside of town, we did come upon a military burial site but the majority of interments were British. We paused in front of one stone with a Star of David. Below the serviceman's name, age and rank were the words, "Our only treasure." He was 19. Another stone, also with a Star of David, bore the inscription, "He died that his people might live."

Searching the roads around Nijmegen we located two more British cemeteries with a scattering of Canadian graves, but not the main Canadian cemetery. Discouraged and wondering where to turn, we stopped an elderly cyclist as he emerged from a wooden path leading to the almost deserted highway.

"Ach, you want the Canadian cemetery at Groesbeek," he said. "Follow me!" And as if he were 17 instead of perhaps 70, he started pedalling slightly ahead of us along the bicycle lane which ran beside the highway.

There was a small sign: Canadian Cemetery, Groesbeek, and at the end of the road on a slight rise surrounded by open fields, precise rows of stones stretched to the horizon. A tour bus pulled away as we arrived, and only a man and woman remained, just inside the gate.

It was totally silent.

We checked the register on a wall near the entrance and then Joe walked alone, toward all those graves.

The couple came over to me. They were farmers, originally from the Netherlands the man explained, but had emigrated to the United States. Whenever they returned, he would come to the cemetery "out of respect." He had been with the Dutch Underground during the war and he told this story.

In 1944, when Allied forces were pushing forward in Holland, they planned a raid in this sector. "We knew," the man said, "that three German panzer divisions had been sent back from the Russian front to rest here. They didn't know about the Allied plan but they were right in the neighborhood."

The Underground informed British Intelligence about the Germans, but was ignored, he declared. Aircraft and paratroopers were sent in.

"And this," said the man, with a sweep of his arm toward the markers, "is what happened."

It could be argued that British Intelligence did not completely trust the Underground which might be enemy infiltrated or, that in the fog of war, terrible mistakes are made.

Certainly not all the burials here resulted from the bungled operation. There are 2,338 Canadian graves as well as over 250 Commonwealth, Polish and Belgian.

The cemetery is supervised and funded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and is beautifully maintained. Some graves are "adopted" by local people and schoolchildren bring flowers.

As the Dutch couple walked to their car, I joined Joe. Standing in front of Jack's grave, he softly repeated the Kaddish and we each placed a stone on the marker. A fine rain began to fall.

After a few moments we turned and walked out of the cemetery into the present, which exists for us and our children and grandchildren because of those who gave whatever they had.

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Arts

British film exhibits painful Jewish stereotypes

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The celebrations linked to Jewish weddings and bar mitzvahs have been mocked in many movies, *Duddy Kravitz* (1974) and *Goodbye Columbus* (1969) among them.

Now along comes *Bar Mitzvah Boy* (made in 1976) a 75-minute British film to be shown on *Vision* TV Thursday, Nov. 17 at 8:00 p.m. to join that list.

It is difficult to find any merit in a film that seems intended to interest the voyeurs who like to see Jews quarreling and engaging in tribal celebrations.

The stereotypes are particularly painful — a vacuous mother worried about her hairdo for the big day, an unfeeling, insensitive father, and a grandfather guilty of the most grating cliches.

Eliot Green walks out of the London synagogue just as he is called to the bimah for his bar mitzvah because he can't cope with the hypocrisy he sees in the family and the world around him. He leaves behind him a shattered congregation.

His sister, Lesley, the only mentsh in the family, finds him in a playground and convinces him to come home again because she understands his distress.

The plot takes an unbelievable turn when the rabbi rationalizes that since Eliot recited his portion of the Torah in the playground, it is okay for the family to go ahead with the dinner-dance with 117 guests that night.

Film-makers have a habit of zeroing in on religious and celebratory rites of other groups besides Jews but that does not lessen the pain.

The film's writer, Jack Rosenthal, won an Emmy award in 1975 for *The Evacuees*.

Bernard Spear, Jeremy Steyn and Maria Charles from the *Bar Mitzvah Boy*.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Life And Many Deaths Of Harry Houdini by Ruth Brandon $29.50 Random House of Canada

When he died in 1926, Harry Houdini, born Erich Weiss, was a world-renowned personality. His father, an unsuccessful rabbi, thought his son meshugah when he left home at an early age to find work as a magician in vaudeville and touring circuses.

At the time, he assured his ill and bemused father that he would always provide for his mother. When, many years later, he earned the munificent salary of $1,000 a week, Houdini drove straight to his mother with a bag of gold coins which he emptied into her apron. "He always described this moment when he finally and so spectacularly fulfilled his promise as the greatest thrill of his life."

One of the most astonishing organizations ever formed was the Rabbis' Sons Theatrical Association. Its members had to be sons of rabbis or Jewish scholars. Houdini organized this exclusive society in 1918 and became its first president; Al Jolson was first vice-president and Irving Berlin was second vice-president. Other members included Adolf Zucker, the Warner brothers, the Shuberts, George Gershwin and Fanny Brice.

What did Houdini have in mind? What was the purpose of the group? Was it to combat anti-Semtism? Probably not. He wrote that, "Anti-Semitism may exist in America, but never that I have known. I never was ashamed to acknowledge that I was a Jew, and never will be, but it is awful what I hear from people that are Jew Haters."

Around the turn of the century he achieved a theatrical breakthrough with an innovative act involving a dramatic escape from handcuffs. He added constantly to an ingenious repertoire, every act more dramatic and spellbinding than the other: escaping from straitjackets, immersed in water or buried alive. On several occasions he was suspended upside down in a straitjacket from a skyscraper. Of course, he deftly extricated himself as thousands of spectators held their breath and then cheered lustily, much relieved, when the smiling, unharmed daredevil appeared.

Houdini's career coincided with a wave of interest in spiritualism. Convinced that mediums were fraudulent, he exposed them unmercifully. He became a connoisseur of fake mediums, often incurring the wrath of true believers.

An engrossing section of the book involves his relationship with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, who was a firm believer in spiritualism.

Houdini died unexpectedly at the age of 52. On October 31, 1936, the 10th anniversary of his death, a widely publicized seance took place in Hollywood. It was broadcast live to a vast audience and over 300 invited guests were present. Houdini had always asserted, "If it is possible for anyone to get through after death, that person will be me."

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Local exhibition focuses on German resistance

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —An exhibition on German resistance against Hitler is scheduled to open on Nov. 14 at the Goethe Institute, 1067 Yonge St. It closes on Dec. 3.

Eighteen posters and seven 30-minute videos tell the story of the unsuccessful effort to bring down the Nazi regime, which lasted from 1933 to 1945.

The posters, with English texts, form what seems to be a complete record of the anti-Nazi movement.

They document the resistance of Social Democrats, Communists, trade unionists, conservatives, theologians and military officers.

They also document the attempts against Hitler's life — from Johann Georg Elser's solo effort on Nov. 9, 1939 in a Munich beer hall, to Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg's attempt on July 20, 1944 in East Prussia.

Still other posters pay homage to vociferous anti-Hitler groups like the White Rose, the Kreisau Circle and the Rote Kapelle.

EYE ON ARTS

BY BILL GLADSTONE

Jewish Film Festival: Some 10,000 people attended one or more screenings at the 1994 Toronto Jewish Film Festival last May, a 25 per cent increase over the previous year. The newly-established Toronto Jewish Film Festival Foundation (TJFF) has received a small grant from the Metro Toronto Cultural Division, and expects to receive a charitable tax number from Revenue Canada soon. The TJFF hopes to encourage the production of Jewish content films for children, and to establish one fund for emerging Jewish film and video makers and another to restore historic old Jewish film footage.

As well, the TJFF intends to offer courses in Jewish film, both to educate and to entertain. The first course — Moguls, Machers, Shvesters and Shysters — examines themes depicted in Jewish films, followed by screenings, in six weekly sessions. The teacher is John Stuart Katz, a professor of Jewish film at York University. Start dates are Tuesday Jan. 31 (Bloor JCC location) or Thursday Feb. 2 (York University). Cost is $65. (416) 324-9226.

According to the TJFF, May and June have become the season for Jewish film in Canada. Vancouver's seventh, Toronto's third, Winnipeg's second and Montreal's first Jewish film series are all scheduled in these two months in 1995. The Montreal festival is set to utilize the theatre at the National Film Board.

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Yiddish Exhibit At Beth Tzedec: Beginning Nov. 14, an exhibit, One Hundred Years of Yiddish Canada, is being shown at the Beth Tzedec's Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto. The display features a collection of unique photographs that depict the rich and colorful life in Poland, where Yiddish flourished, as well as many original copies of poetry and prose by Canadian Yiddish writers. Also look for Yiddish newspapers, a 10-foot hand-painted banner from the Kiever Synagogue, theatre posters, a Yiddish typewriter, and a Yiddish version of the popular board game Snakes & Ladders. Until March 31. (416) 781-3511.

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Biblical Show To Mark U.N. Half-Century: A new production of Benjamin Britten's inspirational *Noye's Fludde* (Noah's Flood) will be presented in 1995 as the cultural centrepiece of Canada's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, the project's artistic director, Nicholas Goldschmidt, recently announced. "In every sense, *Noah's Flood* is totally appropriate to the occasion," he said. "It is a universal story that brings a message of peace for our planet, and it features a chorus of 80 children who embody our hope for the future."

Involving a cast of about 140, the production is scheduled to play in various churches in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and San Francisco, beginning in June.

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Dance Performance in Montreal, Toronto: New York-based choreographers Sari Eckler (formerly of Toronto) and Heidi Latsky (formerly of Montreal) present *Half Hidden/Have Hit*, an evening of original dance and performance, as part of the Libre Echange series, Nov. 10 to 13 at Tangente in Montreal, and Nov. 15 and 16 at the DuMaurier Theatre in Toronto.

The work is a new dance piece collaboratively choregraphed and performed by Eckler and Latsky with a score by Canadian composer Phillip Strong. According to a press release, it is "a physically driven, passionate dance" that combines "the spunky, strategic jabs, hooks and punches of boxing with the swaying, wrapping, mesmerizing movement of Jewish prayer."

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Head of the Glass: Daniel Chrichton, head of the glass program at Sheridan College's School of Crafts and Design, recently won the prestigious 18th annual 1994 Prix Saidye Bronfman Award. Valued at $20,000, the award is one of the largest individual arts awards in Canada. It was established to honor the work of an individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of crafts in Canada.

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ROOTS · TUESDAYS Vision TV

Dr. Raja Englander Zadnikova (left) At mike: Jamie Wisniowski, the actress who portrayed Zadnikova in the play.

Play wins kudos from survivor

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — "What was it like to watch a play about you?" a young student asks Dr. Raja Englander Zadnikova after a heartbreaking performance of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

The play about children interned at Theresienstadt concentration camp is loosely based on Zadnikova's childhood experiences.

"I have seen it several times," she answers, "but I was never so deeply impressed like today."

High praise indeed for a cast of high school students who, until they won roles in the play, admitted to being largely ignorant about the Holocaust.

Teacher and director Greg Simpson deliberately chose the play for its dramatic and educational potential.

Before rehearsals even began, he took the cast to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. The group also met survivors, studied articles, films and books and learned about Judaism from members of the Jewish community. The education was at times so powerful it left the teenagers in tears.

"If we can teach the kids something and take them through an educational process like we've done here," says Simpson, "they still get all the theatre experience, they get all the methods of acting and the training that is required, but at the same time, when the play's finished, they leave with an incredible knowledge, in this case of the Holocaust, Terezin, Jewish culture and tradition."

The students from Ashbury College, a private school in Rockcliffe Park, first staged the play last spring. The production was so moving, the Ottawa Shoah Remembrance Committee and Congregation Machzikei Hadas asked the cast to do a second run in October.

But this time, Celeste Raspanti, the playwright and a professor at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, and Zadnikova herself would be there to watch and to answer questions from student and adult audiences.

The play was inspired by the poems and paintings left by the children who passed through Theresienstadt, or Terezin, Hitler's "gift to the Jews".

The model ghetto, in the hills not far from Prague, was featured in Nazi propaganda films and even visited by an International Red Cross delegation in 1944, after being hurriedly prettied up with trees, flowers and paint.

In reality, Terezin was a forced labor camp and depot for Jews destined for Auschwitz. Of the 15,000 children who passed through the ghetto, fewer than 100 survived.

Because Terezin was close to the major European cultural centres, it housed a large population of Jewish intellectuals. They secretly organized classes for the children. They taught from memory, since there were few books, and encouraged the children to draw and write.

I Never Saw Another Butterfly revolves around Raja Englanderova, a young teenager played by Jamie Wisniowski, and a teacher, Irena Synkova, played by Tara Story, who mends her broken spirit.

While most of the Terezin survivors settled outside Europe, Zadnikova and her mother returned to Prague after the war. They believed it was the dawn of a new age.

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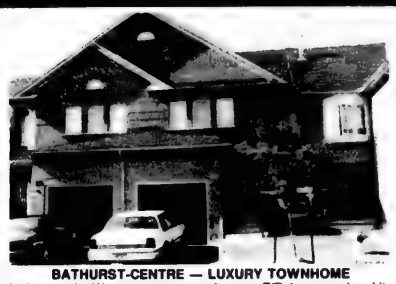

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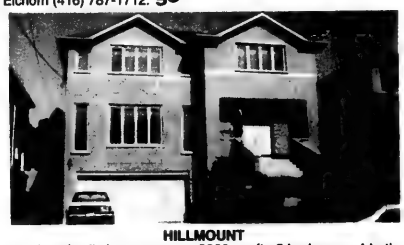

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5 Bdrm, Fin. Bsmt. with w/o, 5 Pc. ensuite, on quiet street. Call ** PERRY WAISGLASS **

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Detached 5x3 Bdrm. Apt. + Ensuites + 1 Bach., 7 Pking Lot, 75' x 136' Asking $695,000 Call ** ROSALIN KENAANI **

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5 Bdrm, 3,460 Sq. Ft. Lg. Kit. Parquet Fl., Appl. + More Value+++ $899,000 Call ** TED WAXMAN **

BATHURST — REGENT HERITAGE ESTATES
5 Bdrm, 10 Ft. Ceilings, Gourmet Kit., 200 Ft. Lot. Shows Great! Call ** TED WAXMAN **

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4 Bdrm. Backsplit, Fin. Bsmt, Updated Kit., Hardwood, Nanny's Quarters. Must be Seen! Call ** TED WAXMAN **...

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$269,900 - Lr... SOLD ...bung + YORKVILLE
$289,900 - Lux. lrg 1 bdrm condo in "Renaissance Plaza" BATH/SHEPP
Lux 5 bdrm "Balmoral" prem lot approx 4,800 sq ft.

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STRATHEARN RAVINE — STATELY HOME
Grand proportions. Estate like grounds (1.6 acres)! $2,500,000. Celine Joel*/Cathy Kwinter* 488-2875

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LOWER VILLAGE ELEGANCE $1,395,000
Dramatic decor, luxurious appointments, 4 bdrms, marble ens, pan. library! David Wagman* 488-2875

LOWER VILLAGE EAST OF SPADINA
Large Tudor on superb lot, fam rm & lib, 4 frplcs, 4+1 bdrms, 5 baths, cac! Mary Wasser* 488-2875

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Ravine lot on quiet cres! Oustanding lrg home features sunken lr, sun-filled dr with w/o to 270 ft south garden. Custom gourmet kit with top of line appls, and a separate breakfast room, his & her ensuites etc. E. Lewis* 488-2875

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Prime location; near park! 3,288 sq ft, 4 bdrms, 7 baths, fin bsmt, call Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

SENSATIONAL NEW HOME $719,000
Avenue/Lawrence best block "dynamic finishes" top quality. Jeffrey Wagman** 488-2875

PRIME LOCATION! UCCI! BSS! $599,000
Charm abounds, well designed for family living deep south garden! Eleanor Wagman* 488-2875

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Centre hall main floor fam. rm, updated kitchen, spacious 3 bdrm under $500K, motivated vendor, Ruth Bass* 226-1987

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OPPORTUNITY ON OLD ORCHARD
New home to be built 40' lot unprecedented price 2,800 sq. ft. $589K, Janice Fox** 488-2875

CASTLEFIELD NEW HOME
Now under construction move in spring, 3+1 bdrm, 4 bths, garage $499K, Janice Fox* 488-2875

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS — GREAT PRICE
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PRIME CEDARVALE LOCATION $469,000
Totally renovated mn fl den, + powder room, huge incredible kitchen. Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

ALEXANDRA WOOD AREA $475,000
Tot renovated, split level, great kitchen & family room! Call Neil Wagman* 488-2875

PRIME CEDARVALE — JUST MOVE-IN
2 storey, 3 bdrm, kit & bath reno, priv drive gar, 1 block to subway! Susan Smith* 488-2875

35x120 FT LOT. AVENUE LAWRENCE $299K
Charming 1.5 storey w/ stone front, 3 bdrms, fin bsmt, double gar! Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

DOLLHOUSE! ALLEN EXP/EGLINTON
Renovated 3 bdrms, 1.5 storey home w/ fin bsmt, 35x104 ft lot, private dr. Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

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Bright bungalow 3 bdrms, bsmt apt, & rec rm, gar 5 min to TTC & plaza! Goldie Kay* 226-1987

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Detached 3 bdrm, 2 storey home, original charm restored, 25x102 ft lot. Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

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BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS — $539,000
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Immac 3 bdrm, 2 stry spacious rms, new windows thru-out, cac, side entrance, fab starter, R. Simon* 226-1987

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1ST AD! 5,000 SF "WHOLE TOP FLOOR"
Unique, spectacular penthouse, Bay/Bloor, panoramic views, exhilarating design flair abound. Raised lr, huge master, 4 baths, 3 br's, 3 car prkng, granite kit, $2,149,000, Maurice Gherson* 488-2875

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Lovely 2 bedrm, south facing, feels like a home! Eat-in kitchen, shows well. Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

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3 bdrm condo, huge living rm, & dining rm, 4 pc ensuite, end unit. Faithe Sversky** 488-2875

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Oversize 1 bdrm, 2 baths, extra closets, ensuite laundry $299K, Janice Fox** 488-2875

"SKYMARK-CLASSIC" 1&2 BEDROOMS
2 br/fam rm $329,900 and 1 br & fam rm, $199,000 Marty Wagman** 416-226-1987

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BATHURST MANOR - $269,900.00 3 bdrm, reno'd bung., main floor - new kit & bathrm, hardwood floors.

DUCLOS POINT - $229,900.00 83' waterfront - 3 bdrm concrete shore wall, aquarobic septic system, floor to ceiling fireplace, foundation. Sun all day.

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$269,000 – "WESTMOUNT" BATHURST N. OF CENTRE! – 4 Bedrm. home never lived in, Abt. 1900', mn. fam. rm., neutral decor.

$268,500 – "YONGE & CLARK"! – 3 bedrm freehold townhome, end unit with flair, marble, granite, grey + white decor. Partially f. bsmnt with bath.

$329,000 – "ROSEDALE NORTH"/VACANT! – Just listed 4 Bedrm home backing to greenbelt, open concept plan w/sunken family rm., grey & white decor. Immed. poss.

$389,000 – "BATHURST & CENTRE" Immac. 5 Bedrm. home on quiet Cul-de-sac, 3 upper baths, bleached oak kit., peach & white decor. Beautiful!

$494,900 – "WESTMOUNT" BATHURST N. OF CENTRE! – Stunning 5 bedrm. home on prem. pre lot, White kit., Hdwd floors, f. bsmnt, pool + hot tub. SOLD

$599,000 – "BATHURST N. OF CENTRE"! – 5 Bedrm. home backs to Golf Course, white kit., fam. rm + Study, f. bsmnt, pool, cabana, grey & white decor. Abt. 4000'.

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POST ROAD — $6,800,000
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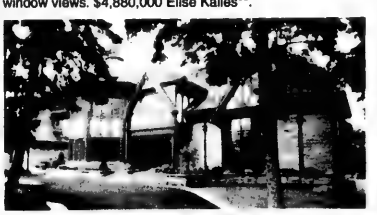
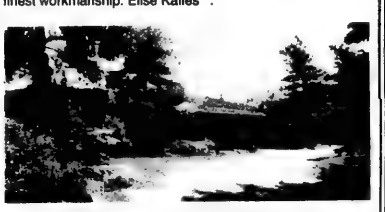
THE BRIDLE PATH — $5,980,000
Meticulously restored ar[illegible]d this magnificent estate affords the privacy & [illegible] on 6.37 acres. Private cabana, pool, tennis court. Elise Kalles**.

PARK LANE CIRCLE — TWO ACRES
This country French mansion reveals a perfect setting for grand style entertaining. All main rooms have picture window views. $4,880,000 Elise Kalles**.



POST ROAD — $3,980,000
Designed for lavish entertaining. Dramatic foyer – french doors. The main house blends European details with the finest workmanship. Elise Kalles**.



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1ST AD THE BRIDLE PATH AREA
$875,000. Great 5 bdrm. + huge fam. rm. Pool, circ. dr., 98' frontage. Marion Alberga*/Simone Stern*.

RAVINE LOT — $799K — EXQUISITE
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Fully equipped prof. suite! Recep., 4 exam. rms. & pvt. off. & bath! Only $139K! Sandon Schwartzben*.

CASTLEMORE – 2 ACRES OF BEAUTY
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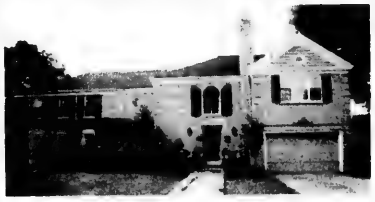
CENTRAL

OLD FOREST HILL ROAD
Architecturally unique SOLD bench regency home in prestigious Forest Hill location. Replica of the Gatehouse of the Chateau De Versailles.$2,680,000 Elise Kalles**.



STRATHEARN ROAD ON RAVINE
Impeccably restored, this exceptional residence was planned with extraordinary attention to detail. Breathtaking 1/2 acre lot – $1,980,000. Elise Kalles**/Jeffrey Joseph**.

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT! $995K
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Now $379K. Must sell! Lge. backsplit 3 br. o'sized LR/DR, & fam. rm. 44x133. Close to all. Aron Sussman*.

BATH./LAWRENCE RANCH BUNG.
Lot 82x125. Circular drive & oversized principal rms., lib., fam. rm. Aron Sussman*/Gert Kerbel*.

BATH./LAWRENCE! MUST SELL!
$209K! 50' corner lot! 3 br., 2 bath, CAC! Front & rear parking! Live/invest! Sandon Schwartzben*.

BATH./WILSON! $199,000!
Fab. 3+1 br., 2 bath. Updated. Centre hall ! CAC! Super 55' treed lot! Sandon Schwartzben*.

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BATHURST YORK DOWNS
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30 CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE

BATHURST - CENTRE
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1-2-3 Bdrms.
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10 HOUSES FOR SALE PRIVATE

Bath/ Centre 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, Fam. rm. Partially fin. bsmt. Cent. Air, Fully fenced & landscaped. Great floor plan & great location. 2100 sq. ft. Private sale no agents please. Asking $316,000. 905-886-0884

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SKYMARK ELEGANCE: Upgr. + well-appointed 1-b.r. + fam. + sol. w/open concept. Approx. 1,440 sq. ft. Extra built-ins + 5 quality appl. + more. For our updated inventory call Mr. Santee Leung **THE SKYMARK SPECIALIST,** 441-2003/24 hrs. on call. **SANTEE REALTY INC.**

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35 CONDOMINIUM FOR RENT

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40 CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE/ RENT

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50 ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Bathurst south of Steeles. Room in family home. Kitchen & laundry privileges. Perfect for students. Female only. $350/mo.Call 782-7869 (work) leave message

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55 ACCOMMODATION WANTED

HOUSESITTER--Reliable Jewish grad student to look after house & pets. Refs. avail. Call (416) 512-2640 after 5:30.

60 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

Bathurst/ Glencairn Single non-smoking female seeking same to share 2 bdrm apt. available immediately. Call 782-4344 and leave message.

75 APARTMENT FOR RENT

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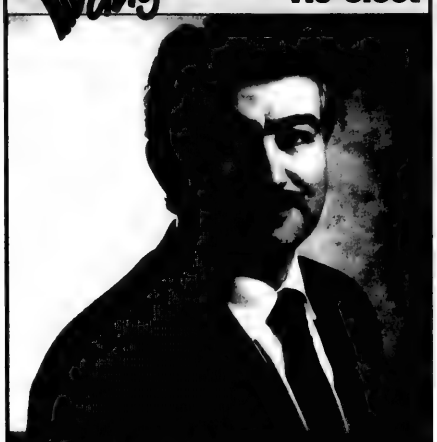
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1/2 tsp	Tabasco sauce	2 mL
1	clove garlic, minced	1
1 tsp	minced fresh ginger root	5 mL

Preheat oven to 375°F/190°C. Cut chicken into 4-6 pieces. Pat dry. Place skin side up on jelly roll pan lined with aluminum foil or parchment paper. Combine remaining ingredients in small saucepan and cook until well blended, about 2-3 minutes. Brush glaze on chicken. Bake 40-50 minutes or until just cooked through. Baste occasionally. Serves 4-6.

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Canada's top judge visits Old City despite objection

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The visit here last week of Canada's Chief Justice, Antonio Lamer, sparked controversy and once again highlighted the rift between Canadian and Israeli positions on Jerusalem.

Lamer, who was in Israel under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Programme (CILCP), was planning to visit a number of sites in the company of his host, Israel's Chief Justice Meir Shamgar.

However, the Canadian Embassy objected to the proposed itinerary, arguing that visits to the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem could not be made with an Israeli escort.

Canada does not view Israeli control of East Jerusalem as legitimate.

Canadian officials instead asked for a neutral escort for Lamer, a request Israel denied citing security reasons. Shamgar and other Israeli judges then boycotted a reception at the home of Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector.

In the end though, Lamer visited the Western Wall without notifying anyone.

"Our policy is that any Canadian official visiting the territories, including East Jerusalem, should do so under the auspices of Canada," explained Spector, arguing that an Israeli escort would imply Canadian acceptance of Israel's occupation of the territories.

However, McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, who organized the visit, maintains that the intervention of the embassy served only to politicize what was a non-political visit.

Chief Justice Antonio Lamer

"If the Canadian government had not intruded, this would have been a normal visit with no political overtones," said Cotler, architect of the CILCP, a joint venture in human rights and law reform between Canada and Israel.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry "cannot accept the Canadian policy," said Oren David, head of the ministry's Canada Desk.

"The fact that a foreign dignitary is escorted by an Israeli does not suggest support for a permanent Israeli occupation of the territories."

David said that according to international law, Israel is responsible for maintaining security and order in the disputed areas. "So it is natural for us to escort foreign dignitaries visiting the territories."

Spector said Canadian policy is no different than that of any other Western embassy, noting that even U.S. President Bill Clinton cancelled his planned visit to the Old City when it became clear he was to be accompanied there by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

"Lamer is not Clinton," countered Cotler. "He is not a politician, and he makes no political decisions."

Shamgar would not comment to the press.

The incident marked the first time foreign dignitaries escorted by Shamgar were advised by their embassies to change their plans.

Even a request that Shamgar accompany Lamer to the Western Wall was rejected by the Canadian ambassador, Cotler said. "It is unacceptable that an Israeli official cannot escort a Canadian official to the most sacred site in Judaism."

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Gaza police round up bomb suspects

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Gaza police have arrested nearly 200 Islamic Jihad supporters since last Friday's suicide bomb attack that killed three Israeli reserve soldiers.

Six other soldiers and six Palestinians were wounded in the attack, carried out by a suicide bomber riding a bicycle near an IDF checkpoint at Netzarim.

The Palestinian Authority "must now hit the extremists hard because they are challenging its ability to rule, Justice Minister Freih Abu Meidin said Sunday.

"What we saw last week in Iranian-style parades, firing Kalashnikov rifles and M-16s provoking the people, this means there are two authorities in the Gaza Strip. This is completely forbidden," he told *The Jerusalem Post*. "One more demonstration like that and everything will go with the wind."

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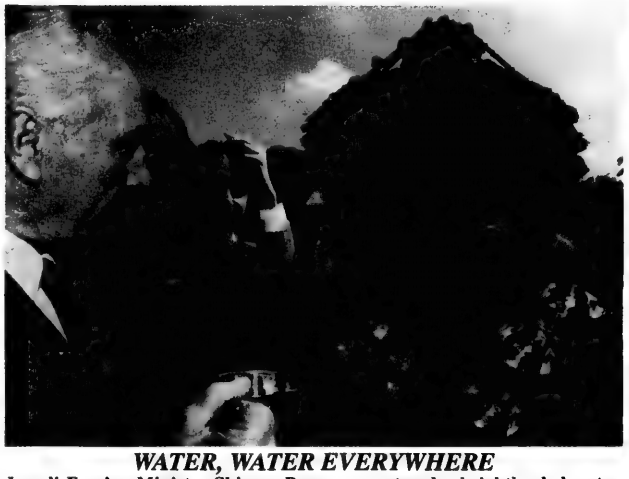

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE
Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres encountered a brightly-clad water vendor during the recent economic conference in Casablanca. [IPPA Photo]

Next Week

CJNews for Kids — a new holiday feature which includes puzzles, recipes, arts and crafts and much more.
Look for it in the Chanukah Greetings section.

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The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Congrats to Cardinal

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region has welcomed the elevation of Montreal Archbishop Jean-Claude Turcotte to the rank of cardinal as befitting a man whose life "has been dedicated to the service of the church and thereby the welfare of man.

"The nomination of Most Rev. Turcotte to the rank of cardinal by Pope John Paul II confirms the importance of the work performed by this man of the church within the framework of his varied duties," CJC Quebec region chair Manuel Shacter said in a statement.

Turcotte, 58, has been Archbishop of Montreal since 1990, and was one of 30 Roman Catholic leaders elevated to the rank of cardinal by the Pope on Oct. 30.

J.R. Taylor Dies

EDMONTON — The grand old man of Canada's neo-Nazi movement, John Ross Taylor, died here last week following a heart attack. He was 80.

Ross, who was buried in Toronto, was a former head of the far-right Western Guard Party and of Aryan Nations. He had ties to neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups around the world.

Taylor's involvement in fascist circles began in the 1920s. During World War II, he was jailed for his activities.

In 1981, he began serving a one-year prison sentence for defying a court order to stop playing anti-Semitic telephone messages. He was found to be contempt again in 1984. In 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the banning of his racist hotline.

Temple Sinai Dinner

TORONTO — More than 100 theology students from the University of Toronto attended a recent dinner at Temple Sinai, sponsored by Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, Chatauqua and Temple Sinai's brotherhood. Rabbi Jordan Pearlson brought the students up to date on Christian-Jewish relations, the Vatican's recognition of Israel and other issues.

ISRAEL

Poverty in Israel

JERUSALEM — Despite a booming Israeli economy, about 12 per cent of the population, or some 648,000 people, lived below the poverty line in 1993, according to the National Insurance Institute.

The report released last week said the number of Israeli poor in 1993 rose by 5.4 per cent over the previous year. But there were marked increases among large families and the the elderly.

According to the report, the number of elderly poor rose by 16 per cent and the number of families below the poverty line increased by 13 per cent over the previous year. The figures showed that some 279,000 Israeli children were living in poverty.

Ties With Oman?

JERUSALEM — The Persian Gulf state of Oman may be the next Arab country to establish full diplomatic ties with Israel.

Without providing details, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last week that an Arab state would take the step in January. According to local media reports, the most likely candidate is Oman.

Oman has maintained a secret relationship with Israel for 15 years, including a permanent Israeli presence on Omani soil, it was reported here.

The newspaper *Ha'aretz* reported that the Omani foreign minister has secretly visited Israel "more than once."

Cholera Scare

TEL AVIV — Israeli health authorities last week banned the import of fruit and vegetables from the Gaza Strip to prevent the spread of what they said was an outbreak of cholera there.

Palestinian officials said the outbreak was a rumor prompted by the admission to a Gaza hospital of a Palestinian family suffering from what was first thought to be cholera. The diagnosis was later changed to stomach infections.

Israeli health authorities say vegetables and fruits from Gaza are frequently grown in fields irrigated with untreated sewage water or from infected wells.

U.S. Embassy in J'lem?

JERUSALEM — The United States has reportedly signed an agreement to develop a plot of land in Jerusalem on which a new embassy will be built.

The U.S., along with most other foreign countries, has never officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, maintaining only consular offices there while keeping its embassy in Tel Aviv.

According to a recent issue of *The Jerusalem Report*, construction at the site will be completed in 1999. Israeli sources were quoted as saying that when Israel and Palestinians resolve all outstanding issues regarding Jerusalem, the U.S. will declare the building its new embassy.

A Palestinian ORT?

JERUSALEM — International organizations have approached ORT to assist in establishing technological schools in areas of the Palestinian Authority, Dr. Ellen Isler, the director-general of ORT International, said recently.

The organizations were willing to fund the network's operations in Gaza and Jericho, she said, and the project's feasibility was being examined.

Plans are already underway to assist Jordan with a similar scheme, ORT's Israel director Yisrael Goralnik revealed.

WORLD

Paris Shul Vandalized

PARIS — Vandals broke into the synagogue and community centre in the Parisian suburb of Garges-Les-Gonesses last week, ransacking rooms, overturning furniture and breaking into the ark.

While the vandals left the synagogue's Torah scrolls untouched, they scribbled graffiti on the walls in French and in "broken Arabic," according to a Jewish official.

"We'll blow you up," read one message, followed by the initials FIS in French and Arabic.

FIS is the French acronym for the Islamic Salvation Front, a fundamentalist terror group opposed to the current government in Algeria.

Tear Gas Attacks

PARIS — The Paris premiere of *Zahal*, a five-hour documentary film by Claude Lanzmann about the Israeli Army, was disrupted by tear-gas attacks last Wednesday in both movie theaters where it was being screened.

At one theatre, two people lobbed a tear-gas grenade, triggering panic among spectators. Three people were hurt.

At a second theatre, three people threw a tear-gas grenade. There were no injuries there.

An anonymous caller, saying he was speaking on behalf of an extreme-right-wing student organization called Groupe Union Defence, claimed responsibility.

The caller said the attacks were made "in solidarity with the Palestinian people, victim of the daily atrocities of the Zionist occupation army."

New Czech Deal

PRAGUE — The Czech Parliament has adopted legislation to compensate victims of the Nazis who reside in what is now the Czech Republic.

The legislation awards Czech citizens who were prisoners in Nazi camps during the German occupation of Czechoslovakia the sum of 2,300 Crowns — the equivalent of $80 (U.S.) — for every month in detention.

In addition, one-time payments of 100,000 crowns, or about $3,500, will be paid to resident surviving spouses of deceased Nazi camp survivors.

The payments are available only to current Czech citizens and not those living in what is now Slovakia.

Germany Marks Nov. 9

BONN — Germany last Wednesday commemorated two significant dates in its modern history: the 56th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the fifth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

In a ceremony at the Reichstag in Berlin, Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, declared Nov. 9 not only a day of rejoicing over the fall of the wall, but as one of remembrance of the 1938 pogrom that marked the beginning of the end for European Jewry.

Syria, EU Talks

BRUSSELS — In a move aimed at relaunching economic and political ties that were broken off several years ago between Syria and the European Union, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa will meet his 12 EU counterparts here at the end of the month.

Citing human rights violations, the European Parliament — the EU's legislative body — has been blocking aid to Syria, valued at some $370 million (U.S.).

But earlier this year, the Parliament unblocked the aid, citing improvements in Syria's human rights record as well as a desire to move the Middle East peace process forward.

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STREET KIDS: *Someone else's problem?*

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Ronald Weiss, director of chaplaincy services for the Jewish community, believes that "the Jewish community, as a community, sees [the issue of street kids] as someone else's problem.

"Jewish kids are good kids, and good kids don't run away. That's the stereotype," Rabbi Weiss said from his office at Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS)

"Just as there are Jews in prisons, there are Jews who are on the street. To pretend that there are no Jewish kids out there is a denial of reality."

Rabbi Ronald Weiss

Allocation of funding — to deal with a myriad of societal problems — is another reality the Jewish community faces. "In this day and age of fiscal austerity, how do you weigh the relative worth of one important need against another? Where do you spend money so that it will make a difference?"

Even if there weren't Jewish street kids, Rabbi Weiss noted, Jewish tradition "mandates our involvement in the society in which we live. It's our responsibility to make that society a better one for all who live there.

"All human life is precious. There's a statement in the Talmud which says, 'He who saves even one life, it is as if he saved the entire world'."

Because each case is unique, Rabbi Weiss is reluctant to offer specific solutions to the issue of street kids. "There is a need to strengthen the community, to make it a more productive environment in which people can have a meaningful life."

Although the rabbi hasn't seen any Jewish street kids in his four months as chaplain, he dealt with the problem as a pulpit rabbi in Binghamton, N.Y., where he served for nine years and was consulted by a small number of families whose adolescent children were on the street.

Rabbi Weiss would like to see people make use of the services offered by JF&CS and by similar agencies in other cities. He cautions that not all rabbis have the training to deal with the wide variety of problems about which they are consulted.

"To the best of my knowledge, while all of the rabbinical seminaries deal with counselling issues as part of the curriculum, they are on the periphery of the rabbinical studies and, as such, students do not get as much training as they may need when they're out in the field dealing with very personal situations.

"If people are going to turn to a rabbi for counsel, they should seek out a rabbi with whom they can develop a rapport and feel comfortable with. If a rabbi is honest with himself and with his congregants, he will be very clear about delineating his own limits and know when to refer to a psychiatrist or other professional."

The rabbi would urge anyone with problems to seek help before going out on the street. "It's much easier to resolve the situation when you have a home than when you are fighting for your daily survival. When food and shelter are provided, you can focus on your problems."

The Eaton Centre, in downtown Toronto, is a destination for some street kids seeking shelter from bad weather. [Frances Kraft photo]

A teen's cry for help

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "The first time they locked the door, I cried," remembers Todd, 17.

Todd (not his real name) is a former street kid who landed in jail two years ago after a run-in with a youth who had threatened a friend of his.

"I value friendship a lot," says Todd. He doesn't get along with rich kids, he adds somewhat ironically, recalling the comfortable home in which he grew up.

Todd also values his Jewish heritage, he says. He attended a Jewish day school and later a sup-

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New *CJN* editor committed to community

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Mordechai Ben-Dat becomes editor of *The CJN* on Dec. 12, he will bring to the paper a longstanding interest in journalism along with a deep commitment to the Jewish community.

Over the past several years the 44-year-old Toronto-born lawyer has been a regular editorial writer for *The CJN*, in addition to preparing articles, reports and speeches as a partner in Dyadem Fine Writing.

An active volunteer in a number of Jewish community organizations, Ben-Dat is currently co-chair of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto education committee.

Mordechai Ben-Dat

He and his wife Lyn have four daughters, age 10 to 17.

Ben-Dat comes to *The CJN* from the Clinic Funding Office of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan, where he has worked as a staff lawyer since 1992.

He believes that *The Canadian Jewish News* "can and does already reflect the richness and the diversity of the Jewish community in Canada. A large part of my role is to help [staff] reach even higher."

Ben-Dat sees the role of the paper as "first and foremost to inform, but [beyond that to] occcasionally entertain, to inspire.

"I hope it will provoke thinking and stimulate imagination, maybe occasionally cause someone to shed some tears."

Ben-Dat wants people to know that he feels "a responsibility to the community. I want everybody to have the sense that participation in *The CJN* will make a difference in the lives of others."

Ben-Dat's commitment to making a difference was shaped in part by a year he spent in Israel counselling immigrant families from North Africa in the early 1970s, as part of the Sherut La'am program.

He is fluent in Hebrew and Yiddish, and has a working knowledge of French.

With the exception of a 14-month stint as director of research and editor for the Canada-Israel Committee, Ben-Dat has held a number of government positions.

Both he and his *CJN* predecessor, Patricia Rucker, held advisorships in the Liberal government of Ontario in the mid-1980s, and they worked together briefly in 1987 in the Ministry of Citizenship. Rucker has left *The CJN* to take a position on the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

Ben-Dat sees his appointment as editor as "not so much a change in direction as a natural extension."

BATTLE CENTRE PLANS

From left: Robert Berkovitz, chairman of the Reena board; Sandy Keshen, Reena's executive director; Ron Hoffman, chairman of the Reena Foundation; and Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson discuss the scale model of the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre. The centre will provide day programs to people with developmental handicaps. [Tom Sandler photo]

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New dad Scott Staiman (left) with his Business Cabinet Co-Chair Peter Chodos.

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Back to Super Sunday II. The day delivered excellent results, raising over $750,000 toward the campaign.

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Talk about instant attraction. It was friendship at first sight when three Ethiopian teenagers who emigrated to Israel a decade ago met high school students here. ***Rakefet Ibarkan***, ***Sara Ibarkan*** and ***Sasson Ingedua*** told fellow adolescents during a UJA speaking tour what it was like to leave Ethiopia duirng Operation Moses. It was a tough trek on foot across the Sudan and many died along the way, including Rakefet's mother. Now they have no regrets about being rescued from Ethiopia by the UJA-funded Jewish Agency. There was no mistaking Sasson's ardent Zionism when he got a chance at CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) to ask Canadian kids some questions. "Why don't you move to Israel?" he wondered, as many students strained to find the right answer.

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If you're between 23 and 40, ***Greg Mazel*** is looking for you. Greg, who works for Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal is in charge of Yachdav '95, the ultimate global gathering in Israel for up'n'coming Jewish leaders. Yachdav takes place every three years. The 1995 edition is August 2-10, with first-timers expected from the West Indies, Hong Kong and Japan. ***Joy Shuchat***, a Yachdav '92 graduate, now an active campaigner, still raves about the experience. "It inspired me to become involved," she says. "At the end of the Mission, I ended up canvassing some of the participants." Non-contributors beware!

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Financial planning is something former UJA campaign chairman ***Neil Nisker*** has passed down to his 13-year-old son, ***Joshua***. Neil reports that Joshua fulfills his biblical duty by turning over 10% of his income to tzedaka. What's more, now that Joshua's bar mitzvah has placed him in a higher income category, his UJA pledge has increased as well. That's some bar mitzvah lesson for all of us.

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Necessity said to have pushed Arabs to peace

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A sober analysis of the problems of peace-making in the Middle East was in sharp contrast with the warm tributes given to two brothers with a distinguished record of community leadership.

At a recent State of Israel Bonds — B'nai Brith breakfast held at Temple Anshe Sholom in honor of Abe and Larry Szpirglas, the featured guest speaker was Howard Stone, a former executive director of the Zionist Organization of America.

Stone, an American who first went to Israel over 30 years ago, stated at the outset that "the overriding motive for all of us must be to support a full and comprehensive peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors."

But, he said, for the Arabs, peace means victory over Israel. "Be very clear about it. No Arab leader today is sitting down and talking to Israel because he suddenly loves Jews . . . [nor] has any Arab leader to this day explained to his own people the change in Arab-Israeli relations in any terms other than that of pragmatic necessity."

In the Middle East, Stone said, "killing is a way of life and the only thing that has ever stopped the killing . . . is fear and frustration and pain."

Change came about, he said, partly because the Arabs began to realize that the endless "striking back as much as they struck us" was making their lives miserable, and that Israel would do whatever was necessary for its own security.

They also saw hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union pouring into Israel, and they understood that Jews everywhere "were prepared to stand by Israel, even in its most difficult days."

He warned that in the coming months there would be more Arab terrorism. He noted it is important to distinguish between sovereign Arab nations such as Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and some of the Gulf States, with whom "you have the right to hope that [a peace agreement] will last," and an agreement signed with the PLO, which he feels might not "be worth the paper it is written on."

Since the signing of the Jericho Accords, he said, "Israel has seen the worst terrorism since the state was founded in 1948 . . .with 97 Israelis killed, 930 wounded, 1,263 fire bombs thrown and 295 people stabbed. . . What kind of peace is this?"

Former Jewish Community Centre (JCC) executive director, Sam Brownstone, delivered the official tribute to the Szpirglas brothers, from their earliest days at Camp Kadimah in the 1950s to their present leadership roles.

John Levy presented them with the Jerusalem City of Peace Award.

In their response, Abe, a lawyer, and Larry, president of a home-building company, paid tribute to their parents, Polish-born survivors, Anna and Sam Szpirglas, who taught them respect and consideration for others, hard work and the value of education.

They also thanked their role models at the JCC, Brownstone, the late Max Rotman and former executive director, Bill Stern.

Both also called on more people to become involved.

Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow shared memories of their high school days together, when the three played in the school band.

B'nai Brith Canada president, Brian Morris, promised the organization's continuing support for Middle East peace efforts.

Breakfast co-chairs were David Burman, Viceroy Reading Lodge, and David Walman, Hamilton Lodge. Judge George Czutrin thanked the guest speaker.

Escape through Quebec

TORONTO — A "mini rat line" was established after World War II to allow French Nazi collaborators to escape to Quebec, says historian Esther Delisle.

The escape route permitted several high-ranking officials in France's wartime Vichy regime to settle in Quebec for a number of years, Delisle told a synagogue audience last week, in a talk sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem as part of Holocaust Education Week.

Delisle is the author of *The Traitor and the Jew*, a scathing look at the anti-Semitism and extreme right-wing nationalism of Quebec from 1929 to 1939.

Her latest research, she said, reveals that Quebec's francophone elite in the late 1940s — professors, clergy and politicians — knew about and, in some cases, sheltered the French collaborators.

She described the research as "touchy," adding that several archives on the subject are either missing or have sections blackened out.

In 1952, Canada's immigration minister said he could not release the files because it would embarrass a foreign power and endanger the public good, Delisle said.

She said two high-ranking French collaborators — Georges Montel and Jacques de Bernonville — entered Quebec after the war using false papers and stayed for several years.

Many Nazi collaborators were sheltered by the Benedictine religious order in France following the war, she added.

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New hate crimes law will be passed: Gray

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Herb Gray

TORONTO — Canada's proposed far-reaching hate crime legislation is not being held up by the Liberals, says federal Solicitor General Herb Gray.

The bill will be passed, Gray assured *The CJN* during a recent talk at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Bill C-41, which passed second reading last month and is now headed to committee hearings, would "ensure harsher sentences for crimes motivated by hate, based on race, nationality, color, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability or sexual orientation."

In other words, judges would be allowed to mete out stiffer sentences to perpetrators of a hate crime than if the crime was motivated by other factors.

But several members of the Liberal caucus — some estimates say as many as 60 — oppose the bill. Some have joined Nova Scotia Liberal MP Roseanne Skoke in a bid to purge the bill of any mention of sexual orientation. Others, like MP Dan McTeague, want assurances that legal protection will not be extended to those who engage in bestiality, necrophilia, pedophilia and other illegal aspects of sexual orientation.

Skoke has gone on record as saying homosexuality is abnormal and immoral and not deserving of legal protection.

The bill "is not being held up. It's being discussed and it will be passed," Gray said.

The bill has passed second reading and is being sent to the standing committee on justice, of which Skoke is an associate member. Some observers say it could become law by next summer.

Justice Minister Alan Rock is scheduled to go before the justice committee this week. Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith expect to appear or file briefs in the coming weeks.

In his remarks, Gray said his government is fighting hate with a two-pronged strategy: "appropriate" legislation to battle hate crimes, and "attacking hate crimes where they start: in the hearts and minds of people."

Laws "can lessen visible manifestations of hate, but we need to reach people at risk."

Gray touched only briefly on the allegations swirling around the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). He said charges that CSIS channeled money to informant Grant Bristow — funds then allegedly used to establish the neo-Nazi Heritage Front — "are just allegations."

Gray said a parliamentary committee is looking into the charges and he promised the government "will not hestitate to take action on the basis of real proof."

Arafat reappraising position: Herzog

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Yasser Arafat has no alternative but to take extreme action against terrorists," Chaim Herzog, president of Israel from 1983-1993, told an overflow audience here last Sunday.

"He [Arafat] is undergoing an agonizing reappraisal at the moment. We're not quite sure the Palestine police are trying hard enough [to combat terrorism]," Herzog told the audience of 600 at the Jewish Book Fair at the Leah Posluns Theatre of the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

"Araft will be deposed as leader of the PLO if he does not succeed in controlling terrorism," he said.

Nearly all the questions to Herzog related to terrorism, indicating concern in the audience about the safety of the Israeli people.

"The suicide bombers are a great danger," Herzog said. "They are backed by Iran and tolerated by Syria. We can't do much about it. It is a major threat to Arafat."

Terrorists pose such a threat to the whole world, not only to Israel, that western countries must put pressure on countries like Iran, Herzog said.

Though 30 to 40 per cent of Palestinians support Hamas, a majority of Palestinians favor the peace process, he said.

"Israelis and Palestinians have gone beyond the point of no return [in the peace process]. I am in no way minimizing the obstacles, but despite the obstacles, the road ahead is quite clear."

Peace with Jordan and the prospect of peace with other Arab countries has "opened up vistas of economic opportunity that are mind boggling," Herzog said.

The former Israeli president declared: "I am personally convinced that we will achieve peace with the PLO."

The main reason for his belief, he said, is that the economies of Israel and the Palestinian areas are intertwined and the prosperity of the Palestinians depends on peaceful relations.

Another reason for his optimism is that the Palestinians realize the true nature of the situation. "The Palestinians are attuned to the type of political debate we have in Israel. They know as much about current affairs as many Israelis. They have developed a grudging admiration for the Israeli process."

In answer to other questions, Herzog said there is no intention on the part of the Israeli government to negotiate the status of Jerusalem or to move the Jewish settlements now in the Palestinian areas.

As to the incident in which the mayor of Jerusalem was not allowed to accompany the Turkish prime minister on a visit to the Western Wall, Herzog said there is now a bill before the Knesset to correct the situation. "It won't happen again," he said.

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From coast to coast

Vancouver Holocaust Centre opens doors

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The official opening of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre (VHC) on Nov. 7 marks the fulfilment of a promise made 10 years ago by the 400 members of the local Holocaust community

The goal is to leave a permanent legacy of Nazi horrors so the younger generation will never forget what happened, said Dr. Robert Krell, a survivor, president of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society.

Opening simultaneously with the centre is its first major exhibit, Anne Frank In The World, 1929-1945, a photo documentary from the Anne Frank Centre in Amsterdam. This exhibit, shown in Western Canada for the first time, runs to Dec. 11. Centre officials say many schools have booked field trips to the exhibit and there is a long waiting list.

At least eight municipalities proclaimed Nov. 7-14 as Anne Frank Week.

One of the founders of the Holocaust society, Krell said the Education Centre is meant to help counter the Holocaust deniers and to educate all citizens of the province about the Holocaust.

"It can serve as a warning to all faiths and racial groups that signs of anti-Semitism are a precursor to all racial hatred, which starts with anti-Semitism," Krell told the large audience at the opening.

The centre will hopefully serve to prevent race hatred in the future, he added. There are now three major Holocaust educational centres in Canada. The others are in Toronto and Montreal.

The Vancouver centre occupies 4,000 square feet in the newly reconstructed Jewish Community Centre, at 950 West 41st Ave.

A group of suvivors formed the society in 1985 and despite lack of facilities, they conducted an impressive educational program, especially among school children. Members speak to an average of 1,200 children a year — and last season spoke to over 5,000 kids, likely as a result of the popularity of *Schindler's List*.

The VHC says an education policy has been developed by a committee of teachers, using programs prepared by professional educators.

Exhibits planned by a committee of educators, historians, survivors and a professional museum designer will display artifacts, photographs, documents, video testimonies and interactive computer programs.

Computer terminals and modems are set up in the centre, allowing line access, via Internet, to various Holocaust data bases.

The VHC has permanent loan of a 144-year-old Torah, written in Smichov, a town near Prague where there are no Jews left. The Torah, rescued from the Nazis, will be kept in the commemorative area of the centre.

A highlight at the opening was an address by Dr. Yehuda Bauer, a Holocaust specialist from Hebrew University.

Greetings were brought from the federal government by Vancouver MP Anna Terrana and from the province by Vancouver MLA Bernie Simpson.

The Anne Frank exhibit was formally opened by Baron Marnix van Aerssen, the Netherlands consul general, who said, "The world must not forget in order to remember" the atrocities of the Hitler era. He paid tribute to the Vancouver Jewish community for establishing the Holocaust centre.

Cornelius Suijk, the international director of the Anne Frank Centre U.S.A., a survivor of a Nazi prison camp, also spoke. He said he began working with the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam at the request of Anne's father, Otto, the only survivor of their hide-out.

The Anne Frank exhibit here comprises 540 photos with texts, beginning in Frankfurt Am Main, in the 1920s, the Frank home for generations. Photos of the old city and the Jewish community are shown, along with social and political events which led to the demise of the community.

There are photos of the Frank family's hideout and the raid on it by German police.

Anne died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen in March 1945.

Affixing mezuzah at Holocaust Memorial Centre at JCC Vancouver are (from left) Arthur Pouchet, Dr. Robert Krell, Robert Waisman, Rabbi Imre Balla and Shelley Greenberg. [Robert Edel photo]

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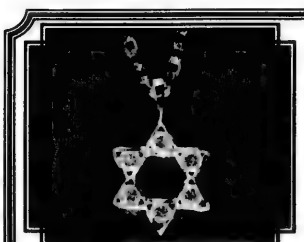

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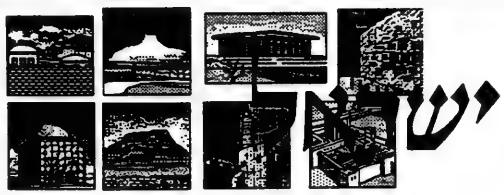

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Unwelcome policy

The federal government is shifting the direction of its immigration policy. And there seems little doubt that the Reform Party is its lodestar.

Two weeks ago Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi announced proposals to change the government's rules on immigration. The chief components of the new policy are: a reduction in the number of immigrants to be admitted into the country next year; a greater emphasis on attracting "economic" immigrants; the stipulation that knowledge of English or French is "critical" for admission; a readjustment of the financial burden on bearing the costs of settling the new arrivals away from the tax-payer toward the immigrants themselves or immigrant agencies; an increase in the number of true refugees; and a crack-down on the abusers of the system.

To be sure, the proposals contain some aspects which are reasonable and praiseworthy, such as the intention to root out the malign and criminal elements within the system, or the decision to allow more true refugees into the country, or the attempt to strike a more equitable balance in funding the resettlement of immigrants.

But they also contain aspects which raise concerns; for example, the reduction in the number of family class immigrants, or the shrinking of the definition of family by removing from it parents and grandparents, or the emphasis on the importance of facility in either the French or English language. How can this preference for English or French speakers be reconciled meaningfully with the constitutional obligation to interpret the Charter of Rights and Freedoms "in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of the multicultural heritage of Canadians"?

The trend in Western Europe has been for "tougher" immigration policies. It may even be showing traces in the results of the mid-term elections in the United States. We have seen politicians in Europe and in the United States pandering to negative public perceptions of immigrants, to reflexive xenophobic responses of an angry electorate and of a frequently alienated, nihilistic youth.

We hope the trend has not arrived on Canadian shores.

If the government's proposals are the beginning of a mean-spirited, less humanitarian immigration program, the country will ultimately be poorer. History has continually proven that family reunification of industrious new arrivals, the seekers and builders of a new and better world, leads both to social and economic strength.

We must befriend the stranger, for we too were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deut. 10:19)

The implementation of the new policies will warrant close watching. The Jewish community understands this very well.

Auspicious event

The appointment of Montreal-born Bernard Shapiro as principal of McGill University is an auspicious event from many points of view.

In the last several years, McGill has been striving to reassert its leadership in the academic community.

Maclean's reports in its Nov. 14 issue that McGill is well on its way to achieving its goals. In the national survey, McGill was rated among the top three universities giving medical and doctoral degrees, and the Montreal institution scored highly in several other categories.

The appointment of Dr. Bernard Shapiro clearly shows that a new day has dawned at Quebec's premier anglophone university. It is a well known fact that McGill University did not always welcome Jewish students or faculty under its former quota system.

All this had changed: McGill University now has a Jewish principal and his induction to the office was accompanied by a benediction given by a Montreal rabbi.

In his acceptance speech, Shapiro stressed the need to expose students at McGill to the special élan that comes with an education in a city with diverse cultural, linguistic and intellectual values. The new principal also pointed to the need for maintaining excellence in the complex social and political climate of Quebec and Canada.

McGill University has chosen wisely in installing Shapiro as its chief academic officer. Quebec and the rest of Canada will ultimately be the benefactors of this choice.

Letters to the editor

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COMMENT SHOCKS READER

I read with the utmost consternation the letter from Nathan Yacowar (*CJN*, Oct. 29) quoting with approval a rabbi who maintained that Prime Minister Rabin's contact with a Sepher Torah rendered the said Torah scroll "posul" (unusable).

Whatever one's political and religious sympathies and one's attitude to Mr. Rabin, the latter is the duly elected democratic leader of his party and prime minister of his country. That a rabbi should voice such a crudity is inexcusable and strays way beyond mere partisanship. That this comment should impress your correspondent and that *The CJN* should print such obscenity defies logic.

Permit me to conclude by stating that, if what irks Mr. Yacowar and the rabbi whom he quotes with such approval, is the fact that Mr. Rabin is a secularist Jew, both might reflect upon the contention of the late Rav Kook of blessed memory who, in response to religious Orthodoxy's criticism of the secularist pioneers of his own day, maintained that these so-called secularists were, in fact, religious souls who were to be compared to the workers who constructed King Solomon's temple.

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LAUDS SAUDI ARABIA

I have always been quick to condemn Saudi Arabia for its hostility to the State of Israel in particular and to the Jewish people in general. It has consistently led the boycott banning trade with Israel and it has refused to do business with Jews or to allow Jews to even visit Saudi Arabia.

Now there are two hopeful signs. In one development a Saudi Arabian prince negotiated the purchase of an interest in the Four Seasons Hotel from its Jewish owners. On a larger scale the announcement that Saudi Arabia will lead the Gulf Co-operation Council and support the move within the Arab League to abolish a ban on direct trading with Israel must be universally applauded and I am happy to do so.

It is encouraging indeed to see one former enemy after another recognize the value of peace with Israel and welcome it into the community of Middle East Nations.

Bert Raphael
President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada

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NOT CHOPPED LIVER

I have just read the article about Canadian Conservative Jews and the growing rift between them and American Conservative Jews. My reaction from out here in Winnipeg is: what are we, chopped liver?

I am the senior rabbi of Congregation Shaarey Zedek of Winnipeg, which was still in Canada the last time I checked. We are a congregation of 1200 families, and are fully egalitarian. Rosh Pina Congregation, also in Winnipeg, is a congregation of 700 families and is also fully egalitarian. The third congregation here is Beth Israel Congregation, which recently voted to move gradually towards being egalitarian.

I will grant you that I am an American citizen, as are the rabbis at the other two synagogues. But most of the rabbis in Toronto and Montreal are also Americans. I also know many Canadian rabbis happily serving egalitarian synagogues in the United States. And it was not so long ago that a woman was serving as the rabbi of a Conservative congregation in Halifax, which is also in Canada I am told.

I still find it amazing that something can be said about all of Canada when you are really talking just about Toronto and Montreal. I would have thought that the failure of Meech Lake would have taught you something.

I am now in my seventh year in Canada, and I have learned that many Canadians, particularly if they live in Toronto, like to find differences wherever they can between the United States (and American values) and Canada (and Canadian values). But American Conservative values and Canadian Conservative values? Give us a break!

Last I checked, the Conservative synagogue in New York where I grew up was non-egalitarian, as are many New York-area synagogues. Perhaps they think they are really in Canada. Perhaps Winnipeg is really in North Dakota or Minnesota.

There are serious arguments both for and against calling women to the Torah, counting them in a minyan, and ordaining them as rabbis. While there is no doubt that Toronto and Montreal have been strongholds of the anti-egalitarian position, I do not think many Conservative Jews in Winnipeg would appreciate the idea that they are somehow un-Canadian because of their stand on these issues.

Rabbi Henry B. Balser
Winnipeg

Dry Bones

AHMED!... YOU WILL COORDINATE THE CHANTING STONE-THROWING MOBS.
YES BOSS!
MAHMUD!... YOU ORGANIZE THE PUBLIC BURNING OF ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN FLAGS!
YES BOSS!
ALI... YOU RELEASE ALL THE HAMAS "ACTIVISTS" THAT WE "ARRESTED" LAST WEEK!
YES BOSS!
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Frontline

Syria wants more than Golan Heights

By RABBI ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

There is hardly any idea about the Middle East more common than the proposition that nothing means more to Syria's Hafez al-Assad than regaining the Golan Heights. Peace between Israel and Syria would be impossible without complete Israeli withdrawal from that strategic plateau.

Thus one arrives at the simple equation: Complete withdrawal for complete peace.

This conclusion is a perfect example of the old maxim: For every complex problem, there is a simple solution. And it is always wrong — in this case because its fundamental premise is wrong.

Syria has not been fighting Israel to regain the Golan, a chunk of territory smaller than many U.S. counties. Syria has been fighting Israel in keeping with the existential principle that Israel should not exist. Peace will not be possible until that principle is abandoned. But if that principle is in the process of being abandoned, it is not because of any desperate Syrian need for the Golan.

There are things far more important to Assad than the Golan, and, on a hopeful note, Israel is in a position to deliver them.

• Water. It has been calculated that if Turkey, Syria and Iraq all execute their planned projects for the Euphrates river, they will be using 150 per cent of its waters within a decade.

There are only two alternatives: war or finding another source of water. Luckily, the technology is already available, and improving rapidly. Israel could agree to provide the water, the technology or even the money to supply Syria's increasingly desperate needs. The cost would be several billion dollars, the rough equivalent of the cost to Israel of one day of full-scale warfare.

A bargain, at nearly any price.

• Lebanon. Syria has never recognized Lebanese independence. While presently dominating Lebanon with over 40,000 troops, Syria's hold is still tenuous and could in the future come under severe international criticism. Israeli recognition of continued Syrian hegemony would stabilize a Middle East commercial centre. This would allow the establishment of a relationship between Syria and Lebanon roughly similar to that between China and Hong Kong.

A continual source of revenue for Syria's perennially shaky economy would outvalue the Golan by an incalculable amount.

• Iraq. The rivalry between Damascus and Baghdad is perhaps the oldest international rivalry in the Muslim world. It is exacerbated today by the presence of two Ba'ath party rival dictators, both vying for pride of place in the Middle East. Syria is at an enormous disadvantage in this struggle because it has no substantial oil wealth.

Peace with Israel would not just mean an improved Syrian economy. It could lead to an understanding that would see an incursion over the Iraqi border toward Syria as a threat to Israel, thus freeing enormous resources in Damascus for peaceful purposes.

• The United States. Assad knows that the United States is the only superpower, and the key to economic development. He also knows that the key to improved relations with the United States rests securely in Jerusalem. The U.S. administration would be overjoyed, and generous, if peace could be established without full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

The question of a large UN peace keeping force would thus be avoided. And every Pentagon study has shown that the Israeli military presence on the Golan stabilizes an otherwise precarious regional security situation.

• Power. Shoshana Bryen of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs has pointed out that nothing means more to Assad than staying in power. The Assad government is based on an overlapping army of secret services (which recently arrested 35 officers accused of plotting against the regime). Their existence would be threatened by the democratization full peace with Israel would entail. Thus, full peace would constitute a direct challenge to Assad's authority, just as, less dramatically, Palestinian contact with Israeli democracy has triggered protests against Yasser Arafat's autocratic methods.

These are the crucial issues for Syria. Any one of them could be parleyed against a moderate Israeli presence on the Golan.

This would of course mean that peace between Israel and Syria would be a "cool" peace, rather than a "warm" one. But the important thing about peace is not its temperature. It is, rather, the degree to which it satisfies needs on both sides. Retaining part of the Golan as a defensive buffer certainly satisfies an Israeli need. Keeping the peace "cool" addresses Syrian needs. Assad would be able to both keep his society under control and satisfy a deep-seated fear among Syrians of the consequences of full peace with Israel.

A more limited agreement between Syria and Israel than that between Israel and its other neighbors is admittedly lacking in glamor. It will not be a "perfect peace." But there's an old Jewish saying, "Perfection is an obsession." Sometimes, less-than-perfect is to be preferred.

Really *different* ways to mobilize a community

By GARY ROSENBLATT
New York Jewish Week

Item: A 12-year-old boy in Oshkosh, Wis., was arrested this week for painting a swastika on the wall of a local synagogue. End of item.

The above is fictitious. But if it were true, how would the Jewish community respond?

I submit that the leaders of our Jewish organizations, G-d love them, would commandeer their fax machines, and the results might look something like this...

• The Anti-Defamation League announced today the results of a new study, "Anti-Semitism in Rural Dairy Communities," which found that swastika-painting incidents have increased 17 per cent in the last 24 hours. At a press conference, ADL director Abe Foxman said he would personally like to "mix it up in a dark alley" with the youngster charged in the incident. Foxman decried the situation and called for legislation, community awareness and another study.

• The Simon Wiesenthal Centre announced today plans to hold a torchlit vigil, led by Elizabeth Taylor and the late Orson Welles in a fleet of limos, at the site in Oshkosh. Director Rabbi Marvin Hier said the program will be tasteful yet forceful, featuring a 27-monitor, laser-enhanced light show as well as the governor of Wisconsin and the Oshkosh High School marching band.

• The American Jewish Congress announced today a new travel tour of the Midwest, with special rates for members under 70. Highlights include a daylong tour of lovely Oshkosh and a visit to the local public school the 12-year-old boy attends in an effort to monitor the separation of church and state.

• The American Jewish Committee today announced a 10-year, long-range study to explore the root causes of anti-social behavior, focusing on intergroup relations between American Jews and non-Jews whose families came from Europe and Asia. As a result, scholars will convene next week in Berlin and Tokyo to probe the interconnectedness of racism and the use of paint.

• Rabbi Avi Weiss of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns/Amcha was arrested in Oshkosh today after chaining himself, in tallit and concentration camp uniform, to the owner of the hardware store that sold the paint to the youngster charged in the incident. Rabbi Weiss insisted that "Never again will we sit idly by while paint is spilled in communities where our brothers and sisters live."

• Americans For A Safe Israel published a monograph today revealing that the uncle of the 12-year-old charged in the Oshkosh incident was a member of the same bridge club as the cousin of a former member of Breira, the dovish Mideast peace group. An official of AFSI is planning to submit a major article to *Commentary* magazine on "The Oshkosh Conspiracy: The Threat To Israeli Security."

• Americans for Peace Now has scheduled a dialogue meeting with the boy charged in the Oshkosh incident. "We need to understand his pain and rage," said a spokesman, asserting that "only through face to face meetings and the dynamic of interactive personal discussion can the barriers of hatred and misunderstanding be resolved." An APN fundraising campaign has been launched to aid in the youngster's legal difficulties.

• Morton Klein of the Zionist Organization of America, after meeting individually with every member of Congress today, said he had singlehandedly drafted legislation that will launch a cooperative Farm Bill Initiative between Wisconsin and the Golan Heights.

• The American Israel Public Affairs Committee said today that Klein's legislation was foolhardy and unnecessary — and that AIPAC was doing it also.

• The National Council of Jewish Women today announced a program inspired by the harassed mother of the youngster charged in the Oshkosh incident, asserting that better day care provisions might have prevented the incident. Meanwhile, Hadassah offered to send the woman to Israel, where she could be treated for stress at Hadassah Hospital and made a life member of the organization.

• The Lubavitch movement announced today a youth effort to Bring Moshiach to Oshkosh. Brigades of mitzvah tanks will roll down the streets of the town, where citizens will be encouraged to light Sabbath candles, put on tefillin and check the mezuzot on silos and farmhouses throughout the area.

• Finally, the UJA-Federation today launched Operation Oshkosh, an emergency campaign to support the Jewish community of the troubled Wisconsin city which is suffering from social, spiritual and psychological trauma. Officials have appointed a subcommittee to report to a larger spending committee that will oversee the expenditure of the Process Committee in the $35-million effort to provide such basics as milk, cookies, and Jewish continuity and identity.

— Gary Rosenblatt is editor and publisher of The New York Jewish Week.

Opinion and Commentary

Opinion

A trip to Berlin: closing the circle

Some months ago I shared with you an experience which recounted my coming across a little sheet of paper. Its date was July 25, 1934; it was an announcement of my defence of certain legal theses, which was to be held on that very day. The public testing was judged successful and I was awarded the degree of Doctor Iuris Utriusque. Seeing this memento of days gone by so very close to the actual 60th anniversary of the event seemed coincidence enough. But more was to come.

Some weeks thereafter I received a letter from the president of Humboldt University in Berlin, inviting me to deliver the convocation address and to welcome new students to the university system. (German universities are essentially graduate institutions.) The letter not only invited me to give this lecture, but at the same time to receive a special document commemorating the 60th anniversary of receiving my degree at that very school.

It did not take me long to accept the invitation, for it represented the closing of a circle that had been uncompleted. For the university, in its own slow and plodding way, had, back in 1934, done something that few other universities still had the courage to do: award a Jew the degree even though the Nazis had been in power for a year and a half. I was one of the last to be accepted.

Though Jews in Germany were already leading a restricted existence and had been excluded from the legal profession, the willingness of the university to hold out against the pressures of a brutal and totalitarian government was noteworthy. In fact, the university was then still employing Jewish professors, while in most other places they had been dismissed. In pre-Hitler days, Humboldt University had been a star amongst the many distinguished scientific and humanistic institutions of the country. By 1933 it counted 28 Nobel prize winners on its faculty.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Located at the east end of Berlin's most beautiful boulevard, Unter den Linden, the university had become, after World War II, part of the German Democratic Republic (GDR), part of the Soviet bloc. Five years ago this November, the wall that had isolated East Berlin was breached, and since then, East and West have become one.

The unification is not without its problems, but that is another subject. One thing is evident: the East is rebuilding; cranes are to be seen everywhere. The city is bustling and trying to rouse itself from its former stupor.

Among its new landmarks is, significantly, Berlin's old premier synagogue, referred to by its location, Oranienburger Strasse, where, in the 20s and 30s Rabbi Leo Baeck was the major preacher. Burnt out on Pogrom Night (Kristrallnacht), it was entirely demolished during the war. Now its facade has been restructured and its golden cupola put in place. The interior is still empty, but groups of visitors stand around regularly to admire the facade and the dome that crowns it. Gold glimmers in the evening light and can be seen from miles around. It is a strange thing to see Berlin now taking pride in its Jewish past.

Unfortunately, the present is nothing much to write about. The elected chair of the community, a native of Warsaw, is Jerzy Kanal, a retired businessman. He is not sure that a vigorous and committed community can be rebuilt. But he and his colleagues are trying — with schools and camps and sparse rabbinic personnel. For it is hard to find rabbis for Berlin (or Germany) who can speak the language adequately and are willing to take on this kind of community.

Outside the building, one sees the protective police with cruiser van, personnel with machine pistols, and another policeman patrolling the other side of the street. But that sight is not unique to Berlin or to Germany. It is found in many other European countries as well.

My talk (on the problem of refugees and immigration) found a receptive audience. The ceremonies were simple but memorable. Among the many people I met was a member of the university's theological faculty. I was surprised when, upon entering his book-lined study, I found significant numbers of Hebrew volumes, dictionaries and reference books (amongst them the Steinsalz Talmud), and even my own Torah commentary. The books were not just show — they reflected the scholarship of a warm, pleasant and very serious person. He gave me one of his latest books, entitled *Catechism and Siddur*, which I read on the way back. I was much impressed. This kind of man represents the best of the new Germany, which despite recent radical excesses, is a vibrant democracy that signifies a new chapter in its checkered history.

When life gives you lemons — make lemonade

Entrepreneurship hit the kids in our neighborhood yesterday and I hope they learned something from it, because I did. I learned that sponsoring capitalism for the members of an underdeveloped, unskilled society with an anarchistic government is expensive, time consuming and thankless.

In other words, I didn't learn anythinng the UN and the World Bank couldn't have taught me.

By Erica Meyer Ruzan

It began innocently enough with my 8-year-old daughter and her friend. "We're going to sell lemonade, Mom," my daughter said.

"Great," I said, not paying nearly as much attention as I should have been. It was a typical South Florida fall day. No one except a Floridian would have defined it as autumn, but those of us who had been hot since April could feel just enough fresh coolness in the air to know the season had shifted. The breeze brought everyone outdoors. The kids' business timing was fine; however, their supply side was a problem. I was it.

The next thing I knew, my entire kitchen, pantry, back closet and front yard were in jeopardy. Little people were rummaging about, confiscating resources.

"What do you guys need?" I asked my daughter, with what I thought was an admirable amount of calm self-control. I tried to add in just the right dollop of nurturing encouragement leavened with a note or two of parental cautionary restraint.

"Not much," she said, with a straight face. "We got the lemonade powder from the kitchen already. Now we need some boxes, some signs, some ice, some pitchers, and some cups."

I took a deep breath. The extent of this exercise was beginning to dawn on me. Already a management team of two 8-year-olds had turned into a squad including my 11-year-old daughter; her buddy, also 11; my 4-year-old son; the 9-year-old and the 6-year-old from next door (to the right), and the 8-year-old and 5-year-old from next door (to the left). Some were tall, some were short, some were on roller skates in my living room.

"You are on your own for boxes and signs," I said. "Look outside for boxes. See if you can use the back of a school poster for a sign. I'll get you pitchers and cups. Help yourselves to ice out of the fridge."

Somehow, in the act of handing over two plastic pitchers, two picnic-size thermos bottles and a stack of paper cups, I lost any control I might have exercised over this project. I did manage to rescue my Sabbath challah cloth from duty as a box cover but only by substituting a pillow case I used to really like.

In no time, the country's newest fast food franchise was operating in front of our house. It began as two cardboard boxes and, in the course of the afternoon, expanded to tent city proportions: four kiddy-size chairs, a canopy made out of sheets, signs facing both north and south, a play-pen for the littlest neighborhood participants, a phalanx of bicycles, and a cash box rattling with coins. We rapidly ran out of lemonade and the kids switched to dark red, instant raspberry ice tea. It was a much bigger seller and a much brighter color; instead of just dampening anything it spilled on, it stained nicely. The label on the box said tea but the sweet, red beverage the children produced looked and tasted like the stuff we use to get at summer camp, where we called it "bug juice."

The first thing it spilled on was my 4-year-old who didn't mind at all. He decided to rinse his shirt in the nearest mud puddle and stayed there all day, splashing around and drinking cups of tea brought to him by his sisters, as happy as any silent partner — the equivalent of the guy who plays golf and collects dividends.

As the upstart business grew, the adults in the neighborhood couldn't have been nicer. (And why not? It wasn't their yard, their wordly goods or their stained pillowcase — it was only their kids.) All the moms and dads bought red tea. The man who lives across the street bought it, and drove off with it. We didn't see him drink it, but since his family owns one of the best restaurants in town, I fear it wasn't up to his usual standards. The nice doctor and his wife from up the street not only purchased it, but consumed it as well, a step clearly above and beyond neighborly duty.

By 5 p.m., the sweaty entrepreneurs divvied about $10 between them, clearing enough each to feel that the day's labor had been worthwhile. I was out of cups, tea, and patience, but I felt okay about it. My children were happy and occupied all day; my husband had persuaded them to bring everything back indoors; and I managed to survive the entire experience without ever having to actually drink anything. I could handle the cost, the lack of control, and the manic burst of infant capitalism, but I just wasn't ready for bug juice.

The many faces of Israel

By CARL ALPERT

The real, every day Israel is to be found not in the headlines but in the colorful and unusual items which are usually buried on the back pages. In recent weeks, for example:

The Cultural Tradition. Margalit Yosef, wife of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, always used to advise children who came on visits with their families: "If you want to be important, like the Rav, ask your parents to buy you books instead of toys."

The Dollar's Woes. It may not have been original, but the daily *Yediot* attracted attention when it headlined an article about the drop in the dollar's value in international markets: Via Dollar-osa.

Just a Little Patience. Israelis who are disturbed by the shrieking of burglar alarms which have been set off accidentally on parked cars, usually at night, sometimes call the police to put an end to the nuisance. They are advised that they may file suit against the offending car owner, but only 60 days after the offense has been reported.

Justice in the Army. A soldier in the Israel armed forces complained that his commanding officer had unjustly confined him to post for 28 days. Investigation confirmed his complaint, and the soldier was given a vacation by way of compensation.

Our Neighbors. Twelve-year-old Ali al-Jaffri had a party at his home in Amman, Jordan, when his father announced his official engagement to his cousin, Maryam, age 11. The groom-to-be has quit school and has taken a job to earn money to support the future bride. The wedding ceremony will take place in three years.

Keep an Eye on the Beard. A Jordanian newspaper notes that King Hussein has grown a beard three times in his lifetime. Each time it indicated that he was under heavy external pressure. First was during the signing of the Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel. The second time was during the Gulf War, and then, more recently, in the wake of the signing of the Israel-PLO agreement. If his beard comes off now, that would be evidence that he is comfortable in his new relations with Israel.

Looking for Bargains. A new Arab company called the Palestinian Corp. for Investment and Development is seeking to raise $200 million. They are interested in buying complete Jewish settlements when the Israel government decides to sell.

Surprise! Surprise! The robbers planned the bank robbery extremely well, but when they emerged from the bank, laden with bags of money, they discovered to their consternation that the get-away car, which they had left nearby, had disappeared. Because it was in a no-parking zone, the police had towed it away, unaware of what was going on inside the bank. The robbers escaped on foot.

Knesset, Seat of Judgment. By unanimous vote, the Knesset approved a law requiring that for every toilet seat installed in the men's section of public toilets, there must be two in the women's section. The legislation was initiated by MK Dalia Itsik.

Features

Racist recruiter recants

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Elisse Hategan has switched sides. Formerly an ardent neo-Nazi racist, white supremacist and anti-Semite, Hategan today is a champion of racial tolerance and multiculturalism.

"I'm not the same person I was," she said, barely able to believe she once called for the extermination of non-whites, and beat up a homosexual.

Hategan, 19, was a member of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front in Toronto for about two years. Indeed, she was one of its top recruiters. She joined in 1991 and defected in 1993 to its nemesis, the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice.

Since then, Hategan — the product of what appears to be a dysfunctional Romanian family — has testified in federal court against three of her former associates, Wolfgang Droege, Gary Schipper and Ken Barker, and used her public speaking skills to denounce the Heritage Front and other groups in Canada which sow racial hatred and divisiveness.

Nowadays, Hategan lives and works with precisely the sort of people she once despised — Jews, blacks, Asians, gays, lesbians and leftists.

And though she feels that a burden has been lifted from her shoulders since her break with the Heritage Front, Hategan remains vigilant, realizing that her former neo-Nazi pals seek vengeance.

"I won't be intimidated by them," she said defiantly in an interview in a crowded midtown cafe. While Hategan is not as afraid of retribution as she was a year ago, she is still basically in hiding and careful of her movements.

"I wouldn't go to certain places, and I look over my shoulder. I'm sure they [the Heritage Front] see me as a threat."

In their eyes, Hategan is not only a "race traitor," but an arch turncoat. Partly on the basis of her testimony as a crown witness for the Canadian Human Rights Commission last June, three leaders of the Heritage Front were sent to prison.

Never in her wildest dreams could she have conceived such a scenario. In her prime as a professional racist, Hategan — a petite brunette who was clad in a short dark skirt, black leotards and black combat boots for the interview — assumed that the Heritage Front would be her spiritual home for life.

An only child, Hategan was born in Bucharest, where, she said, she was "perfectly happy." Hategan is purposely vague about her past, but she lets some information slip out.

Her parents immigrated to Canada seven years ago, and the Hategans lived in a rough Toronto neighborhood. Her father, an art teacher who has since died, was unhappy in Canada and returned to Romania in 1987. She lived with her mother, who is of partial German origin. They did not get along well.

As she tells it, her father was not above making anti-Jewish remarks, while her mother harbored "racist feelings."

Explaining her parents' views, she observed: "A lot of Romanians have certain anti-Semitic feelings. My father was against what Hitler did [to Jews]. But sometimes, he expressed anti-Semitic attitudes — like saying all Jews are rich and selfish."

She insists that she did not develop anti-Semitic attitudes until she committed herself to the Heritage Front, but admits that she disliked blacks and Asians.

At 14, having dropped out of school, she ran away from home and lived in a group home. Asked to explain her flight, she declined to discuss this episode.

She claims she heard about the Heritage Front through the Church of the Creator, a vehemently racist outfit. She called the Heritage Front's hot line and left a message. At the time, she had no friends, goals or ideals. She was a lonely, alienated teenager.

Wolfgang Droege, the leader of the Heritage Front, answered her call. He offered her a sense of belonging and self-esteem that had always eluded her. "He made me feel I was the greatest person... Basically, he empowered me."

Hategan adopted their twisted values. "I knew I wanted to be involved in the race war that was coming up ahead, and that I wanted to kill as many non-whites as possible, so that in the end, you know, the white race would survive."

Due to her speaking abilities, Hategan became a featured speaker at many Heritage Front meetings. She was also an able recruiter, preying on young, lost souls like herself.

By her estimate, two-thirds of her recruits were between the ages of 17-27, from predominantly middle-class, conservative suburban homes. The Heritage Front, she noted, was particularly eager to recruit senior citizens "for their money."

The majority of recruits were of Anglo/Irish/Scottish descent, with a sprinkling of ethnic Italians and Greeks, who, Hategan said, were somewhat looked down upon. As she put it, "The Heritage Front doesn't respect southern Europeans. They are not seen as white people."

Elisse Hategan. (Alron photo)

As a Heritage Front acolyte, Hategan was reprogrammed, bombarded with a plethora of anti-Jewish propaganda material — books, pamphlets and films [including *The Eternal Jew*, a notorious Nazi documentary-cum-rant.] Among her teachers were Droege and Ernst Zundel, the convicted Holocaust denier and neo-Nazi publisher.

Being ignorant, impressionable and vulnerable, Hategan lapped it all up. However, she now claims, she never bought into the ZOG theme — the outlandish claim that the United States is a "Zionist Occupied Government."

According to Hategan, the Heritage Front tries to fudge its hatred and contempt of minorities with the transparent claim that it is only trying to protect the interests of whites.

But, in fact, it hews to an extremist plank that would deprive all non-whites and Jews of their rights and eventually push them out of Canada.

Hategan left the Heritage Front for a variety of reasons. She rebelled at its suggestion that she dress sexier to attract recruits. She was upset by being ostracized from discussions because she was a woman. She recoiled from becoming involved in a harassment campaign against female anti-racists.

She broke with the Heritage Front when she warned an anti-racism worker about one of its impending harassment campaigns. The police arrested her, charging Hategan with libel. Having reached her nadir, she tried to commit suicide.

Hategan contacted Martin Theriault, the executive director of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice. Understandably, he was initially skeptical. "We don't take ex-Nazis at face value. We thought she was a plant. We really grilled her. We doubled checked and triple checked her information."

Having turned her back on the Heritage Front, Hategan spied on it for several months before she formally left the organization. "She was good as a mole," Theriault said.

Theriault, who describes her as "a very sweet 19-year-old," said that Hategan is an important asset because she is a former insider who knows the truth — the whole truth — about the Heritage Front. Since her defection, she has addressed anti-racism forums and been interviewed by Vision TV and CBC TV. And Theriault is counting on her insider's knowledge to nail still more racists.

"She can do a lot to get these guys behind bars and go after Zundel's operation," he observed.

According to Theriault, Hategan's "security problems" are not as serious today as they were immediately after her defection. "But you never know..." he said, a note of caution in his voice.

Taking no chances, Hategan lives outside Toronto, "moving around, trying not to settle into a pattern."

Hategan has abandoned her former ideas and embraced the concept of brotherhood. "I am not a racist, nor an anti-Semite."

She no longer believes the Holocaust is a hoax, and is eager to immerse herself in data which convey an objective account of the Final Solution. As well, she wants to meet Jews who can educate her more about Jewish culture, history and religion.

Hategan, however, continues to be plagued by residual racism. "Sometimes," she confessed, "I might have a one-second stereotypical racist reaction to something. I realize I'm wrong and I stop."

Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

Tuvia Bielski is an heroic figure from the Holocaust who saved more than 1,200 Jews. A Jew himself, he was the organizer of a Jewish forest community-cum-partisan detachment in western Belorussia which sheltered Jews who might otherwise have perished at the hands of the Nazis.

In the aftermath of the war, Bielski faded into obscurity and was all but forgotten. However, thanks to Nechama Tec, a sociologist at the University of Connecticut who interviewed Bielski weeks before his death in 1987, Bielski's story is told in *Defiance: The Bielski Partisans* (Oxford University Press, $27.50). Regrettably, this is not a first-rate work, but it's the only account of its kind and, thus, bears reading.

Bielski was born in 1906 in the isolated village of Stankiewicze, a backward place without running water or electricity. He was one of 12 children sired by David and Beila Bielski, who owned a mill, farmed the land and kept horses, cows, geese and chickens.

Following the German invasion of 1941, news of Nazi massacres of Jews in nearby villages reached the Bielskis. Tuvia Bielski's parents, as well as his first wife, were rounded up, transported to a neighboring town and eventually murdered. He and his two brothers, Zus and Asael, eluded the Nazi dragnet, and as they mourned their loss, they resolved that they would not meet a similar fate.

Heroic figure

Fleeing deep into the dense forests of the region, Tuvia and his brothers set up a camp which welcomed Jewish escapees with open arms. Tec describes it as "the largest armed rescue of Jews by Jews in World War II."

In the last quarter of 1942, the Bielski partisans joined the Soviet bands in joint military attacks against the German army. Bielsksi was under pressure to cooperate. A refusal could have endangered the very existence of the Bielski camp. Tec says that Soviet partisans would not have tolerated an unwillingness to fight, especially from Jews whom they suspected of cowardice.

Apart from partisan warfare, Bielski hunted down Nazi collaborators. Entire Belorussian families suspected of collaboration were eliminated. As a result, peasants who might have betrayed Jews to the Germans remained silent.

The Nazis put a price on Bielski's head, offering a substantial reward for information leading to his arrest. The tactic backfired, instilling among the peasantry still more fear of, and respect for, Bielski and company.

As a partisan, Bielski was a charismatic leader who was widely admired. But after the war, in Israel, his aura faded. He became an ordinary taxi driver, albeit with a fine, steady income. Given his wartime record, he could have been a political leader, Tec writes. But for reasons which remain unexplained, Bielski did not take advantage of his status.

After one of his brothers emigrated to the United States, Bielski and his family followed. In America, they had an older brother, a wealthy factory owner who had left Belorussia in the 1920s.

When Bielski died at the age of 81, he was a disillusioned man. Nothing, it seemed, could match the exhilaration of his experiences during the war.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI CHANANYA M. BERZON

There is a familiar rabbinic adage: Ma'aseh Avot Siman L'Banim. The behavior of the ancestors reappears in the deeds of the descendants.

The actions, trials and tribulations of our patriarchs relate to the experience of the Jews throughout the ages. The most fundamental and elementary lesson one can derive from the Book of Genesis parallels that which will most likely be encountered by our people throughout the millenia.

Rabbis and laymen equally enjoy and at times feel compelled to use the biblical narrative as their crystal ball. Although it seems Calvinistic, Jewish tradition allows and even encourages predictions culled from actions of our forefathers.

A more subtle and religiously palatable application of this rabbinic dictum confines itself to the sphere of human behavior. The righteous deeds of our forefathers (Ma'aseh Avot) prescribes our emulation (Simon L'Banim).

We can grow as individuals and as a nation, according to the guidelines mapped out by the Holy Bible. If we encounter similar situations to those of the patriarchs, we can determine what mode of behavior the Almighty expects of us.

The first Jew we meet in Genesis is Abraham. The episodes of his life explain the term Chesed L'Avraham. We see how the originator of our genealogy, the noble Abraham, unflinchingly seeks to help the stranger, protect the underdog and diligently observe kindness and charity.

One could simply state that the Jew was, from day one, a caring creature. It is so engrained in our character that we might be moved to postulate that it is part of our genes — not nurture but nature.

However, much to our chagrin, even after so many noble and kind deeds, G-d does not indulge Abraham with an easy life. Although Abraham has reached the zenith of human kindness, G-d continues unrelentlessly to challenge his faith.

Finally, our forefather is commanded to sacrifice his son Isaac. Upon perusal of this mammoth requisite, we are shocked and dismayed. What a disappointment!

Our ancestor was tormented. He attempted to teach the world that there exists an Omnipotent Power who is loving and caring. Therefore, man too must love and care. This was the credo of his lifestyle. Here, the Almighty is destroying all that the patriarch practised and preached.

Is this not Ma'aseh Avot Siman L'Banim? Is there a people that is as charitable as the sons of Abraham?

And yet throughout history none have been so tormented and tortured as the Jew. G-d had tested Abraham. However, with his descendants He has gone much further. What our progenitor feared, we felt and fulfilled throughout time. We DID have our sons slaughtered. The angel DID NOT save us at the last moment.

The Midrash Rabbat (parshah A:50) to Lamentations describes in detail the story of Hannah and her seven sons. The youngest child is about to be killed like his older brothers because of his refusal to bow down to the idol. His mother falls upon the child, hugs and kisses him. And she says to him: "My son, go to Abraham your father and say to him, thus says your mother, 'Don't be proud of yourself saying you built an altar and placed Isaac upon it. Our mother built seven altars and placed seven children upon them in the very same day. You were just being tested but I carried it out.' " (See also TB Gittin 57.)

The question begs to be answered. Why? What have we done? Wherein were we guilty? This question cannot give us peace. We cannot avoid the absurdity of our fate. There is no answer that is humanly comprehensible.

In studying the Akedah, the sacrifice of Isaac, one should be overwhelmed by Abraham's muteness. Abraham never hesitated in confronting the Almighty in the past. Here, after the entire episode, when he finally has removed Isaac from the altar and is planning his return trip, Abraham should have turned to the Almighty and asked "Why G-d? Explain your actions! Is this going to be the microcosm of my children throughout the ages?"

Yet Abraham returns home, silent. All he can do is persist in living a life of chesed. He hopes that G-d will not find it necessary anymore to test his faith.

We, the proud heirs of such a noble stock, must emulate the ways of our patriarchs. We must be true to Abraham's career of chesed. Hopefully, soon in our days, may we be blessed with no more tests, so that no more will anyone lay their hands upon our lads nor do anything to harm them.

May we too hear the voice of the L-rd from heaven. (Genesis 22:17, 18) "That I will greatly bless you and I will greatly multiply your seed like the stars in heaven and the sand on the seashore, and your descendants will possess the gates of his enemies. And through your offspring will be blessed all the nations of the earth, because you have hearkened to My voice."

Rabbi Chananya Berzon is the spiritual leader of Young Israel of Chomedey in Montreal.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

ARBUS

Sidney Caplan writes that his friend Dr. Gerald Arbus attributes his surname to the Russian word for chick peas or watermelon.

Arbes is Yiddish for peas. The Slavic word is groch.

Arbuz is the Russian word for watermelon.

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FROM COAST TO COAST

Religious fundamentalism seen threat to world Jewry

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Religious Fundamentalism in the Middle East and the possibility of a violent outbreak of anti-Semitism in the former Soviet republics are the principal dangers facing world Jewry, said Dr. Yehuda Bauer, in an interview with *The CJN*.

Bauer is a professor of Holocaust Studies at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry and chair of the Centre for the Study of Anti-Semitism at Hebrew University.

In Victoria under the auspices of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU), Bauer opened Holocaust Memorial Week with a speech at Congregation Emanu-El, went on to Vancouver for the official opening of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre, and spoke at a public lecture sponsored by the CHFU at Congregation Beth Israel.

Fundamentalism has exploded in the Middle East, he said, because of horrible economic conditions, with few natural resources to boost the economy.

Fundamentalism is "terribly dangerous," Bauer said. "Jews are targets because we're Jews and there's a long tradition in the Muslim world of European-type anti-Semitism." Fundamentalists also see the West as a corrupting influence against Muslims.

Western powers must try to improve the economic health and employment situation instead of sending billions of dollars worth of arms to Muslim nations, he said.

And countries where fundamentalist activities are marginal must be watched closely, because "Such countries can become non-marginal if they aren't watched."

In the former Soviet states, 1.5 million Jews are in danger because anti-Semitism lurks just beneath the surface, Bauer said. Economic and social conditions are so bad that ultimately they will be turned against the Jews.

However, he said, maybe the reason anti-Semitism is being kept under wraps at this time is because people do want jobs and food.

Referring to the Holocaust and Holocaust denial, Bauer said the subject of the Holocaust has captured the imagination of many non-Jews who wonder if it could happen some day to them.

The uniqueness of the Holocaust is that never before had people been killed just for being born. And it was not only Nazis who killed, he emphasized. It was ordinary people — "like you and me."

He branded Holocaust deniers as liars, and pointed to David Irving (who was arrested in Victoria and eventually thrown out of Canada) as one of the main liars, for trying to prove that "only a million Jews perished in the Holocaust, not six million."

Those who believe in Holocaust denial are Nazis, not neo-Nazis, Bauer declared. They want to deify Hitler. Nazi ideology proclaims that Nazis were meant to rule the world but were prevented by the Jews.

Bauer told *The CJN* the research done through his centre has not found any concrete reason for anti-Semitism. It is not necessarily connected with economics or political crises. Their theory is that it's a "cultural malaise" which breaks out against Jews from time to time.

Theological anti-Semitism has waned, he said. Catholics and liberal Protestants "are now allies," he said. Anti-Semitism is a cardinal sin and Jews are regarded as "the older brother."

Bauer said the most important job is to prevent the younger generation from being poisoned by the anti-Semitism of the past.

TM — the key to Mideast peace?

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Will 7,000 Israelis practising transcendental meditation in the same place bring peace to the Middle East?

Yes, says a new group promoting the form of meditation also known as "yogic flying" because some enthusiasts believe they levitate.

A spokesman for the Israel Capital of One Government for One World Foundation, based in New Jersey, says $4 million has already been pledged to construct housing for a transcendental meditation (TM) town of 7,000, probably near the Sea of Galilee.

"More than 100 families in Israel are ready to move in," said Stephen Wolfe.

The Foundation is headed by philanthropist Mishe Feldman, honorary chair of Karen Hayesod of Mexico, and his son, Benjamin.

The two placed large ads in the *Jerusalem Post* and the *Jerusalem Report* asking for $25,000 pledges, the amount for one housing unit.

One of its Canadian supporters, Rabbi Allen Green of the Conservative Beth Israel synagogue in Winnipeg, told *The CJN* he would seriously consider moving to the TM town in Israel with his wife and three children. He has been practicing TM since 1971.

Rabbi Green said there is solid scientific evidence that TM can work to end violence in the area.

The figure of 7,000 represents the square root of one per cent of the world's population, the group says.

A psychology lecturer at York University, Israeli-born Tifrih Warren said Israel is the ideal place for the project because of the large number of TM enthusiasts in its diverse population and the large number of dedicated Zionists who would join in.

Two other Toronto supporters, 40-year-old marketing consultant David Gordon and Ron Robins, 45, who teaches TM to corporate executives, both say they would consider moving to Israel.

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From coast to coast

Change seen necessary for traditions to survive

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish traditions are not immutable and may change; "even Orthodox Jews are aware of this, though they tend to deny it," says Rabbi Wayne Allen, spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue of Willowdale.

Participating in a panel discussion on Tradition And/Or Change Within Canadian Conservative Judaism, Rabbi Allen noted that chassidic Jews have made a change in the traditional blessing of the Sabbath candles.

"Traditions must change," he said, and quoted the British author G.K. Chesterton: "If you leave a thing alone, you leave it to a torrent of changes ... In other words, traditions must be renewed in order to be retained."

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl

A congregation that says it is a traditional egalitarian synagogue is making a misleading claim, he said. "Egalitarianism is not traditional, and unless we're prepared to be linguistically fuzzy or purposely deceptive, the phrase 'traditional egalitarian synagogue' is an oxymoron.

The panel discussion, which took place as part of the All Canadian Biennial Conference for Conservative Jewry, was moderated by Rabbi Erwin Schild, rabbi emeritus of the Adath Israel Congregation, and featured one other panelist, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Our definition of what constitutes Torah reflects a "profound ambiguity," Rabbi Frydman-Kohl noted. "The tradition itself defines what is Torah, what is the word of God, and it includes some books and excludes others. Torah, the revelation of God, depends on the human interpretation of it, at its very essence. We are ... partners with God, and the partnership extends even to defining what is the essence of Torah."

As well, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl noted, our interpretation of Torah is essential to our understanding of it. "Torah is not self-explicating. You can't read it and understand it without interpretation.

"That's a very important idea. In order to understand God's word, we need human involvement. So what we deem to be authoritative is both revealed and interpreted."

Tradition, said Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, "depends on God for its authority, yet it depends on us for its transmission."

Jewish law, he said, "is not so rigid — it does have some flexibility. And that is determined, to a great extent, by the great rabbis, in a dialectic, I would say, with their communities."

According to Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, Conservative Jews in Canada are less liberal than their South American counterparts, but less traditional than their equivalents in Britain. "We should not see ourselves in radical discontinuity with any of them ... It is not just Torah from Sinai — we in this room are partners in that process and in that partnership we too will help define what is tradition."

Following Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's presentation, eight other rabbis and lay persons participated in an open "town hall" discussion. They were: Rabbi Martin Berman, Dr. Beryl Chernick, Rabbi Mitchell Cohen, Mr. Sol Kaplinski, Rabbi Morton Leifman, Mr. Richard Moline, Mrs. Shirley Vernon and Rabbi Joseph Wernik.

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From coast to coast

Lessons of Holocaust being ignored today

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Most of the world's population doesn't even know the Holocaust ever happened, said Christopher Amerasinghe, senior general counsel of the Department of Justice.

In a talk entitled Have the Lessons of the Holocaust been Forgotten? delivered as part of Holocaust Education Week, Amerasinghe, who is responsible for bringing war criminals living in Canada to justice, noted that most Jews know about the Holocaust because it is their history. He said some Christians know of it to a lesser degree, although the topic is rarely discussed in church sermons or public schools.

"Jews and Christians represent less than one-quarter of the world's population," he said. "How many Asians and other peoples know what the Holocaust was? I don't think too many do. It's very much a European event and it's already being forgotten."

After the Holocaust, Amerasinghe said, the world powers resolved at Nuremberg "never again to permit a nation, government or group of persons to violate the laws of humanity by committing genocide, whether the victims are their own people or not."

He described the Holocaust as an unprecented historical event, then cited examples of post-war genocidal atrocities, to demonstrate that its impact has been obliterated in the rush of history.

The Western powers have shown themselves unwilling to launch a ground war to counter the "ethnic cleansing" campaign in Bosnia, he said. He likened the Serbian army to a hypothetical army of Nazis that, instead of invading Poland, merely persecuted the Jews.

"Would the Western powers have intervened? I doubt it. They were not their brothers' keepers. During World War II, France and England intervened only because they knew they were next on Hitler's list."

Regarding the civil war in the former Yugoslavia, Amerasinghe said, "The record of the Western powers is disgraceful and, in my

Christopher Amerasinghe

view, utterly untenable . . . I know some of the details, and the horror of it is no less than the horrors of the Holocaust as perpetrated by the Nazis. It's strange that the world tolerates something like that and does nothing to stop it."

In the 1970s, the brutal Khmer Rouge regime of Cambodia wiped out some three million of that country's intelligentsia and enslaved many more in a campaign of genocide that was politically, not racially, motivated, Amerasinghe said.

"What did the Western powers and the rest of the civilized world do? Absolutely nothing. Cambodia was of no interest to them."

Amerasinghe compared this inaction with the "alacrity" of UN reaction when Iraq invaded Kuwait, thereby threatening the West's supply of oil. Although the allied powers chased Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait, they did not pursue him to Baghdad.

So far, Saddam has gone unpunished for war crimes committed against the Kurds of northern Iraq, Amerasinghe noted.

"Outwardly, the world may appear to be a safer place to live in than it was from 1939 to 1945. Actually, I doubt that it is," he said.

Most people who have not been victimized do not really understand what it means to be a victim, he said. "Forgetfulness is easy . . . Most victims want to forget, they don't want to remember their victimization, and rightly so. They don't want to live with it.

Amerasinghe spoke at the invitation of the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada.

Minors' lecture proves upsetting

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yuriel Priwes still remembers a jarring event from his early childhood growing up in British-controlled Palestine.

It was the middle of World War II when his father sat him down and explained there was a good chance their lives would change. German forces had just entered neighboring Egypt and they might be in Eretz Yisrael soon, his father said. There was the possibility that he and Yuriel's mother would "disappear."

"It was very traumatic. I realized that something terrible was happening and it has stayed with me," Priwes recalled recently.

Later, he learned that dozens of his relatives in Warsaw and Lodz had been murdered by the Nazis. It was only good fortune and a commitment to Zionism that had led his family to Palestine in 1935, avoiding the Nazi onslaught.

So when Priwes attended a two-day seminar on anti-racism and heard lecturer Arnold Minors explain that racism only targets people of color and Native Canadians, he was more than a little upset.

Crown attorneys

Priwes, one of about 20 Crown attorneys who attended the seminars Oct. 3-4, said he challenged Minors on that statement, asking him if what happened to the Jews under Hitler would fall within his definition of racism. Priwes said Minors' response was that it was not racism.

"I was very, very upset," Priwes said.

After a lunch break, Minors explained that what the Nazis did to the Jews was based on Jews being a cultural group, not a racial one, Priwes said. "He wasn't trying to pick a fight with me, but he wasn't budging on his definition of racism.

"To make what happened to Jews as not racist or a private business between one white people and another, I wasn't prepared to live with that," he said.

Minors has subsequently stated that he believes the Holocaust was a racist act.

Priwes said that "in one way, I'm pleased that Minors now realizes how wrong he was. But, I'm also angry. If he holds certain views. . . to pretend he did not say that is less than mature.

"I feel that if a person is going to teach me about racism, [he should acknowledge] that not only his ethnic group is a victim of racism."

Ontario Premier Bob Rae has ordered an investigation into Minors' comments.

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MS support program founder Perla Arditti. [Jay Brodbar photo]

MS group grows at BJC

TORONTO — The Bathurst Jewish Centre support program for people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) has grown from 30 participants to about 50 in only a couple of months.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, progressive nerve disease that can severely disable sufferers.

The program includes exercise and yoga classes, swimming, counselling and the use of special equipment.

"There is nothing else like this under one roof," noted Perla Arditti, an MS sufferer who not only initiated the program but found the funds to get it started and keep it going.

The myoflex machines used "increase the functional capacity of muscles affected by MS," according to kinesiologist Roland Spiegel, who works with the group.

Patches which provide electrical stimulation are placed on parts of the body especially affected.

"The muscles that have already atrophied get going again," said Arditti. Those using the equipment will notice a difference and "may be able to stand on their feet longer."

Arditti's goal is for at least 100 people to benefit from these activities. "I also hope to bring in expert speakers and offer services for the families of MS victims," she said.

That would mean a five day a week operation rather than three, and acquiring additional equipment which, she insists, would not pose a problem. The project is funded mainly by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Arditti is doing well at present, partly because of the customized exercise and partly because of COP-1, an experimental drug from Israel that she has been taking for several years.

Winnipeg honors its young leaders

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Beth Caren Goldberg and Neil Duboff are the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) Young Leadership Award winners for 1994-95.

Duboff received the Harry Silverberg Leadership Development Award, while Goldberg was the recipient of the Max Nathanson Young Leadership Award. Both have been active volunteers in the community.

A Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate graduate with a masters in educational administration, Goldberg began her communal involvement at Joseph Wolinsky. She has since volunteered with numerous groups, including the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah-WIZO, the Jewish Child and Family Service (of which she is a board member) and Shalom Square, the community's annual Folklorama entry. She presently co-chairs the CJA's new 365 Division.

Duboff, the managing partner in the law firm of Meltzer, Essers, Duboff, Schachter, was a founding member of the Community Legal Education Committee. He is the current president of the Jewish Child and Family Service and first vice-president of the Ramah School Board.

Duboff and Goldberg will be formally recognized in the spring at a special public event at which the first Sol Kanee Distinguished Community Service Medal and Max Shore Memorial Award winners will be named.

From coast to coast

Wiesel shares passion for Torah study

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

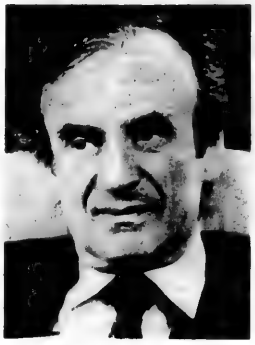
TORONTO — Nobel prize laureate Elie Wiesel shared some of his lifelong passion for Torah study with an overflow crowd at the Holy Blossom Temple recently, speaking on What The Ancient Masters Can Teach Our Generation.

Beginning with Genesis, Wiesel noted that God created one man and one woman so that no one in later generations could "pretend that he or she is better than anyone else. We all have the same grandfather."

Cain and Abel, he said, "were the only young men in the world. The whole world belonged to them, and yet one became the victim of the other. What happened? What moved them to use death as an instrument of their debate?"

And why, he asked, didn't their parents watch them more closely and stop them from hurting each other?

From this episode, Wiesel said, we learn that "whoever kills, kills his brother."



Elie Wiesel

"We all read newspapers and watch television, and we're all anguished with what happens in this crazy world. Brother kills brother — literally. I've been to Sarajevo, where many of the combatants are cousins, and I've seen it."

Regarding the binding of Isaac, Wiesel said that many aspects of this chapter cause problems for him. "I don't understand Isaac," he said. "Isaac helped his father prepare the altar and lay down and said, 'Bind me tightly because I'm afraid I'll move and the knife won't be pure.' Why did he become so submissive?"

Wiesel cited a progressive series of sketches that Rembrandt painted of Abraham and Isaac. "In the beginning you see Abraham as a cruel man, with the knife in his hand, ready to kill Isaac," he said. But sketch by sketch, Rembrandt's vision of the biblical episode known as the Akedah altered.

"At the end, the painting is totally different. Abraham is no longer the cruel father, the knife is on the ground, and father and son embrace. You see it and you want to cry for happiness, because father and son escape."

With the Akedah, God was testing Abraham, but Abraham was also testing God, said Wiesel. "I had the feeling from the very beginning that Abraham was not going to do it. It was actually a double test."

Although God gives the order to kill Isaac directly to Abraham, it is an angel who rescinds the command. "If God gave the order to kill, why not the order not to kill?" asked Wiesel. "I think it was because God was embarrassed."

Wiesel, author of *Night, Dawn* and other novels about the Holocaust — said that he relates the biblical story of the Akedah "to our generation, when father and son went together to another altar, and only the sons came back."

After commenting on Moses and other Pentateuchal figures, Wiesel said that one of the primary lessons of Talmud is tolerance and respect for others. "If you ask me what is the danger threatening our society and our world in the next century, I would say fanaticism and bigotry.

"Fanaticism is a danger because the fanatic believes that only he has the key to the truth, and only he *has* the truth. The fanatic would never accept dialogue because he only believes in monologue. The fanatic would never say that you are his equal. He would say that no one was his equal except fanatics like him."

Mt. Sinai doctor gets award

TORONTO — Dr. Anthony Pawson, senior scientist and head of the program in molecular biology and cancer at Mount Sinai Hospital's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, was honored on Oct. 24 at the 1994 Gairdner Foundation International Awards ceremony in Toronto.

Within the scientific community, the Gairdner award is considered an indicator of future Nobel Prize winners. More specifically, more than 40 former Gairdner Award winners, or one in five, have gone on to be awarded a Nobel Prize.

Pawson was honored for his work toward understanding the role that a group of proteins, tyrosine kinases, plays in controlling cellular responses to hormones and other signals. Alongside his team of investigators at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Pawson made international news in February 1990 with the landmark discovery in understanding how cancer genes cause that disease.

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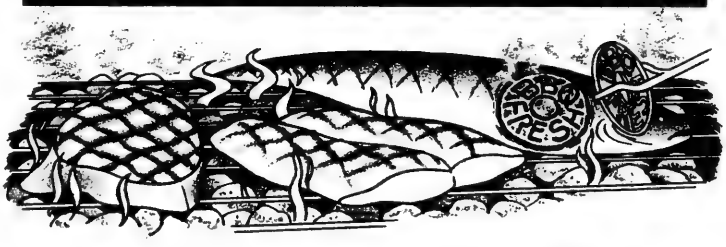

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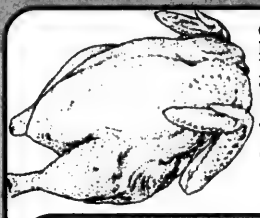

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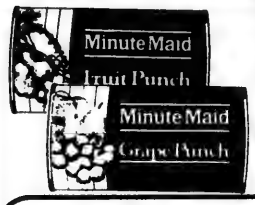

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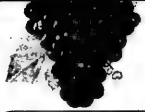

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From coast to coast

Bialik gets award for commitment to environment

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The P.T.A. Environment Committee of Bialik Hebrew Day School recently received one of three Environment Awards of Excellence from the City of North York.

The award was presented at North York City Hall last month by Mayor Mel Lastman and Councillor John Filion, chair of the environment committee.

The Bialik P.T.A.'s Environment Committee was recognized for its "reduce, reuse and recycle" program, with some classes even using vermi-composting.

It produced newsletters, a Garbage Free Week, and an environment display in the school's resource centre during Earth Week to raise awareness of environmental issues.

Earth Week is a major event at the school. One highlight was the creation of a colorful patchwork quilt, representing the views of 800 students about the environment.

Environment Awareness Nights featured displays of composting, supported small business organizations that promoted environmentally friendly products, and sold reusable container products.

A two-year program brought awareness of how a better environment can be promoted in school and in the home.

The committee's efforts includes fundraising for planting trees in Israel. This year, over $7,000 was collected from students and parents.

Phyllis Willer, chair of Bialik Hebrew Day School P.T.A. Environment Committee, receives the North York Environment Award of Excellence from (left) Councillor John Filion and Mayor Mel Lastman.

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• February 12, 1995
The Mad Adventures of "Rabbi" Jacob (France 1974) (French with English subtitles) A French bigot ends up disguised as a Chasidic Rabbi in this very funny mix of slapstick and social satire. Starring Louis de Funes, one of France's most loved comic actors.

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From coast to coast

Sun shines on Netivot HaTorah dedication

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The sun broke through the clouds just as the recent festivities to dedicate the new Netivot HaTorah Day School building were about to begin.

The ceremonies began with a parade for the Hachnasat Sefer Torah — the welcoming of the new Torah, followed by the dedication of the new building — the Jack and Anne Weinbaum Education Centre — named in honor of the school's main benefactors.

The newly-completed Torah was carried under a chupah to Netivot HaTorah. The Torah, the gift of Menachem and Ita Gutenberg and their son and daughter-in-law Allan and Tova, had been commissioned especially for the school.

About 300 people formed a procession at the corner of Rosedale Heights and Atkinson Avenue in Thornhill to accompany the new Sefer Torah to the school.

In the procession, they danced and sang and clapped their hands to chassidic songs. For Shauna Tepperman, who led the procession, this was the culmination of a 10-year odyssey.

"I can't believe I'm here with all these people, she told *The CJN*. "[The school] was a dream 10 years ago and now it's a reality."

One of the founders of Netivot HaTorah Tepperman was part of a small group of parents who were so committed to educating their children in an Orthodox Zionist day school that they started their own school.

In 1984, the first academic year, there were 40 students; today there are almost 500 in classes from junior kindergarten to Grade 8.

Netivot HaTorah classes have been held in rented facilities in three locations — Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Temple Sinai and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto — until the new 50,000-square-foot two-storey building at 18 Atkinson Ave. was constructed.

Menecham Gutenberg joyously carries a Sefer Torah under the Chupah together with his son Allan, his daughter-in-law Tova and grandchildren Daniel and Pnina. The Sefer Torah was presented to Netivot HaTorah Day School on the occasion of the dedication of the Jack and Anne Weinbaum Education Centre. [Zephr Studios photo]

It was built at a cost at $3 million on land subsidized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Netivot Hatorah has been affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) since 1984 and has been fully funded by Federation through the BJE like other formula-funded day schools since 1986.

Rabbi Avi Schochet, the principal, told *The CJN* that having all the students under one roof has added to the school spirit and that all the students are now able to have gym. Previously there were no gym classes for students in Grade 5 and up.

Although the new school building was in use last year, Tepperman said it was fitting to celebrate the dedication of the building with presentation of the Torah.

"The Sefer Torah makes [the building] complete," she said. "The Torah is the foundation of our school."

"The dedication of the building is sanctified by the concurrent dedication of the Torah," Moishe Kesten, president of Netivot HaTorah, told the group assembled for the Hachnasat Sefer Torah prayer service.

Following services, the children went to the gym to watch a magic show, while the adults attended the dedication of the new school building in the auditorium.

Dignitaries present at the building dedication included Lorna Jackson, mayor of Vaughan; Bernard Ghert, president of Federation; Rabbi Moshe Stern, chair of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council; and Joey Steiner, chairman of the Board of Jewish Education.

Race Relations Awards presented

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Two Jews were among the recipients of the 1994 Race Relations Awards for Excellence at the sixth annual Mayor's Race Relations Committee Awards Evening held recently.

Leslie Pasis, a former president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and a longtime volunteer on behalf of many causes, won in the seniors' category in recognition of "his many outstanding contributions to positive race relations in our community."

Pasis was an active member of the Mayor's Race Relations Committee from 1988 to 1991; since 1992 he has been a member of the Race Relations Advisory Council.

He was the originator of the Annual Hamilton & District Multicultural Humanitarian Awards and Dinner in 1990 and was instrumental in persuading 22 representatives of different communities and organizations to take part.

He was also the originator of the present Citizenship Court receptions, was invited by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews to be a circuit speaker on Annual Brotherhood Week, and was a teacher of the Citizenship Program for newly arrived immigrants.

Grade 10 student Richard Appiah won in the youth category; Peter Shebib, labor; Gina Monaco, business; Sir Allan MacNab, Secondary School; and Mila Mansaram, schools. In the service clubs/organizations/groups category there two winners, Regina Mundi, Catholic Community; and Sojourner's Truth, a women's theatre group.

In addition, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Anshe Sholom, was one of two recipients of a special certificate of recognition for "continuing community service in the area of race relations."

Rabbi Baskin has long been recognized as the Jewish community's leading spokesman in Hamilton and one of its most widely sought speakers.

The other recipient was Dr. Gary Warner.

Another special award went to the Blue Line Taxi Company for its contribution in providing employment for new immigrants.

The theme of the awards evening, which took place at Temple Anshe Sholom, was Our Community — Our Family.

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JNF honoree Tanenbaum makes things happen

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Joey Tanenbaum believes that "many things happen by chance." But some people would argue that the 62-year-old entrepreneur, philanthropist, community leader and patron of the arts is the one who makes things happen.

Tanenbaum will be the honoree at the 46th Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Toronto on Nov. 27 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Funds raised will establish the Joey Tanenbaum Youth Institute for Studies in Nature, History and the Environment at JNF's Camp Yatir in the northern Negev Desert.

In an interview in his art-filled St. Clair Avenue offices, Tanenbaum, who is the chairman of the board and president of Jay-M Holdings Ltd., spoke of the influences that direct his life.

He says that his grandfather, Abraham Tanenbaum, who arrived in Canada in 1911 from Parczew in Poland with $8 in his pocket, had a profound infuence on him and his family.

But it was his father who taught him about the world of business. A graduate of civil engineering at the University of Toronto, Joey and his late brother Harold entered the family's steel fabrication and production business, Runnymede Metal and Salvage Co.

In 1955, he married Toby Hochman of Chatham.

He left the family business and went on to acquire Hugh Russel Inc., the largest steel distributor in Canada. He became involved in Cineplex Odeon, bought the Pembroke Hydro Electric Power plant from his father's estate and then built the largest privately owned hydro electric plant in the province of Quebec with a 50-year contract to provide all the power generated from the 17 megawatt plant to Quebec Hydro.

He acquired Loc Pipe from Wimpey Construction in Whitby. The plant provides sewer and water pipes to the land development industry in Ontario.

The father of five children, four boys and a girl, he proudly notes that his daughter Susan is the president and CEO of Loc Pipe. Sons Michael, Alan, Martin and Rob are all working independently.

Joey has also become one of the world's best known private art collectors. It all began in 1964, when Toby convinced her husband that they should purchase an English painting to decorate their newly purchased English-style house. They began attending local auctions and as Joey says, "each acquisition fostered the desire for more paintings."

Today, their names are linked with numerous art institutions. Joey served as chair of the Canadian Opera Company and endowed the first permanent home of the opera company. He and his mother Anne Tanenbaum sponsored the National Ballet of Canada's visit to Germany and Israel this year. The Art Gallery of Ontario is the recipient of endowed galleries from the Tanenbaum family.

Joey says that a turning point in his life occurred on a UJA mission to Israel in 1978. At a luncheon at the Kfar Chabad centre just outside of Lod, the Lubavitcher message had a profound impact on him. Influenced by Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum of Toronto's Lubavitch organization, Joey now puts on tefillin every day.

Joey and Toby Tanenbaum have provided a laboratory at the U of T for the study of neurodegenerative diseases at the Tanz Centre, given funding for Ron Baird's steel sculpture at the Cottage Hospital in Uxbridge, Ont., donated the lobby entrance for the Leslie St. branch of the Associated Hebrew School, established funds for scholarship for Ethiopian immigrants to study at Ben-Gurion University and dedicated a Science Centre at Jerusalem's Michlala women's university.

Joey says that being the Negev Dinner honoree is "a very humbling experience and I am grateful to G-d for allowing me to live to see this glorious day."

Campaign chair is Ronald Appleby, dinner chair is Prof. Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto, and Patricia Alpert is JNF Toronto president.

Joey Tanenbaum in conversation with JNF Toronto vice president Tom Ungar at the Negev Dinner campaign kick-off at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Peace opponents on the rise

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The closer Israel gets to peace, the more active are the opponents of peace, says the vice-president of Israel's largest trade fair and convention centre.

"We are seeing more and more peace at the borders but we are losing peace in our backyards," Lt.-Col. (Res.) Yona Gazit told a recent meeting sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal's community cabinet.

For seven years, Gazit was a shaliach (emissary) at UJA in Toronto.

He warned that the threat of Islamic fundamentalism is getting "bigger and bigger," noting that the Muslim Brotherhood, which once concerned itself with mosques and schools, recreated itself as Hamas in the late 1980s.

He said people should be concerned about Islamic fundamentalists who are spreading their philosophy throughout the West.

"In the United States in the past 10 years, 1,000 mosques have been built and each mosque gets a leader to spread its philosophy. They have sponsored a summer camp in Chicago in which car bombing was part of the curriculum," Gazit said.

"A mosque in Washington raises funds which go to Israel, and in South America, there are three cities in which the business community is controlled by the 20 per cent of the population that is Lebanese. They send funds to Lebanon and get religious leaders from Lebanon."

Asked about potential solutions, Gazit said "the problem is that we are dealing with people who only relate to God. Their beliefs have nothing to do with politics. Nothing matters but God."

He said the "bottom line is that we have reached peace agreements with governments but we are not guaranteed the kind of peace we are looking for if we have to worry about our family and friends taking the bus."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Mayfair West Raquet and Fitness Club is having our next Singles Party of the season Saturday November 26th, the action begins at 7p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin, & Dance following at 10. Cost for tennis & dance is $20, for dance only $10. Reservations are a must for tennis call Marcia at 416-638-1010

Singles Tour of Israel and Jordan. Feb. 8-20. Information session on Sunday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. B'nai Brith Boardroom, 15 Hove St. Info: Michael Shaffer 514-931-1969

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From coast to coast

Sobolewski vows to maintain protest

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "What have I got to lose? I'm 72. I've had two heart attacks. I don't know how long I've got left to fight this terrible injustice."

With these words, prisoner No. 88 of Auschwitz, Sigmund Sobolewski, a Roman Catholic, explains to *The CJN* why taunts that he is a "Jew lover" will not silence his protest against a 20-metre high new monument, to be built at Auschwitz to the memory of its 70,000 Christian victims, while the fate of 1.4 million Jewish victims is largely ignored.

He took this message to a recent meeting at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and the synagogue's social action committee.

Sobolewski, a former oil rigger, lives in the village of Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, 320 km north of Edmonton, where the 150 residents are convinced he is a Jew because he has fought so hard for Jewish rights at Auschwitz.

"Windows in my tavern have been broken, I've had swastikas painted on my building, and my sign outside the village on the highway has been vandalized," Sobolewski said.

Now, the Polish-born ex-Auschwitz prisoner faces a new problem — his criticism of the Polish government's handling of Auschwitz museum matters has resulted, he says, in a threat to cancel his Polish visa.

Sobolewski's efforts have helped in the final recognition, after 46 years, that Jewish heroes blew up crematorium No. 4 at Birkenau, and the acknowledgment in a museum brochure that it was Jewish women who were the subjects of sterilization, not Slavic women in block No. 10.

At a memorial services at the railroad station where the first transport of Jews reached Poland in October, 1939, Sigmund Sobolewski, in prison uniform, and Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum of Calgary take part.

Now, he is indignant that a momument to Christians is to be built on the grounds of the former Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

"There are denials that this monument is to be built, but I have copies of the bylaws of the Oswiecim city council approving it. [Auschwitz is in the city's territory.] The argument of the mayor of Oswiecim is that the convent grounds are where the ashes of Polish Christians lie. That is pure nonsense. The ashes of Jews cremated at Birkenau were dumped in the pond, on fields, and everywhere. How can anyone prove that anyone's ashes are in a speciic place?"

Sobolewski says the Jewish War Veterans of Canada will add muscle to his protest. In a separate statement backing Soblewski's charges, the Veterans announced the establishment of a Canada-wide chapter of the Auschwitz Awareness Society. The Veterans' statement also said Beth Tikvah Synagogue is establishing its own chapter.

As he always does, Sobolewski wore his Auschwitz prison uniform at the Beth Tikvah meeting. "I wear this uniform as an honor. I wasn't a capo, I didn't commit any crimes. Why shouldn't I wear it?"

And wear it he did at demonstrations outside Polish consular offices in Vancouver and recently, in Chicago. The consuls in question, he said, denied that a monument to Christians is to be built at Auschwitz.

"But they are just taking at face value the denials of the Auschwitz museum officials, who are not behind the move. It is the Oswiecim city council that is doing it, but there is not the political will to stop it."

Sobolewski, an official observer at the International Auschwitz Council, and who has attended four of its meetings, said the council refused to entertain a motion censuring the Polish government for pemitting the monument.

A feature film, *Prisoner 88* partly financed by the National Film Board and based on Sobolewski's experiences, will be out next spring. Publication is also expected in 1995 of a Random House book by Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum of Calgary about the Auschwitz Museum situation.

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CITY OF TORONTO

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- Religion
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Constance E. Hamilton Award
This award, named after the first woman member of City Council, commemorates the Privy Council decision of 1929, deeming woman as "persons", as defined within the British North America Act. The City of Toronto established the Award to recognize Persons Day, October 18.

The women members of Council will select a maximum of three recipients.

To qualify, a nominee must be a person whose:
- actions have been significant in securing equitable treatment for City of Toronto women, either socially, economically or culturally;
- work has gone unrecognized and has not yet received public honours.

For nomination forms, please call 392-7855.

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Deadline for nominations is Friday, December 2, 1994.

Women resisted Holocaust by writing their life stories

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Four women who wrote autobiographies as acts of resistance during the Holocaust were affirming humankind during times of inhumanity, says a professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"In their writings, Edith Stein, Simone Weil, Anne Frank and Etty Hillesum all displayed profound concern with a world that ceased to be concerned with them," said Rachel Feldhay Brenner who spoke during Holocaust Education Week, at a lecture co-sponsored by the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and the Holocaust Education Committee.

She said that Edith Stein, born in 1891, converted to Christianity and even entered a convent; yet in 1933, she started writing her autobiography entitled *Life in a Jewish Family* because she wanted the German youth to learn about Judaism. In 1942 she was deported to Auschwitz where she died.

Simone Weil, born in 1909, left France for New York in 1940 but later returned to Europe, where she died of self-inflicted starvation as a sign of solidarity with the people starving under German oppression.

Anne Frank, author of the famous autobiography, was born in 1929 and died in Bergen-Belsen in 1945. And Etty Hillesum born in 1914 was an assimilated Jew who perished in Auschwitz in 1944.

"Why did these women continue to care, even though they were doomed to death? What did it mean to know they were doomed, yet still sit there and write? How did they find the peace of mind to write when they knew their life could end at any minute?" Feldhay Brenner asked the capacity crowd of mostly women.

She said that they grew up in Western Europe believing in the concept of brotherhood as a way to de-emphasize ethnic distinction.

"They were loyal, integrated and patriotic. Some philosophers think they supported the idea that the individual has a sense of collectivity. Anne Frank believed that everything would come to an end and everyone, including Jews would be equal. She said that 'if God lets me live, I shall work in the world for mankind.' Their very act of writing communicated a sense of responsibility to a place that had condemned them to death. While they were writing they were on a poignant, moving quest to find out who they were."

Feldhay Brenner said that these four women are examples of people who passively resisted the Holocaust. "In one of Anne Frank's last entries she wrote that 'I can see the world turning into wilderness . . . but if I look into the heavens I think the cruelty will end and peace and tranquillity will reign again.' "

Pearl scholarship taking applications

TORONTO — The Ernest Richard Pearl Memorial Scholarship committee is now accepting applications from candidates for a summer learning experience in a recognized Jewish overnight camp in Israel, United States or Canada.

This award is sponsored by the family of Ernest Richard Pearl and the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto to recognize one student each year who best exemplifies those traits for which Ernest Richard Pearl will most be remembered.

Students who are enrolled in the Associated Junior High School or have graduated from Associated, are eligible to apply. The successful candidates will have displayed a positive attitude toward their learning and involvement in Jewish life.

The candidates will be required to submit a written essay in English on a topic of Jewish interest. The essay may be either creative or scholarly in nature.

Further information and required scholarship forms are obtainable from: The Ernest Richard Pearl Scholarship committee, 3630 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2E3. 789-7471 Ext. 24.

From coast to coast

The children of the Beth Jacob Hebrew School standing in the new addition with Hebrew school staff and president of the congregation, Gil Cymbalist. Seen with children (back row from left) are Wendy Lucenay, Bryna Coppel-Park, Cymbalist, Susan Jackson, Ginny Cymbalist, Carole Line, principal; Jeff Arbus and Juanita Wood-Arbus.

Sault Ste. Marie starts work to expand its shul

SAULT STE. MARIE — As a kickoff celebration of its 50th anniversary year, Sault Ste. Marie's Beth Jacob Synagogue held a ceremony to mark the expansion of the congregation's facilities.

Wilfred Cohen, the oldest member of the shul and representative of the families who built the synagogue in 1945, cut the ribbon, officially opening the new addition. The expansion means extra classroom space for the synagogue's education program on Sundays.

A speaker at the opening ceremony, Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region (CJC), told the congregants: "You have given a wonderful gift to yourselves and your children with this expanded gathering place."

Money for the expansion was raised among shul members. There are about 90 persons (including children) affiliated with Beth Jacob. Members include five families from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, as well as one living in Manitouwadge, Ont., about a three-hour drive north of the Sault.

On Sunday mornings at the shul's new facility, there are five classes in Beth Jacob's education program. Previously, said teacher Bryna Coppel-Park, some classes were held in the cloakroom, or on the stage of the auditorium with the curtain drawn.

Besides conducting classes, members also lead services, except on yomim tovim when two gentlemen from Toronto are invited.

As part of the expansion, the shul building's heating system was updated and the kitchen was expanded. This should make possible more events at the shul including a community seder, said Jeff Arbus, one of the Beth Jacob members who teaches at the school.

The first Jews settled in the Sault in the 1890s, he said. The city's overall population today is about 81,000.

Arbus praised CJC "for its encouragement and its assistance via supplies and resources. Regional staffer Susan Jackson has been most supportive of our activities and programs."

Also in attendance were non-Jews who helped in the fundraising or in the building of the addition.

The day before the opening, Coppel-Park's daughter Shanna had her bat mitzvah. A sit-down luncheon for 140 was held — an event which could not have taken place at Beth Jacob before the expansion.

BBW to honor Gibson

TORONTO — Anne Armstrong Gibson has been chosen as the recipient of the 38th annual Woman Of The Year Award of B'nai Brith Women (BBW) of Toronto.

The honor will be bestowed on Gibson at the BBW of Toronto Covenant Breakfast at Monte Cassino Place, Salon A, 3710 Chesswood Drive, Downsview, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m.

BBW of Toronto is honoring Gibson for her vision, courage and outstanding achievement as founder of WELLspring, a support centre for people with cancer and their families, located at The Coach House, 81 Wellesley St. E.

A devoted mother to eight children, three dogs and two cats, she is also an estate lawyer, a member of the Canadian and American Bar Association and author of several legal papers on wills and estates.

Gibson was the recipient of the Breast Cancer Foundation Award of Merit 1991, the *Toronto Sun* Award of Excellence 1993 and was nominated for a 1993 Courage To Come Back Award by the Clarke Institute.

Anne Armstrong Gibson

When diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Gibson suffered fears about treatment, survival and her family's future. Like others, she experienced an overwhelming sense of isolation.

During her three years of radiation and chemotherapy treatments, she was often near death.

Gibson hired a doctor with whom she established the trust, confidence and support previously lacking and from her hospital bed, founded WELLspring, a charitable centre offering social and emotional support to people living with cancer and to their families.

Just as things were starting to look hopeful, her husband suffered a massive stroke and died in December 1993. This sudden loss combined with her children's needs and her desire to be with them, strengthened her resolve.

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By Miriam Herman

DEADLINE REMINDER

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Thursday, Nov. 17

THE FAR RIGHT IN CANADA

A joint program co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec Men's Club and Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto deals with The Far Right in Canada: Today and Tomorrow with **Warren Kinsella**, author; **Karen Mock**, B'nai Brith Canada; and **Detective Dino Doria**, Toronto Police Hate Division. Time is 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec.

Saturday, Nov. 19

FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES

Floating Jewish Singles (ages 40-65) presents an evening of entertainment with **Fern Dworkin** and **David Feign**, 8 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue. $10.

Sunday, Nov. 20

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

An afternoon honoring Women Who Make a Difference — **Dr. Esther Libman**, physician; **Shelly Botnick** and **Shani Bleeman**, directors, Canadian chapter of ECHO, providing personal and medical direction, is set for 1:30 p.m., 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. Author/lecturer/spiritual counsellor **Malka Touger** will speak on Jewish Femininity Revealed. Couvert $10. A project of N'shei Chabad. (905) 731-7000.

YIDDISH KULTUR GESELSHAFT

Yiddish Kultur Geselshaft presents a lecture by **Shirley Kumove**, author of best-selling book *Words Like Arrows* and well-known folklorist, speaking on Out of the Yiddish Mouths, 8 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

JEWISH ARTISTS ON FILM

Club Masada, Na'amat, holds its annual Chanukah Dollars for David event with a showing of Jewish Artists on Film compiled and presented by radio broadcaster **Aldo Maggiorotti**, 7:30 p.m., Lifestyle Retirement Communities Donway Place, 8 The Donway E., Don Mills. 633-1099.

JEWISH AND BLACK RELATIONS

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present **Lorrie Goldstein**, associate editor and columnist, *Toronto Sun*, speaking on Jewish and Black Relations: Reflections on a Multicultural City, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Separate table for singles 27-39. Members free, non-members $2. Coordinators are **Jerry and Sandra Genesove**.

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

Friends of Yiddish presents Avrom Goldfadden — The Father of Yiddish Musical Theatre and the Father of Broadway, an illustrated talk by composer/musicologist **Rick Kardonne**, 8 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Members free, non-members $5.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

A community garage sale sponsored by Congregation Darchei Noam 10 a.m.-2 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St., offers bargains galore in clothing, toys, games, books, household items, home baking. Admission 50 cents per adult includes draw for door prize. Children free. 638-4783.

PRIVATE MOMENTS

Private Moments: the Jewish Perspective on Intimacy, is the topic of a public lecture for women only by author/lecturer **Malka Touger**, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. Cost $3.

JEWISH SCULPTORS

Temple Sinai adult education program features a talk by **Edith Altschuler** on Jewish Sculptors — From Modigliani to Lipschitz, 10 a.m. at the temple. Free.

KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom, in conjunction with Jewish Lesbian and Gay Archives, hosts an evening of Jewish lesbian and gay films including *I Will Not Think About Death Anymore* by Torontonian and Keshet Shalom member **Irene Buncel**, 8 p.m., Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Congregation members $3, non-members $5. 925-1408.

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network, providing emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program and serving as a resource centre and information exchange, meets 4-6 p.m., Earl Bales Senior Centre. (905) 669-0904.

Monday, Nov. 21

SCHINDLER'S LIST

As part of Holocaust Education Week, **Heather Kassel** reviews *Schindler's List* at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood meeting, 8 p.m. Hostess is **Mildred Persofsky**. Members $2, non-members $3.

THE WORLD OF MAIMONIDES

The World of Maimonides with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** continues with Free Choice versus Divine Providence, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. (905) 886-0420.

TIKVAH CHAPTER, BBW

Tikvah chpater, B'nai Brith Women, a group of married and single women in their 20s and early 30s, invites you to a presentation of Colors — Personality and Group Dynamics with speaker **Queenie Rich**, 7:30 p.m. For details, **Debbie Simon**, 398-2899.

THE WOMEN OF CHANUKAH

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study's two-part series, The Women of Chanukah: A Halachic and Mystical Perspective, with **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the Institute, concludes 9 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. (905) 889-6066.

A LONE JAR OF OIL

A Lone Jar of Oil, a Light for Eternity, a pre-Chanukah lecture by **Rabbi Shmuel Klein** for men and women, is at 8:30 p.m., JEP Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St. 785-5899.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Pride of Israel Sisterhood is running a gigantic rummage sale of used clothing and household items in good condition at bargain prices, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pride of Israel, 59 Lissom Cres. Admission free. Proceeds to various charities.

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., library, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Call, in confidence, 763-9111.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

FOR HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

The third annual conference for health practitioners working with Holocaust survivors and their children, entitled Holcaust Survivors and Trauma Patients, takes place 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Co-sponsored by Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Jewish Family & Child Service. For details, 635-2883, ext. 144.

ISRAEL, INFORMATION HIGHWAY

Israel and Jewish Global Inter-Link offers a seminar on how to get up-to-the-minute information on Israel business, science, politics, Jews and Judaism, electronic Jewish library, Holocaust, Jewish events, communities, travel, kashruth, E-mail to Israel and/or worldwide using the Information Highway, 6:30 p.m., 2 Sheppard Ave. E. Fee $25. 223-4548 to register.

HONORING PARENTS

Rabbi Moshe Stern continues the Halachic Seminar series with Honoring Parents in Contemporary Society, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

CRIME PREVENTION

The Wellness Education Group of Baycrest Centre presents a session on Crime Prevention with **Constable Norm Knutton** of the Metropolitan Toronto Police, 1:30 p.m., Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Admission $2 at door. Register by Nov. 22, 785-2500, ext. 2267. For information, **Judy Chu**, 785-2500, ext. 2267.

MENORAH

A Chanukah menorah made by Earl Bales Senior Woodworkers was presented to North York Mayor Mel Lastman at Earl Bales Seniors' Club's 15th anniversary meeting. With the mayor is Max Lazar (centre), president, and Bert Levy who made the presentation.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood features a cooking demonstration by **Daphna Rabinovitch**, test kitchen manager for *Canadian Living Magazine*, 7:30 p.m. Temple members $8, non-members $10. RSVP **Olivia D'Souza**, 789-3291.

JEWISH MYSTICISM

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study's Jewish Mysticism series with **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet** concludes with Simcha — Joi de Vivre, 9 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. (905) 889-6066.

Thursday, Nov. 24

CAMP KINNERET OPEN HOUSE

Camp Kinneret, Young Judaea's junior camp in Quebec, is holding an open house for prospective new campers and their parents, 7 p.m., 788 Marlee Ave.

And What Else Is New...

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario, a self-help organization, offers a support group for parents who have lost a child through death, held at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., sixth floor. Groups, led by trained bereaved parents, are eight weeks long. **Maureen Feder**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

MYSTIC'S GUIDE TO THE TORAH

A Mystic's Guide to the Torah, a six-week course with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, rabbi and director, Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, is held Wednesdays, 8 p.m., 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Course began Nov. 9 but each class may be attended independently. No charge. (905) 886-0420.

AISH HATORAH

Aish HaTorah upcoming programs at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303, phone 636-7530 — The Image of G-d, Sunday, Nov. 20, 7-10 p.m., **Rabbi Nachum Braverman**, educational director, Aish HaTorah, Los Angeles, admission $5 advance, $7 door; The Art of Happiness, Part II, Monday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., **Dr. Alex Pister**, free; What Happens After You Die?, a public lecture for women, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., **Lori Palatnik**, admission $5.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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Jewish Family & Child Service present Facing Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, groups for children of survivors led by social worker **Fay Geitzhals**, supervisor, JF&CS, at Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. For information on registration and fees, **Pnina Zilberman**, 635-2883, ext. 144, or **Fay Geitzhals**, 638-7800, ext. 251.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

Whispering City, a series of large photoetchings by Toronto-based artist **June Clark-Greenberg**, is on view at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., through Dec. 30. A public talk by the artist is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m.

Also on view through Dec. 30 is an installation by Toronto sculptor **Lyla Rye** entitled Phantom Architecture.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

Upcoming events and programs at the Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., phone 631-9395 — Chanukah Seminar, Sunday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., fee $12; Kabbalistic Astrology 12-week course beginning Monday, Nov. 21, 8:30 p.m.; New Beginner's 13-week course starts Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.; The Power of Kabbalah, every Sunday, 7:30 p.m., register, admission free.

JEWISH MUSIC CONCERT

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) presents Jewish Music Concert of the Century, Part II — A Tribute to Toronto, Monday, Nov. 28, 7:15 p.m., John Bassett Theatre, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For tickets, 782-4426.

REKINDLING DELIGHT

Jewish Body, Jewish Soul at the Bloor JCC hosts Rekindling Delight/Dance to the Rythm of Your Soul with **Miriam Minkoff**, Nov. 25, 7:30-10 p.m. and Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m. to sundown. Join in a full Shabbaton with dance, rhythm and song, $85 (meals included). Supervised children's activites Friday night. Friday evening only $25. **Shelley Duke**, 485-5975 or 924-6211.

GRANDPARENTING AND DIVORCE

Jewish Family & Child Service offers a group, beginning Jan. 17, to discuss a unique and important role for grandparents. Topics will include grieving, the loss of your child's marriage, maintaining a climate of love and security for your grandchildren and remaining neutral. **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

BREAKFAST MEETING

Pictured at a breakfast meeting of Canadian Friends of Cali and Amal held in Toronto recently are (from left) Marilyn Frankel, new national executive director, Cali and Amal; guest speaker Dr. Asher Porot, executive director of Meir Hospital and Medical Centre, Kfar Saba, Israel; Josef Krystal, chair of Amal, presenting check to Dr. Porot.

ISSUES IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE

Baycrest Centre and Mount Sinai Hospital present Issues in Geriatric Medicine Friday, Nov. 25, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mount Sinai Hospital, 18th floor auditorium. Lectures focus on geriatric practice for family physicians and allied health care professionals involved in the care of the aged. For information, Education Department, Baycrest Centre 789-5131, ext. 2363.

100 YEARS OF YIDDISH CANADA

Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum presents One Hundred Years of Yiddish Canada through March 31. Exhibit features some Yiddish cultural institutions, Yiddish poetry and prose by Canadian Yiddish writers, Yiddish newspapers, theatre posters, photos from schools, organizations and summer camps, and more.

A CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The first concert in Holy Blossom Temple's Musical Heritage Series 1994/95 takes place Sunday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. at the temple. Holy Blossom Temple Singers perform the first half of the program, Joyful Chanukah Songs. For the second half, York University choir joins Temple Singers in performing **Handel's** *Judas Maccabaeus*. Concert features **Cantors Deborah Staiman** from New Jersey, **David Goldstein** from Buffalo, N.Y., **Benjamin Maissner** of Holy Blossom Temple, and cantorial soloist **Anna Trubashnik** from Temple Emanu-El, with **Albert Greer**, conductor; **Karen Rymal**, organ; and **Nadyah Adler**, harpsichord. Concert is presented by Holy Blossom Temple music committee. For tickets/information, **Tryna Kane**, 789-3291.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — One Marriage: Two Religions, begins Jan. 12; Widows/Widowers daytime group, begins Jan. 18; Taking Care of Aging parents, begins January. **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

CHOIR OF GOOD DEEDS

Choralairs of North York first performance for 1994/95 season was Nov. 8 at Carefree Lodge, a home for the aged. Upcoming performances include Nov. 22 at Harold and Grace Baker Centre; Dec. 6 at National Council of Jewish Women; Jan. 24 at St. John's Hospital. New singers welcome. **Fay Cohen**, 633-7233.

OGDEN SCHOOL REUNION

A reunion of former students of Ogden School is planned for May, 1995. For information, **Max Placey**, 221-5196 or **Ruth Shadlesky Wardinger** 636-1052.

for seniors

Hungarian Seniors Writers and Friendship Group meets 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., Room A. Everyone welcome. 785-8456 or 222-3408.

LZA Seniors Club continues registration for Di Lido Hotel in Miami Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon, Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Phone **Libby** 782-2059. Tickets on sale for Chanukah party, Saturday, Dec. 3. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing, Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building. Nov. 24, annual general club members meeting. Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 3, live music, Israeli food and lots of fun, members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips and events — Dec. 12-13, Windsor casino trip, members $95 double, $125 singles, non-members $105 double, $135 single; reservations being taken for New Year's eve dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. in Community Centre, members $30, non-members $35; Saturday dance, Nov. 19, 7-10 p.m., clubhouse, members free, non-members $1. 395-7881.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 Plus features The Changing Street Scene with **Norman Gardner**, Metro councillor, commissioner and member of Metro and Police pension committees, Sunday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. No charge, everyone welcome.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports information regarding future programs will be forthcoming shortly. North York Board of Education ongoing classes — Tuesdays, exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga, 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, line dancing 10 a.m. Information on trips and programs, **Lena**,785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., continues Health Matters series, Thursday, Nov. 24, 1-2 p.m. with Achieving and Maintaining Healthy Weights. 784-0920.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Taking Control of Your Life with **Dr. Michael Gordon**, vice-president, medical services, Baycrest Centre, Thursday, Nov. 24, 1:30 p.m. Register with **Sandra** at Wellness Desk or call 225-2112.

The Osteoporosis Support Group meets Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1:30 p.m. with new resource person, occupational therapist **Joan Turner**. For information, **Sandra** or **Sharon**, 225-2112.

Israeli folkdancing with choreographer/teacher **Marco Ben-Shimon** is held 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays (classes in English). **Anna** or **Norma**, 225-2112.

Literary luncheon featuring *In Search of Plenty* a history of Jewish food with more than 100 recipes, by **Oded Schwartz** takes place Monday, Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m., members $5.50. Sign up at Information Desk. **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

A joint trip to Daytona Beach is being planned by Bernard Betel Centre and Bathurst Jewish Centre Jan. 19-Feb. 2 at the deluxe Ramada Resort. Cost $1,431 twin occupancy, $1,832 single. For details and reservations, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364, or **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

The movie *Oklahoma* will be shown Sunday, Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m., members free, non-members $1.

Also Sunday, Nov. 20, dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

The Wednesday afternoon social features the Centre's Creative Choir, 1:30 p.m., members $3, non-members $4.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. Programs include lectures, movies, singalongs, dances. **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC/BJC

Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services, 4588 Bathurst St., Oneg Shabbat luncheon Friday, Nov. 25, at noon. Enjoy and sing along with old favorites in Yiddish and Hebrew led by **Naomi Bell**. Tickets in advance. **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Daytona Beach winter get away, Jan. 19-Feb. 2, orientation meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m., Room 221. **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

NEW COOKBOOK

To celebrate the launch of its new cookbook for the '90s, All In Good Taste, Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is hosting a cooking demonstration, wine lesson and food tasting session Tuesday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Cooking demo will be led by cookbook editor/dietician Marsha Rosen. Evening includes reception with wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, members $3, non-members $5. Preparing for the event are (from left) Anne McCleave and sisters Toni and Pam Zierler.

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From coast to coast

Bar association honors Sandler

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As a criminal lawyer, Mark Sandler, 39, steers clear of cases alleged to be hate-related or dealing with human rights violations. As senior counsel to B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, he is steeped in those issues.

"Prosecutors like to kid me," Sandler said recently, alluding to his unlikely dual specialties during an interview at his downtown office. A partner in the law firm of Cooper, Sandler, West & Skurka, Sandler is a part-time assistant crown attorney who also teaches at Osgoode Hall Law School.

His 12-year affiliation with the League for Human Rights was recognized recently when he received the Canadian Bar Association's Young Lawyers and Notaries' Pro Bono Services Award. The newly established award, which he shared with one other lawyer, is for lawyers under age 40 "who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community through pro bono [free] legal work."

Sandler directed half of his $500 award money to Temple Emanu-El's recent Social Action Day; the other half went to the League for Human Rights for its symposium on legal remedies for hate crimes, held last month in Toronto.

Sandler's affiliation with the League began by chance, when his wife, also a lawyer, contacted the organization after seeing a swastika on a downtown building. At the time the League was looking for someone to assist them with criminal law.

Sandler has appeared on behalf of the League in a number of Supreme Court cases, including the trials of Holocaust deniers Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra.

"I'm a great believer in the use of criminal law to combat [hate-related crimes]. I believe deterrent sentences like jail are an important tool in fighting [crime], but the foremost weapon in our arsenal is education," Sandler says.

Mark Sandler

A major part of the League's work is education about racism, anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. Sandler has been a lecturer and panelist on topics such as Hate Group Activity in Canada, How Communities Can Respond to Racism, and Hate Lyrics in Popular Music.

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STREET KIDS: One teen's cry for help

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plementary school, until his bar mitzvah. Jewish holiday celebrations and rabbinical visits meant a lot to him during the months he was in detention, he says.

Todd's childhood was marred by serious disagreements with his parents as well as academic and behavioural difficulties in school. A long-term illness within the family also left its mark.

One warm summer day when Todd was 13, he took the subway downtown, wandered until nightfall and then headed for Covenant House, a shelter for street kids.

"When they found out my age," he recalls, "they called Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS)." Todd ended up living in a foster home, then in a group home. His high school education has been piecemeal, and is not yet complete.

Although he's not sure what he wants to do in the future, he enjoys working with his hands and is thinking about taking a carpentry course. He loves kids and sees himself getting married, "but not for a while," he says, with a quick smile.

"I think he has the goods to make it," says Todd's social worker. "The issue is whether he can channel some of the stuff he has inside [him] in a constructive fashion."

The value Todd places on family underscores much of his experience. He preferred foster care over the group home, "because it's more of a family unit." After running away from the group home at 15, he became friendly with a group of about eight or 10 young teens with whom he shared attitudes and values. The group became a surrogate family, looking out for each other's welfare and serving as protection from the seamier side of street life.

Common pitfalls for street kids, such as prostituting, "happen to people who don't have anyone," Todd believes. "We [the guys] always took care of the girls," he says. "Little romances" were common within the group.

Sometimes they slept in stairwells, and once were fortunate enough to be treated to coffee and pastry by a baker who found them early in the morning. Sometimes they were able to share an apartment.

To earn extra money, they got "terrible jobs," such as filling newspaper boxes at 3 a.m. Sometimes they went to food banks or churches for meals. Other times they stole food, but Todd emphasizes that they never used violence or weapons. He never panhandled.

Drugs never played a big role in his life on the street, Todd says, but "there was always something around. We never got into hard drugs like heroin or crack."

Todd says he's glad he got off the street. He admits that the freedom of street life can be romanticized, but not street life itself. "It's not nice," he says tersely.

He would advise kids who are having trouble at home to "try to stick with it. Don't just run away, and if you do run, run to someone, like JF&CS. They help a lot of kids. Everyone needs someone.

"If some kid somewhere will read [this article] and smarten up, it'll make me feel okay," Todd says.

He advises parents to "try to look at things from the kid's point of view before you explode. They're just kids. You've got to show kids you care about them. My dad was always working. His way of making me feel good is getting me a new toy."

Although Todd says he gets along with his parents reasonably well now, and has lived with them at intervals over the past few years, he now has his own apartment and says he will remain on his own. "I've been free for so long. All of a sudden having rules [would be too difficult]."

Todd remains close to his grandmother, whom he saw every week when he was on the street. "My bubbie always made sure I knew people cared about me," he says.

From coast to coast

Diabetes affects 1.5 million Canadians

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —We all had them; relatives who had something vaguely referred to as "sugar," an ailment that was seldom really defined, and usually talked about in hushed tones.

What they had was diabetes, a disease that until this century was inevitably fatal.

The remarkable research of Dr. Frederick Banting and Dr. Charles Best at the University of Toronto in discovering insulin, as well as more recent research into lifestyle changes have combined to, by and large, make diabetes a treatable, usually controllable condition.

In diabetes, part of the complicated process of converting food into energy, breaks down.

Insulin, the chemical produced in the pancreas, must be present in the bloodstream in order for the cells of the body to absorb glucose, the pure form of sugar created by the digestive system to act as fuel for the body.

There are two types of diabetes; Type 1, also called juvenile or insulin-dependent diabetes; or Type II, sometimes called maturity-onset or non-insulin dependent.

Type I is probably the kind people think of most, although, according to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada only 150,000 of the 1.5 million diabetics in Canada have this form. Frequently starting in childhood, it occurs when the body can produce litle or no insulin of its own.

Type II, on the other hand, occurs when the body either doesn't produce enough insulin, or cannot adequately utilize what it does produce. Symptoms and complications tend to be less severe than in Type I.

The cause of diabetes is uncertain.

Symptoms can include increased and often severe thirst, greatly increased urination, weight loss, itching of the skin, fatigue, changes in vision, and slow healing of cuts and bruises.

Diet and exercise are the main ways of dealing with diabetes, as well as carefully controlled medication — insulin therapy for Type I and severe cases of Type II or, if necessary, oral drug therapy for Type II.

Current, vigorous research has made changes in the treatment of this disease. Much more attention is now given to a diet high in complex carbohydrates (such as grains and pastas), and vegetables, a moderate amount of protein, and low in simple carbohydrates and sugars and fats.

Exercise is also seen as important in controlling diabetes, as it appears to improve the body's ability to use insulin.

It is important to note that insulin therapy is not a cure for diabetes — it merely approximates the body's insulin-making capabilities.

A worldwide study currently going on that seems to indicate that frequent testing of blood glucose levels, combined with necessary changes in insulin therapy, is highly effective in controlling diabetes and in preventing complications.

The complications are terrifying, including blindness, heart disease, nerve damage (especially in the legs and feet), stroke, amputations and kidney failure.

The Jewish Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association, founded by, among others, well-known nutritionist Esther Schwartz, is an educational, information and support group for Jewish diabetics.

Besides lectures on various aspects of dealing with this disease, the chapter offers recipes and hints for combining diabetic restrictions with kosher requirements and holiday customs.

November is National Diabetes Month. With education, proper care, and, especially, on-going research, diabetes can, hopefully, become, like so many other diseases, a footnote in medical history books.

For more information, contact Schwartz at 782-2176.

ANNE FRANK TULIP PLANTING

For the fifth year, children from Brown Public School in Toronto took part in planting 750 tulip bulbs in memory of Anne Frank and one and a half million other Jewish children who perished during World War II. The ceremony was held at Amsterdam parkette at Avenue Road and St. Clair. The new consul general of the Netherlands, Paul Schellekens, (bending over planting tulip bulbs) and Canadian Jewish war veterans from Wingate Branch in Toronto dug into the soil and planted along with the children. Robert Engel, past chair of the Holocaust Education Centre, Judy Gwartz, past chair of the Anne Frank exhibit and Ada Wynston, founder of Adopt A Veteran and a Dutch Jewish Hidden Child participated in the ceremony. [Wim Van Duyn photo]

Tribute held for Shoshana Shier

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Hebrew University professor recently paid tribute to the late Shoshana Shier, one of his students when he was on a sabbatical at the University of Toronto.

Delivering the Shoshana Shier Lecture, which he asked to do on a volunteer basis, Dov Noy said the Toronto woman played a crucial part in the establishment of the just-announced Chair of Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.

Noy told the overflow audience of 250 at the George Ignatieff Theatre that he renewed his friendship with Shier and her husband, Milton, every year when they visited Israel, where he is the Max and Margarethe Grunwald professor of Jewish Folklore at Hebrew University.

To honor Shier, who died in April, Noy chose as his topic The Rose (Shoshana) in Universal and Jewish Folklore.

Prior to the lecture, Libby Garshowitz, head of Jewish Studies at the university, said: "It was Shoshana Shier's dream to see a Chair of Jewish Studies at the university and now it has become a reality."

Mother a lifelong student

Son Joseph Shier described his mother as a lifelong student who never went to an academic high school, but as a mature student earned enough credits to graduate from the university in 1973.

Her devotion to learning was such that in a six-week period between chemotherapy treatments in the summer of 1993, she and her husband joined an Oxford University study tour in England sponsored by the Biblical Archeology Society of Washington, D.C.

Yiddish was the mother tongue in the home of her parents, the late Percy and Sadie Sherman, but she was such an apt pupil of the venerated Hebrew teacher Abraham Shkop in the Brunswick Street Talmud Torah that Israelis did not believe that she was not a Sabra, her husband told *The CJN*.

In an intriguing lecture well illustrated with examples from biblical lore and modern literature, Professor Noy traced the audio-oral and visual importance of the rose in Jewish folklore.

He paid a personal tribute to Shoshana Shier by describing her as a woman brought up in the Zionist tradition that diverse groups and cultures can get along together.

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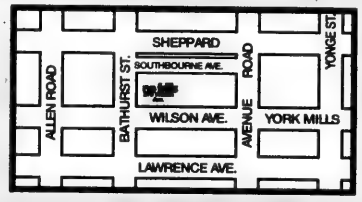

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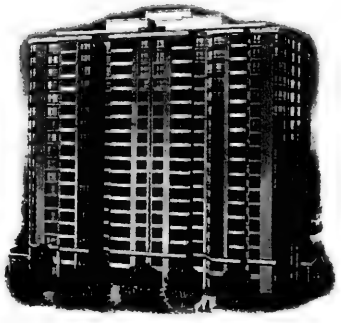

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From coast to coast

Jewish pianist reunited with Pole 49 years later

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Henri-Michael Wronski will never forget the pile of murdered Jews, patients from a hospital in Nazi-occupied Poland, or the moans of those in the hill of corpses not yet dead.

Wronski, then a well-to-do young Pole, said the sight made him resolve to save other Jews from a similar fate.

He met Leo Spellman, a popular young Jewish pianist whose music he loved, and realized Spellman and his wife Mary were in great danger.

Aware that the Nazis had begun liquidating the ghetto in Ostrowiec, Wronski hid the couple for more than a year, risking not only his own life but the lives of his family, friends and neighbors.

Wronski, Spellman and his wife were recently reunited after 49 years at a Toronto hotel.

"I was crying when he walked out from the hotel," Spellman said. "I recognized him right away."

Two years ago Wronski decided to see the couple again before he died. He got Spellman's address from Spellman's first cousin, Wladislaw Spellman, a well-known Polish pianist, and an exchange of letters led to the reunion.

"We lived through such a hard time together in hiding, that we are together again is a miracle," said Wronski, with Spellman translating from Polish.

The couple's first hideout was the back of a vacant store rented by Wronski, who was then a 21-year-old high school student. After two months, Wronski was ordered to vacate the store for a German woman.

Apartment door padlocked

Next he took a two-room apartment for the Spellmans. It was located "right under the nose of the Germans and the police," near Nazi headquarters and a Polish police station, said Spellman.

Wronski was frequently away and kept a padlock on the apartment door. "Many times the Germans came," remembered Spellman. When they pounded on the door, a Polish neighbor would come out and tell them the student was away.

Leo Spellman (left), his wife Mary and Henri-Michael Wronski.

The couple had to keep as quiet as a fly on the wall most of the time, he said, and they were unable to cook meals during the day. The smoke from the stove would have been a giveaway because the stovepipe was shared with Polish neighbors who were away at a flea market six days a week.

Wronski brought small amounts of food to the Spellmans in a briefcase, as large quantities would have aroused suspicion.

Since there was no indoor toilet, Wronski would carry waste matter out. "If they caught him with it, they'd have killed him," Spellman said. "What a risk he took."

Wronski created two hiding places within the apartment for the Spellmans, a six-foot hole beneath a wardrobe and a hall closet, which Spellman says "was plastered up like there was nothing there."

The couple hid whenever anyone came to the door or entered the apartment. "If Polish people were there, we didn't know if they were good or bad," said Mary Spellman.

The German military police visited Wronski while he was digging the hole, and fortunately believed him when he told them he was going to use it as a bomb shelter.

When eight Nazis, retreating from the Russians towards the end of the war, broke into the apartment, the Spellmans hid in the closet for five terrifying days without food or water. "We had a little hole," Spellman remembered. "We could see what they were doing."

On one occasion, after the Germans passed out from a night of drinking, hunger got the better of the Spellmans. "I opened the door and stole a piece of bread," said Spellman, as he burst into tears.

In the morning, an argument about the missing bread ensued between two soldiers, with one accusing the other of stealing. After spotting the plastered door, a soldier started pushing against it, but the Spellmans pushed back. "We were lucky he gave up," said Spellman.

The Nazis left the Spellmans' hideout, and Poland, at the same time. Soon the Spellmans watched columns of Russian soldiers coming through Ostrowiec as they liberated the country.

During the Nazi-occupation of Poland, educated young Poles like Wronski who were considered wealthy — his father owned a 30-acre farm — were hunted by the Nazis. "You didn't have to be Jewish," Spellman said.

He stressed that Wronski saved their lives without taking any payment. "The only thing I ever gave him was some money for food."

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Shlomo Carlebach — storyteller *par excellence*

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "Gevalt! My sweet friends. It's so beautiful to see you and so beautiful to hear you."

The spirit of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach will forever live in the hearts of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who came in contact with the charismatic Jewish composer, singer and storyteller.

Generations of Jews yet to be born will chant his prayers and sing his folk songs, melodies that have become standards in synagogue services, at weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, and at simchahs.

"Shlomo was the only person that I ever saw who could enter a room with a thousand strangers, and after an evening of song, Torah and storytelling and dancing, people would leave hugging and kissing each other," says his brother-in-law, Toronto composer Srul Irving Glick.

The legendary Rabbi Carlebach died of a heart attack in New York City while waiting for the departure of a plane to Toronto to spend Shabbat with his family. He was 69. His funeral took place on Oct. 23 in New York City at his congregation and he was buried in his beloved Jerusalem.

Despite his tours to every corner of the Jewish world, his wife Neila and his daughters Neshama and Nadara (Dari), who live in Toronto, brought him the greatest joy and naches. He often referred to his daughters as "the soul of my soul," and he recently completed an album, yet to be released, with his daughter Neshama.

He came into prominence in the 1960s. He realized that many young people had turned away from Judaism and had found their way to the San Francisco area. Looking like a hippy rabbi, he used his guitar and music to attract the young and alienated Jews on the streets.

Haunting melodies

In the '60s and '70s, the chassidic folk singer who spun parables and chassidic tales began travelling with his guitar, creating thousands of haunting melodies. He revolutionized modern Jewish music by blending early chassidic nigunim (melodies) with contemporary influences.

Toronto's Zale Newman, who produced 13 of Carlebach's record albums and three CDs, praised the late artist.

"There is a classic dispute among people who are great admirers of Shlomo," he said. "Some feel his greatness is in being the greatest Jewish songwriter since King David. Others believe that his greatest gift was being a magid — a story teller. But all agree that his greatest attribute by far was his ahavas Israel — his love for his fellow Jewish sisters and brothers."

Rabbi Carlebach was born in pre-Nazi Germany. The family fled the Nazis in 1933 and lived in Switzerland before coming to New York in 1939. He studied in prestigious yeshivot, received his rabbinic ordination and went on to study comparative religion, geology and psychology at Columbia University. In his youth, he wanted to be a rabbi, a therapist or a musician. He was ultimately able to be all three.

In 1977, he and his wife started a settlement in Israel at Modiim, a moshav in the Judean Hills. For the past decade, he resided in Israel several months a year and in Manhattan; he was frequently in Toronto.

"Shlomo's light has not left our world," Glick said. "His songs, his teaching, his stories and his humanity will continue to illuminate our lives from generation to generation."

A foundation has been established to compile and publish Rabbi Carlebach's music, to establish a scholarship in Jewish music, and to initiate other educational programs. For information contact The Shlomo Carlebach Foundation, 185 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1J1.

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Zhirinovsky slams Russian Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

UNITED NATIONS — If Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky was hoping his trip to the United States would clean up his image as a potential dictator and anti-Semite, he failed.

At a news conference here last week, he called Jews a negative influence on Russia and blamed them for the Bolshevik revolution, the breakup of a strong Soviet state and criminal enterprises in his country.

He then renounced anti-Semitism.

"We have a very good attitude to all minorities in Russia," he said through a translator, saying that neither he nor his Liberal Democratic Party has formally taken a position on the Jewish minority.

Zhirinovsky addressed the United Nations Correspondents Association last Wednesday, following a speech Monday night to the World Affairs Council in San Francisco.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky

B'nai Brith Canada called on Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi to keep Zhirinovsky out of this country [*CJN*, Nov. 10] but there was no indication the Russian was interested in coming to Canada.

As hundreds of demonstrators rallied outside the downtown San Francisco hotel where he spoke last Monday night, Zhirinovsky repeatedly denied that he or his party stand for extremism of any kind.

"We have no radical views of anything," he said. "We have only radical views of what should be done in this situation" to solve problems in Russia.

And he rejected claims that he or his party promotes anti-Semitism. He blamed his reputation on inaccurate media reports.

"Anti-Semitism is not in the program of our party, but this is the real life in Russia," he said through an interpreter. "We are strongly opposed to it and we are struggling against it."

At the UN, asked whether he thought Jews played a positive role in Russia, he replied, "I can't say they are playing a positive role. They are playing a negative role.

"We are patriots of the state, but the majority of those who welcomed the destruction of the state are those who represent the Jewish minority," he said.

Zhirinovsky then proceeded to distance himself from that: "This is not my position. This is the position of the people," he said.

Continuing in his original vein, he said Russia's "new business structures are held mostly by Jewish people. Lots of people understand that a lot of money in these structures is criminal. This explains our opposition to these criminal structures.

"This is not our position. This is the position of the people," he repeated.

Similarly, Zhirinovsky put the blame on "present propaganda" for saying that "the October Revolution in 1917 was made by those who had been mostly Jewish.

"But this is not our word. This is the word of propaganda. The propaganda is saying the previous regime is a cruel regime — that is why they are against those who made this revolution.

"That is why I would like only to explain what happened. When we are asked why there is anti-Semitism in Russia, we say this is why. We are giving the reason," he said.

Zhirinovsky again denied lingering reports that his father was Jewish.

"If you find me Jewish parents, I would be happy to embrace him, kiss him, but unfortunately all my relatives are Russian. I would be happy to have any relatives of any nationality," he said.

But the Russian parliamentarian, whose party captured 23 per cent of the vote in last December's elections, was forthright about his desire to serve as his country's dictator.

Asked whether he saw any common ground with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, he praised the new Russian constitution for providing for a "strong authoritarian regime," which he lamented has not yet come to pass.

"This is the only way to resolve the present crisis," he said.

"In principle, I am in favor of a democratic regime, a parliamentary republic. But in our current crisis, such a regime cannot produce results."

Jordan, Israel seal pact during Hussein's visit

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein officially sealed the peace between their countries last Thursday, exchanging ratified copies of their historic peace treaty at a ceremony on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Hussein arrived in Israel shortly after Israeli and Jordanian officials inaugurated a second border crossing between their countries.

Marking what was his first public visit to Israel, the king revealed to reporters what has long been suspected: that he had visited Israel in secret many times before.

He is the second Arab leader, after Egypt's former President Anwar Sadat, officially to visit Israel.

Accompanying King Hussein to the ceremony site at the Bet Gavriel guest house on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were Crown Prince Hassan and Jordanian officials who have been involved in the peace talks with Israel. Israeli officials from across the political spectrum attended the event.

In contrast to the Arava desert landscape where the peace treaty was signed on Oct. 26, Thursday's ceremony took place against the lush background of the Sea of Galilee, known in Israel as the Kinneret.

Referring to the setting, Rabin said, "I believe this is the most beautiful scene to do the most beautiful act — to end our state of war."

Hussein said Israel and Jordan were on "the threshold of peace, which I hope generations to come will cherish, protect and enjoy."

He also said he hoped peace agreements with the remaining neighboring Arab states would be reached soon.

Following the exchange of the ratified peace treaty, Rabin and Hussein held a working session on the peace process. The two leaders discussed the demarcation of their borders and methods for sharing the scant regional water resources.

Earlier in the day, the northern border crossing between Israel and Jordan was officially opened.

The crossing at the rebuilt Sheik Hussein Bridge, located south of the Sea of Galilee near Kibbutz Maoz Haim, is the second border crossing to be opened since Israel and Jordan decided to make peace.

Israelis watched the opening of the northern border crossing on Jordanian television.

Planes flew in formation over the bridge, doves were released into the sky, and schoolgirls from both countries presented bouquets of flowers. After the ceremony, hundreds of Israelis and Jordanians crossed over the narrow green bridge.

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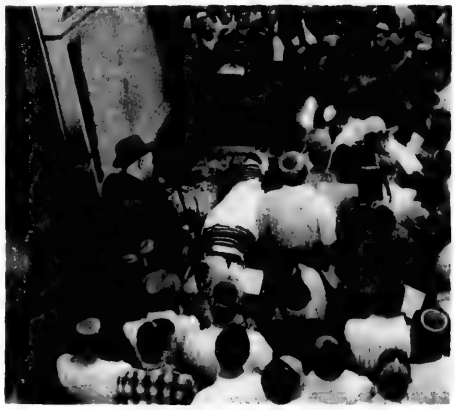

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Israel's former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, was buried recently at the Komemiut Synagogue in Tel Aviv, which he founded. Rabbi Goren died last month at age 77. [Israel Photo]

Israel almost secured Arad's release: researcher

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — The collapse of East Germany five years ago last week may have prevented a prisoner exchange deal that included efforts to return Israeli navigator Ron Arad and other missing Israeli soldiers in Lebanon, according to new documents made public in Germany.

The documents, obtained by Prof. Michael Wolffsohn, an Israeli historian working in Germany, included a written agreement between Israel and East Germany and internal memoranda of the East German government.

The key figures in the deal were East German lawyer Wolfgang Vogel and Israeli lawyer Amnon Zichroni. Both signed the agreement in 1989 on behalf of their respective governments.

Vogel, who brokered the exchange of spies and the ransom of some 30,000 prisoners from East Germany and the Soviet Union during the Cold War — including former Refusenik Natan Sharansky — was last week brought before a Berlin court on blackmail charges.

According to the deal regarding Arad, East Germany reportedly would have done its best to secure the release of the missing Israeli airman. In return, Israel would have released convicted Soviet spies Marcus Klingberg and Shabtai Kalmanovitz.

The prisoner exchange was also to include the terrorist Hamadei brothers, both of whom were imprisoned in Germany; Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid, a leader of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement who had been kidnapped by the Israelis; and Nelson Mandela, who at the time was still in a South African jail.

Had it gone through, it might have been one of the biggest prisoner exchanges of the decade.

Perhaps the most important point in the documents located by Wolffsohn was Vogel's strong belief that Arad was alive at the time, two-and-a-half years after his plane had been shot down over Lebanon.

Arad bailed out from his fighter plane over Lebanon in 1986 and was believed to have been held by pro-Iranian troops in Lebanon.

There have been sporadic reports that he was subsequently transferred to captivity in Iran.

Documents released earlier this year suggested that Arad was held by the Amal Shi'ite organization under Syrian auspices in West Beirut until the spring of 1989.

But negotiations for the prisoner swap dragged on, and then the entire deal fell through with the collapse of East Germany in November 1989.

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U.S. vote not expected to affect Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials said last week they doubt that the Republican landslide in the recent American mid-term elections for Congress will harm U.S.-Israeli relations.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would not comment directly on the election results.

"I don't think we have to say anything about domestic political developments in (the United States). The American people have decided," he told Israel Radio, adding, "I believe support for Israel is wide and encompasses the two major parties."

Likud opposition party leader Benjamin Netanyahu echoed those sentiments, but warned that Israel should prepare for reductions in American aid. Over the past several years, Congress has approved an annual $3 billion in aid to Israel, the highest recipient of U.S. aid.

Netanyahu described last week's election results as part of a trend "for greater introspection in the United States, regardless of political parties involved."

He told Israel Radio that Israel has to "adopt a long-term plan to wean ourselves from dependency on American financial support, not because there will be anti-Israeli sentiments in America, but because there will be fewer resources that will go abroad."

Danny Halperin, a former economic attache to the United States, told Israel Radio that from now on, "Israel and its supporters will have to pay more attention to what's happening on Capitol Hill, and not just in the administration."

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Japanese paper apologizes for 'racist' books

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TOKYO — A prominent Japanese daily newspaper has formally apologized to Jewish groups for advertising books which claim the world is secretly controlled by Jews.

The apology by *Yomiuri Shimbun*, said to be the world's largest-circulation newspaper, was issued last week to the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League in response to protests by those groups and by the Israeli embassy in Tokyo.

The advertisement by the Tokuma Shoten Publishing Co., which ran recently in the 10-million circulation newspaper, promoted a number of books which "explain" modern history as a series of Jewish plots to dominate the world.

In an identical letter sent to Neil Sandberg, director of the AJCommittee's Pacific Rim Institute, and ADL National Director Abraham Foxman, the heads of *Yomiuri Shimbun*'s advertising and public relations departments wrote, "We sincerely regret the publishing of an advertisement which, as you point out, can be said to promote racism.

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"Please be assured that henceforth, taking your point into consideration, we shall redouble our efforts to avoid the printing of advertisements without checking their credibility, and to deal with world affairs without bias or bigotry."

According to reports from Tokyo, Jewish conspiracy books are a cottage industry in Japan. Generally in the form of mystery-thrillers, the books' plots might link such people as the Pope, the Queen of England and U.S. presidents as Zionist conspirators bent on destroying Japanese industry.

Despite the popularity of such books, with sales over 1 million, Rabbi James Lebeau of Temple Beth David in Tokyo said he had never heard of any attacks or violence against Jews in Japan. An estimated 2,000 Jews, mostly Americans, live in Japan.

The issue of the anti-Semitic books is years old and has been on the agenda of numerous meetings between Jewish groups and Japanese officials. Symposiums have been held on the subject and Japanese scholars have spoken out vociferously against the books while explaining the myriad reasons for their existence.

The AJCommittee and Simon Wiesenthal Centre held meetings in past years with the Japanese Publishers and Editors Association, advertising executives and government officials.

Asked why the problem continues, Sandberg ventured that "the Japanese culture moves very slowly. When decisions are made, even major ones, by government or other key institutional entities, it takes time for the messages to be conveyed and appropriate corrective action to take place."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he attended four meetings on this matter in October 1993 in Japan. He met with executives of the newspapers *Yomiuri Shimbun* and *Nikei Shimbun*, "both of which had run the same kind of ads last year."

He also met with executives of *Asahi Shimbum* and with the publishers and editors group.

Given the recurrence of this type of advertisement, he said, "It is quite appropriate that they would issue an apology."

A SPOT OF TEA?

Prince Philip waters a maple tree in honor of his late mother during his recent visit to Israel. Philip's mother, Princess Alice of Greece, was made Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem for rescuing a Jewish family in Athens during World War II. [IPPA Photo]

German compensation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The German government has enacted new legislation benefitting persons reclaiming property in the former East Germany, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany announced last week.

The new measure, which will go into effect Dec. 1, will affect property that was confiscated or forcibly sold by the Nazis, or nationalized by the Soviet military government after World War II, or by the East German Communist regime that followed.

The legislation, known as the German Law for Compensation in Lieu of Restitution, is intended to compensate with funds those who had filed claims for property by June 30, 1993, under an earlier law, known as the German Property Restitution Law, according to Saul Kagan, executive director of the Claims Conference.

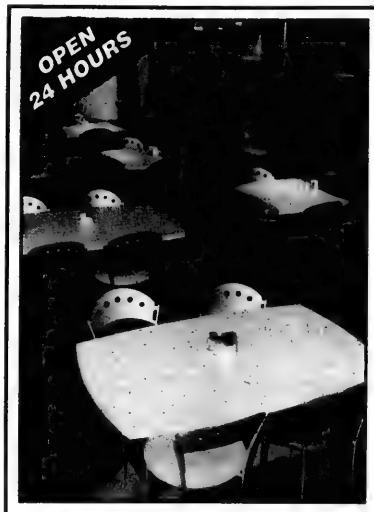
The legislation benefits persons, or their heirs, who lost real estate, business enterprises and other assets which cannot be recovered in kind because their restitution is impossible. It also affects persons who elect compensation rather than restitution in kind.

The new measure follows two years of intensive negotiations with the German government, and contains "substantial improvements" over a draft proposal that had raised hackles among claimants and Jewish groups, according to Israel Miller, president of the Claims Conference.

The legislation has omitted a 25 per cent levy on the restitution that originally had been proposed.

If the individual has died, or the property belonged to Jewish organizations or communities dissolved by the Nazis, the law names the Claims Conference as the successor organization.

The money will come from German government funds.



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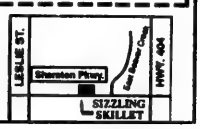

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Lamar visits Western Wall

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Spector says that a visit to the Western Wall was discussed "only informally." But he acknowledges that Canadian government policy is "no different for the Western Wall than it is for any other sites in East Jerusalem or the occupied territories."

In the end, Shamgar simply took Lamer to the Western Wall without informing anyone.

But earlier parts of the trip were cancelled or changed. In defense to his host, Lamer decided not to go to Bethlehem at all since Shamgar, could not go with him. A compromise formula, proposed by th Canadian embassy, was used to enable Lamer to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem. He was accompanied by a Canadian, and met Shamgar at the church. "Shamgar was not pleased with this arrangement," says Cotler. "But he agreed to it so that his guest would not miss out on all the holy sites."

The reception that was to be held for Lamar at Ambassador Spector's residence was cancelled once Shamgar and other Israeli judges announced that they would not attend. Instead, Lamer held a dinner for the Israeli justices in Jerusalem.

Despite the controversy, Lamer's visit was considered successful and helped strengthen the growing ties between Canada's Supreme Court judges and their Israeli counterparts. Lamer invited Israeli Supreme Court President Shamgar and Deputy President Aharon Barak to visit Canada as his guests in September when the chief justices of the world convene in Ottawa. During his trip, Lamer attended a festive ceremony at which a graduate fellowship was inaugurated in his name. The human rights fellowship for study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is to be awarded to an outstanding Canadian law graduate. The Chief Justice also delivered a talk at the Israeli Supreme Court, entitled: "Canada's legal revolution: judging in the age of the charter of rights. " For Israel, now adopting its own human rights legislation, Canada is considered a role model and trailblazer in this area. Lamer is scheduled to return to Israel in December, together with three other Supreme Court of Canada judges, who will be attending the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program's second conference on human rights.

Gaza police round up Islamic Jihad supporters

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Abu Meidin said Abdullah Shami, Islamic Jihad's most prominent spokesman in Gaza, was among those arrested Sunday.

During Sunday's cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly said PLO chief Yasser Arafat "is far from pulling out all the stops in taking action against Hamas and Islamic Jihad. He can do much more."

Rabin stressed that Israel must insist that he eradicate terrorism and take away the weapons belonging to the extremist organizations. "We don't have to run helter-skelter toward the Palestinians, but must consider every step very carefully," Rabin said.

Most of the terror attacks in which Israelis were killed this year were within the Green Line, in contrast to last year, when most fatalities took place in the territories, Rabin added.

Of the 66 Israelis killed so far this year, including those in the Netzarim attack, 48 died in attacks inside the Green Line. Only 14 of the 62 Israelis killed last year were killed inside the Green Line.

Rabin said he wanted to publicize these numbers to prove that while Arafat must do everything possible to stem attacks, this alone is insufficient. Israel must also do more, he said.

Abu Meidin said 85-90 per cent of the Palestinian population supports strong actions against extremists because of the loss of jobs in Israel and the attack on Arafat during the funeral of slain Islamic Jihad activist Hani Abed. "That was the red line for the Palestinian Authority."

Other Palestinian sources said Islamic Jihad's decision to strike an Israeli target in the Gaza Strip poses a serious challenge to Arafat.

By contrast, Hamas, which has committed even worse attacks recently, has avoided Arafat's wrath by attacking outside Gaza.

"Hamas is smarter, more clever, more pragmatic. They are looking for a piece of the cake," Abu Meidin said.

Hamas also has 10 times Islamic Jihad's support in Gaza.

Some of those arrested last Friday shot at police. Others were seen illegally firing weapons in the Friday parade honoring Abed's memory.

To make prosecutions easier, the Palestinian Authority will stress it is detaining the suspects in connection with the wounding of the six Palestinians, rather than for killing Israeli soldiers.

Blind Lodz leader dies

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LODZ — Dov Minc, the 86-year-old blind man who led the Jewish community of Lodz, Poland, for several years, died late last month.

He was buried at the Lodz Jewish cemetery, the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation in New York reported.

Minc was known for his devoted service to the Jewish community in Lodz, Poland's second largest city.

Although he became completely blind in his later years, Minc was able to supervise various religious and cultural activities of the community.

Today's Jewish community in Lodz is officially put at a few hundred, but "it is clear that a real number is much higher," said Rabbi Chaskel Besser, who directs the Lauder Foundation's program in Poland.

Prior to the Holocaust, Lodz was home to more than 202,000 Jews, many of them engaged in manufacturing. More than 378,000 Jews lived in the greater Lodz area.

Lodz's only remaining synagogue burned down in 1985 under unknown circumstances. Minc obtained funds from the Lauder Foundation to rebuild the shul.

Prospects for a new communal leader are good, Rabbi Besser reported. Lodz opened a Jewish youth club in August, and some activists in the Jewish community are emerging, he noted.

He said two men are being considered for Minc's position.

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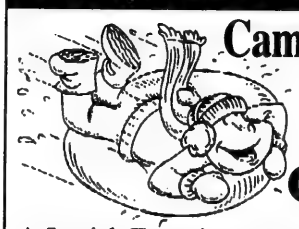
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Sports

Canadiens' star lends a hand to Israeli hockey

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — For obvious reasons, famed Montreal Canadiens defenceman Matthieu Schneider had no buses to catch or passes to intercept on a recent Sunday afternoon.

Instead, Schneider, one of a handful of Jewish players in the NHL, was over at the Samuel Moskovitch Arena in suburban Cote St. Luc, acting as a draw to get people to drop by and donate hockey equipment for Israel.

Schneider's appearance (he ended up signing some 300 autographs) was organized by the Canadian Friends of the Israeli Ice Hockey Association.

The association, launched four years ago by Montreal law students David Lisbona and Larry Markowitz, was founded to build grassroots involvement in and support for amateur hockey and figure skating in Israel.

The association also recently changed its name to Canadian Friends of Israeli Winter Sports so it could include speed skating and skiing.

Montreal Canadiens defenceman Matthieu Schneider (centre) is flanked by Larry Markowitz (left) and David Lisbona of the Canadian Friends of Israeli Winter Sports [Ben Shoob photo]

But Lisbona says his association, still rather loosely structured, has not strayed from its founding principles of making skating a pasttime for everyone and promoting hockey and figure-skating at a "high amateur level."

"Hockey pants, skates, shoulder pads ... We especially need goalie equipment and hockey sticks. Lots of hockey sticks," Lisbona says.

Israel has its own national hockey team (Team Israel), now playing in the World Cup C international division, and even sent a figure skater (Ukraine-born Misha Shmerkin) to the winter Olympics. (Shmerkin placed second in this month's Skate Canada competition in Red Deer, Alta. — see story on this page).

Montreal's own Tamara Ruby also competes as a figure skater internationally and trains in Metulla, one of Israel's five ice rinks (the others are in Haifa, Ramat Gan, Bat Yam and Jerusalem).

It is Metulla, in fact, that Schneider, an honorary director of Lisbona's and Markowitz's association, was supposed to visit this past summer as part of a Canadian Zionist Federation "Israel on Ice" tour.

That trip had to be put off, but Schneider told Lisbona he still hopes to go next summer, when a second, Olympic-sized rink will be completed in Metulla within the Canada Centre complex, a project of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

The new rink, according to the association's newsletter, *The Hockey Shtick*, will become Israel's official training centre for figure skating and the host site for quyalifying rounds prior to the 1996 Pool C (hockey) Championships.

Interestingly, Lisbona's association is not the only Montreal group supporting hockey in Israel.

Another Montrealer, Leslie Levi, founded a local company that raises money for the Ice Hockey Federation of Israel — which oversees the operation of Team Israel, by selling hockey and leisure clothing — as well as hats, sweats, pins and pucks emblazoned with the Team Israel logo.

The same day Schneider was signing autographs at the arena, visitors could deposit equipment in one bin and buy equipment from Levi's company a few yards away.

Lisbona concedes that unlike Canada, the "hockey culture" is "not yet ingrained" in Israelis.

But that could change eventually, he said, by promoting it more and continuing to raise awareness.

Misha Shmerkin

Metulla mayor boosts hockey

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yossi Goldberg wore two hats last week, both with pride.

As the mayor of Metulla, Israel's northernmost settlement, a tough-sounding Goldberg displayed an unshakable view that Israel must not cede the Golan Heights to Syria before certain conditions are met — if ever.

But as the genial president of the Israeli Figure-Skating Association, he was positively beaming over the performance of his most famous member, Misha Shmerkin, who placed second at this month's Skate Canada competition in Red Deer, Alta.

The Odessa-born Shmerkin, 24, now a resident of Kiryat Shmona, boosted his standing to 14th in the world following a dazzling display of triple loops and axels. He was sandwiched between first-place finisher Elvis Stojko and another Canadian, Sebastien Britten, who placed third.

Yossi Goldberg

At one point, Shmerkin, a real crowd pleaser, skated onto the ice waving an Israeli flag. And for those who feel the photograph accompanying this article looks familiar, it's the one the United Jewish Appeal in Toronto used on its billboards this year to tug at donors' heartstrings.

At last winter's Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, Shmerkin finished 16th, while at the world championships later, he placed 14th overall. Not bad for the grandson of a rabbi, who came to Israel in the 1991 wave of Soviet immigrants.

All Goldberg can do is shepp naches.

As for Shmerkin, he's blase. He told *The CJN* in a telephone interview that his performance in Red Deer was "okay," and that he's currently at work on even more razzle-dazzle moves for an upcoming competition in Japan. He's currently on a 10-month furlough from the Israeli Army.

While Shmerkin is clearly leader of the Israeli pack, there are plenty of skaters right behind him, Goldberg points out.

"There are now hundreds of kids skating in Israel and we have four figure-skating clubs," he says, adding proudly that the next conference of the International Figure-Skating Union will be held in Jerusalem in 1996.

The best Israeli women, Goldberg notes, excel, not at figure-skating, but at short-track speed skating. A Ukrainian emigree has good international prospects.

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Try as he may, Goldberg can't avoid politics.

Metulla residents, like so many on the Golan Heights, feel "betrayed" by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's rumblings of a land-for-peace deal with Syria — despite election promises to the contrary — and rumors that Israeli Jews may have to live under Syrian sovereignty.

"I will never accept that any Jewish settlement will be on foreign territory," he says. "The majority [of Jewish residents] are not ready to leave. We want peace, and the first step is to get the Syrians out of Lebanon. Then we can negotiate."

Beliveau has fond memories of Israel

MONTREAL — Hockey legend Jean Beliveau says in his recently-translated memoirs that the two weeks he and his wife Elise spent in Israel in 1985 as part of the Canadian team at the Maccabiah Games was a highlight of his career.

"I can't remember anything in my professional career that matched marching into Ramat Gan stadium at the head of the Canadian contingent, with 60,000 spectators cheering us on," Beliveau relates in *My Life in Hockey*.

"Canada got an extra-special salute, and everyone felt this as we walked proudly behind our flag."

In the roughly three pages Beliveau devotes to Israel (he had also visited Canadian troops there in 1966), the Montreal Canadiens great recounts being invited to join the Canadian-Jewish team as honorary captain by Maccabi Canada leaders Gary Ulrich, Gordie Schwrtz and Eddy Wiltzer.

"It was a great trip for both Elise and me," writes Beliveau, "because we had lots of free time to visit the cities and nearby countryside.

"As a Canadian who lives in a country of a million lakes and hundreds of rivers, I was struck by the self-sufficiency of the Israeli kibbutz and the country's irrigation system," Beliveau relates.

"I wondered out loud how they could have turned the desert so green, and they showed me the giant de-salination plants."

Beliveau was particularly struck by the juxtaposition of the ancient and modern — including being shocked by a Coca-Cola sign at the 10th Station of the Cross in Jerusalem's Old City — and recalled one incident when he and his wife had to walk gingerly towards an antique shop in Jericho past a stone bridge that was thought to be mined.

Initially, a phalanx of soldiers held the Beliveaus back because of the risk.

But the their chauffeur convinced an officer that the honorary captain of the Canadian team would be safer inside the shop than near the bridge.

"...I could see him visualizing how much trouble would come down if we were blown to bits because he refused us shelter," Beliveau recounts.

Jean Beliveau

Business & Finance

Investing in Israel urged from within and abroad

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

'Israel's economy will grow reasonably well'

TORONTO — The 1994 nosedive taken by the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE), in which the average share price dropped by about 60 per cent, was an anomaly, according to the president of a local financial service company.

"The stock market crashed for a variety of reasons which most people think are not going to be repeated," said David Baskin of Baskin Financial Services.

He was speaking at a recent panel discussion on investing in Israel, sponsored by the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Conregation continuing education committee, the Israel affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and Mercaz-Canada.

TASE began its dramatic rise in 1993 as a result of North American investment, Baskin said. Israelis, seeing that there was money being made, bought mutual funds from banks. The banks were aggressively promoting the funds and offering loans to purchase them.

"Your taxi driver in Tel Aviv had opinions on the stock market. The bell boy at the Sheraton in Jerusalem tells you what stocks he's buying — classic signs of a market bubble," he said.

Fuelled by investment, the market kept on going up, but inevitably the bubble burst. Baskin attributed the sharp decline on the TASE in 1994 to the rise in U.S. interest rates and an investigation into trading irregularities by the Israeli Securities Commission, which resulted in the arrest of major stock speculators.

"People lost confidence in the integrity of the market; they saw interest rates rising — what happened? They did what all sensible people do. They phoned up their mutual funds and said I'd like to redeem my units in the mutual fund."

As a result, mutual fund managers sold stock, and this past spring TASE went into free-fall, said Baskin, "caused by massive liquidation of all mutual funds."

However, now that share prices are down, there are some bargains to be found. Baskin cited several stocks on TASE and a number of high capitalization stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and NASDAQ. "Some of these companies are now trading at half the price that people were prepared to pay six or eight months ago."

He stressed anyone investing in Israeli stocks must recognize that they are dealing in a volitile market. "This is not investing in something that is going to go up a quarter of a point, down a quarter a point. These things fluctuate very widely."

Canadians, he added, can obtain Israeli stocks without an Israeli broker, either by buying stocks listed on North American exchanges, mainly on the NYSE and NASDAQ, or by purchasing mutual funds that invest in Israeli stocks.

Glenn Bowman, a partner with the chartered accountancy firm Soberman, Isenbaum and Colomby, predicted that the Israeli economy will grow "reasonably well" in the next decade if there are no major setbacks in the peace process. "Estimates are averaging, for the next five to 10 years, five to six per cent real growth. That is absolutely wonderful growth."

Israel's favorable economic prospects, he said, go hand in hand with the peace process and the country's improving international status.

"As a result," he said, "companies that would previously not consider setting up business in Israel are now looking at the opportunities."

He noted that Israel has been encouraging business investment from within and from abroad since 1959, with "subsidies, loan guarantees, tax benefits, and any other incentives that are needed to help provide an investor with a higher return on investment coupled with a lower overall risk."

Although State of Israel Bonds have traditionally been viewed as "a quasi-investment, quasi-heartstring tug," Charles Diamond, past executive vice-president of Canada Israel Securities, said that they are good investments offering high rates of interest.

"If you want a passive investment in Israel, the rates are right, and then bonds are something you really should consider."

Responding to a question from the audience, he said one of the downsides of certain Israel Bonds is that they are not fully liquid. They can be redeemed in Israel for shekels at any time, but bond owners must wait three to five years to cash them in here. In the future, he expects that State of Israel Bonds, which are now RRSP approved, will become fully liquid.

Audience member Shelley Jackson, who found the evening's discussion "very informative," said he was unaware that Israeli stocks are listed on New York exchanges.

Ehud Savion, the regional director of the Israel Aliyah Centre, said the information the panelists gave the audience is up-to-date and accurate.

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Women in business topic of discussion

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Women cannot afford to remain financially disenfranchised.

This was the underlying message at a recent seminar, a joint program of the Dental Hygienists Division and Business & Professional Women's Network of United Jewish Appeal.

Guest speaker Bernice Miedzinski said that "as women, we have what it takes to be savvy money managers." All that is needed is education.

An investment educator, Miedzinski has a particular interest in financial education for women. As the founder and president of Money Skills, a company which designs and delivers seminars on a wide variety of financial topics, she provides investment education for both individual investors and professionals in the financial services industry.

Miedzinski is a trained consultant and a fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute. Her aim is to provide women with the tools to make good financial decisions. "If we are ignorant, it has nothing to do with our ability," she noted.

Referring to a *Money Magazine* survey published in June 1992, Miedzinski said women possess certain positive skills for making sound financial investment decisions.

Women are eager to ask questions when dealing with unfamiliar materials; they seek help when necessary; and women research and "do their homework," in order to avoid risk.

Women also generally set goals and tend to be fairly focused. Psychologists say that most of our attitudes, values and phobias relating to money come from either adapting to or rejecting our parents' attitudes.

She said the best way to purchase stocks is to "go with your gut." A good source for making a sound investment is the daily newspaper. Try to speculate on a company's growth potential over the next five to 10 years. Making active observations of the latest trends can also help. She warned people to be wary though of succumbing to "analysis paralysis."

She concluded, "Decide you are the person in control of your financial success, and take action."

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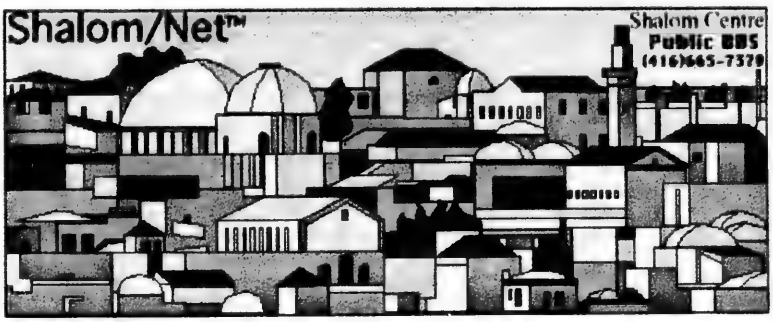

TORONTO — Toronto's Jewish community has entered a new dimension of cyberspace with a new bulletin board system, Shalom/Net, which formed last July.

This non-profit, community-oriented internet provides a wealth of information, with topics covering a wide spectrum of Jewish and secular life. As its name suggests, Shalom/Net is open to anyone of good will. Only racist and neo-Nazis are not permitted to participate in or log on to this information highway.

Conceived and founded by Joel Shuster, Yehuda Neve-Bar, Dr. William Goodman and Gordon Quinn, it runs on SoftArc software and is accessible to anyone with any kind of computer and a modem, whether Windows, Macintosh or DOS based. It is the only Jewish bulletin board system that has a graphical interface.

"We want something that is a link, not only within the Jewish community but also for the Jewish community and the rest of cyberspace," explains Shuster. Plans are afoot to hook up Shalom/Net with other Jewish communities, in Canada and beyond.

A good starting point for the novice to electronic mail as well as seasoned surfers, Shalom/Net is often regarded as more of an information driveway than a highway.

"People that make mistakes here are more easily forgiven," says Shuster. "It's the people that make the system. One of the fastest growing segments of the computer market are retirees who're getting computers."

The list of conferences or subjects that one can peruse include a Yiddish conference, congregations, Middle East peace, Torah study, the shouk (market), literary interest, religious services, Holocaust, Israel events, and news (Israeli and local).

With the recent peace agreement between Israel and Jordan, one correspondent sent a message over the system: "Can Shalom/Nets in Amman and Jerusalem be far behind?"

Secular conferences include real estate, automobiles, camping and hiking, and other recreational interests. Goodman compares the internet to "an electronic extension of *The Canadian Jewish News*."

There is a personals conference, which is an excellent means of hooking up with someone who shares your interest in computers. For example: "Shul Gabbai, 36; I take out Torah Saturday morning, would like to take you out Saturday night."

Singles can log on anonymously and can write on behalf of themselves or someone else. Shalom/Net is both social and educational.

What makes Shalom/Net particularly Jewish? Torah study, Middle East news and the fact that in the travel section, Israel is always listed ahead of other destinations.

Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, a supporter of and contributer to Shalom/Net, said, "Community bulletin boards are a way of reaching hundreds if not thousands of Jews who may not link up with any of the mainstream organizations. In particular, they are outstanding vehicles to stimulate Jewish interest in young members of our community."

They are also an appealing way to obtain information; for example, on-line, one might learn how to light the Chanukah lights in the proper order.

Users must log on under their own name, address and phone number, so that their identity can be verified. New registrants are welcomed in Hebrew, addressed as chaver or chavera (friend) and are allowed 30 minutes on the system on a daily basis at no charge.

The recommended contribution is a $36 donation per year to help maintain the system with a host computer, phone lines, and specially licensed software.

Volunteers to help run the system are welcome. For those who do not have a modem, the on-line angel can be reached at (416) 663-4355; the number to dial on-line is (416) 665-7379.

Currently 300 people are on-line, but there is a capacity for about 900 more.

This is the first story in *The Canadian Jewish News* published simultaneously in Shalom/Net.

A possible bank sale

JERUSALEM — Bank Hapoalim has signed an agreement in principle to sell Bank Hapoalim (Canada), a fully-owned subsidiary, to Republic National Bank of New York, Hapoalim announced recently.

Republic National Bank of New York, controlled by Edmond Safra, plans to merge Bank Hapoalim (Canada) into its business activities in Canada.

A bank spokesman refused to reveal terms of the agreement but said Republic National Bank is in the process of evaluating the Canadian subsidiary.

A new source of charity dollars

TORONTO — Life insurance is becoming a new source for charitable donations, according to Toronto broker David Brown.

He recently offered members of United Jewish Appeal's Insurance Division a quick course on a fund-raising solution that "has just scratched the surface."

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"It is within the realm of most people," said Brown. Not only that, but tax savings are available as well. The couple taking out the policy reimburse their designated charity for the premiums by means of a tax-deductible donation.

The organization at the policy's receiving end could yield $100,000 for premiums as low as $300 a year, depending on the age of the individuals involved. However, every policy is individually prepared to match the needs of both donor and recipient.

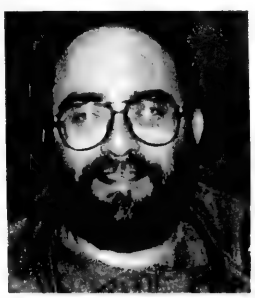
"There's no such thing as an eccentric insurance policy," said Brown. "You can do anything you want."

Brown strongly counsels clients not to substitute life insurance policies for their annual donations to UJA. "We're very clear that this is above and beyond their regular gift," he says.

If life insurance is such an effective funding source for non-profit organizations, why isn't there a stampede to take advantage of it?

"Many organizations don't even know about it," responds Brown, whose company, Al G. Brown & Associates, is considered one of Canada's top specialists in the field.

This year alone, Brown's firm transferred over $250,000 in life insurance proceeds to designated non-profit entities.


David Brown

For Brown, transferring insurance policies into tzedakah is more than merely business. He told his UJA colleagues it's a matter of "fulfilling dreams and granting wishes."

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CORRECTION

In the Nov. 10 issue of *The CJN*, an error was made in the photograph cutline that accompanied the article Remembrance in Holland. The line should have read Joe Chinsky is pictured here at Jack Spiegel's grave in the Canadian Cemetery, Holland. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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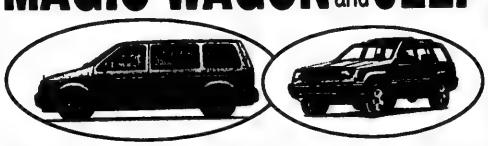
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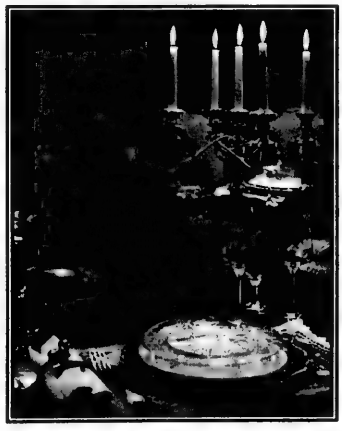

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There are three models, the Monte Carlo, the Monaco and the Cannes. All are solidly built of clay brick. Soldier coursing, brick arches and keystones give the Villas elegant, dignified exteriors which harmonize with the permanence and solidity of their construction.

Other exterior features include pre-finished maintenance-free aluminum soffit, fascia, eavestrough and downspouts. Every house also has a balcony in front, and an external connection for a gas barbecue.

The front door is fitted with a brass grip set, house number, coach lamp, door bell with electric chime, and deadbolt lock. In addition, it has a rough-in for a security system. There are casement or fixed thermal windows in front, and a pre-cast concrete slab and paved walkway to the entrance.

Every Villa has its own private garage and paved driveway in front. In all models, there is a tap in the garage. The basements, located at street level next the garage, have poured concrete walls; there is a powder room and storage area in each basement, as well as an inside stairway to the main floor.

The elegance and solidity of the exterior is matched within the house. The interior trim features brass finish hardware. There are Series 800 doors in finished areas, and Colonial baseboards with quarter-round in all tiled areas. All the main floor archways are trimmed. For floor areas, the vendor offers a selection of quality 35-ounce broadloom, and a choice of ceramic tile in kitchen, entrance foyer, main bath and powder room.

In the kitchen, there is luminous overhead lighting. For cabinet styles and counter tops, the buyer may select a variety from vendor's samples. The stove area is equipped with an overhead exhaust fan. The sink is double stainless steel, with a single-lever faucet and rough-in plumbing for an automatic dishwasher.

All models have two bathrooms plus a powder room. The vendor offers a selection of ceramic wall bathroom tile, and a choice of vanity cabinets and counter tops to form a pleasing contrast with the fixtures, which are all white.

The vanities have sinks with single-lever taps; also, beside every vanity, there are electrical outlets for small appliances such as razors. Over the mirrors in powder room, main bath and ensuite bath, there is vanity strip lighting.

In the unfinished area of each basement, there is a circuit breaker type electrical panel with 100 amp service, and two outlets under the panel. All wiring is installed in accordance with Ontario Hydro standards, with heavy-duty wiring and receptacles for stoves, refrigerators and dryers. The bedroom light fixtures are in the ceilings. All switches and receptacles are white.

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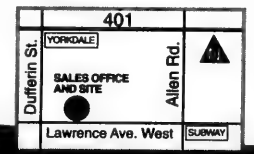

Arts

Patti Stren's motto: 'Never give up'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — She calls herself "child-like." She talks to an interviewer sprawled across the bed in her hotel room. She rapsodizes over her husband, a radiation oncologist who sends her love notes by fax. And she tells children to never give up their dreams.

Altogether, interviewing Patti Stren, Brantford-born children's author, artist and, most recently, textile artist, is a total delight.

Stren, who now lives and works in New York, was in Toronto to publicize her new book *For Sale: One Brother.*

Published by Disney in the United States and by Scholastic Press in Canada, *For Sale: One Brother* is the story of Molly, who, exasperated by the demands, nudging and just plain existence of her little brother David decides to sell him (or rent him, if necessary).

A sign in the apartment laundry room, offering him for sale, complete with "good teeth" and "a winning smile" and his toy worm, "price negotiable" but "no reasonable offer refused," and with free delivery, actually brings several offers — until retribution appears, in the form of her mother.

Anyone with siblings, or who has children who have siblings, will relate to this story. Stren says that one child sent her a note telling about adding the newest addition to the family to the garage sale.

The book is in some measure autobiographical. She and her older brother David fought constantly, she remembers, although in her case she was the younger child.

On the other hand, she says, "He knew I was unique when no one else ever did." In fact, David, a systems analyst, published her first book.

She talks freely about the years when she felt she wasn't very pretty or very smart or very thin, when her work wasn't appreciated.

"I know what it's like to get an A in school, but I also know what it's like to do so badly in Math that the teacher said in front of the whole class that I should have cheated."

When she talks to children, and that is something she likes to do, she tells them not to tease others who don't seem to measure up. "I tell them those are the kids who will turn out to be the best."

She tells them to keep their dreams when other people, and even a voice inside yourself, tell you something can't be done. "Never give up."

Her books mirror this hopeful attitude. One of her earliest, *Hug Me*, is about Eliot, a porcupine who desperately wants someone to hug. *I'm Only Afraid of the Dark at Night* tells the story of Harold Tribune (yes, that's really his name) an owl who is afraid of the dark. And *I Was a 15-Year-Old Blimp* is about a teenage girl facing those awful adolescent years with the added burden of being overweight.

Patti Stren, surrounded by some of her whimsical rubber stamps and drawings. [Ruth Lubka photo]

Whimsical

All are vulnerable — but because they never stop trying or give up hope, things work out well for them.

"You have to be your own hero," she likes to say. If that touches only one kid, she says, that's fine.

Stren is branching out into new territory, artistically speaking. Her whimsical rubber stamp patterns, for sale at Great Impressions on Queens Quay West, are featured in *For Sale: One Brother.* Her cartoons are used on ties and scarves by designer Nicole Miller, and she is negotiating with a clothing line to have her own line of "flirty, romantic clothes."

A self-declared passionate supporter of causes, she is donating part of the proceeds of *For Sale: One Brother* to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, in memory of a young doctor killed by on her way to answer an emergency call.

She wants to make a difference, and her books teach children that they can make a difference, too.

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Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Abuse Excuse by Alan M. Dershowitz, Little, Brown & Co. $29.95

Are we responsible for our behavior? Do we still believe in individual responsibility? Are we to be governed by our passions or by the rule of law?

Alan Dershowitz, renowned defence lawyer and professor at the Harvard Law School, is sure that criminals are literally getting away with murder. Courts of law and much of public opinion have been seduced by the notion that man and women are victims of forces beyond their control. The accused admit that they committed acts of violence, but claim that they couldn't help themselves. This "Abuse Excuse" argument includes abused child syndrome, battered wife syndrome, black rage, repressed memory syndrome, prozac defence, drug or alcoholic abuse — and more than twenty others.

To the more usual excuses, Dershowitz adds those that concern government corruption, as well as those offered by radical leftists, feminists, ethnic minorities and others who perceive themselves as victims of long-term abuse by "the system." He discusses cases involving O. J. Simpson, Tonya Harding, Woody Allen, Lorena Bobbitt, the Menendez Brothers and John Demjanjuk.

Jonathan Pollard, the American who pleaded guilty to spying for Israel has now served longer in prison than any other American in history convicted of spying for an ally. This is unjust, comments the author, in light of the plea bargain the government had struck with Pollard. In addition, the government continues to play fast and loose with the facts in the case and insists that many of them are classified.

Dershowitz writes that all the material used to keep Pollard in jail should now be declassified so that the public can determine for itself the actual extent of his crime.

"I am convinced that a full, fair and open review of the facts will lead to the conclusion that the information provided by Pollard to Israel was largely tactical and regional rather than global and strategic... Jonathan Pollard has more than paid his debt to society for engaging in an act of civil disobedience calculated to save innocent lives."

Louis Farrakan, the black Muslim leader is accused of using the "scapegoat excuse" to utter lies about Jews. To claim that 75 per cent of the slaves in the South were owned by Jews is patently absurd since Jews were only one-fifth of one per cent of the population at the time of the Civil War. Recent scholarly research indicates that Jews owned less than one per cent of slaves. Farrakan and his Nation of Islam are focusing black rage and frustration on Jews, an historic target — for which there is no valid excuse.

Several years ago, reveals the author, a group of women students threatened to charge him with sexual harassment because, in their view, he spent too much time in his classes discussing false charges of rape. A hypersensitive student can bring a charge of sexual harassment, and no matter how unfounded, it can be a career-ender, especially for an untenured teacher.

"If a student disagrees with a professor's statements, she has ample opportunity to respond, rebut, picket, even heckle. But there is no place in a university setting — or anywhere else — for censorship of hostile ideas."

Of course, acknowledges the author, a criminal justice system must reflect differences in degrees of guilt. Judges should take such differences into account in imposing sentences, and jurors should be presented with an array of verdicts representing different degrees of culpability. "But, we must stop making excuses and start taking responsibility. What is at stake is far more than the punishment of criminals and deterrence of crime. It is the very nature of our experiment with democracy."

As always, Dershowitz is forthright, cogent, clear and provocative.

Arts

EYE ON ARTS

BY BILL GLADSTONE

Poor Mrs. Yoshke Furmanovsky! In 1877, this dutiful wife of a humble Polish tailor found her way to paradise blocked by, of all things, a potato kugel with supernatural powers.

Strange as it sounds, this is the premise of an uproariously funny domestic tale, *Tum Gan Eden*, (A Taste of Paradise) by Toronto storyteller Michael Wex. To judge from the audience's reaction of near-hysterical laughter for about half an hour, Wex's tale may be deemed an outstanding highlight of the Jewish Storytelling Festival that took place recently in Toronto.

Wearing a black suit and the trace of an impish grin, the diminutive, 40-year-old monologuist stands demurely on stage as he begins to slay his listeners with the first words out of his mouth. His droll, singularly monotonous delivery serves only to heighten the hilarity of the language, which is liberally sprinkled with Yiddish. "I'm not entirely conscious of my tone," he says. "I told a story in Kingston on Monday, and afterwards people were asking, 'What's his real voice like?' I thought that *was* my real voice."

Judith Black was also a performer at the Jewish Storytelling Festival. [Morris Miller photo]

Wex's potato kugel has carried him to Europe and even helped get him a mention in the New York Times. He has told the story hundreds of times to audiences across Canada and the United States. Three weeks ago, he appeared (with other performers) at Symphony Space, a New York club at Broadway and 95th Street.

"Basically, the kugel story has become my meal ticket," he says. "I went through a period where I said, 'I refuse to tell this anymore' — and rapidly discovered that I wasn't getting any work."

Preferring not to divulge too many details of the tale, Wex says that "people seem to like it either because it conforms to tradition or because it negates tradition, depending on how you see it." When asked to sum up its essence, he shrugs to indicate that he can answer the question only with another question.

"What's it about? The aphrodisiac power of potatoes?" His eyebrows furrow as he considers the matter further. Then he solemnly declares: "It's about the role of a potato kugel in the preservation of the Jewish people."

Wex says he composed the story in a fit of pique in 1983, after his more racy submissions to a folktale festival in which he had been invited to participate were rejected as unsuitable. "I basically wrote it in one day. From somewhere, the idea of a talking kugel came to me, and I remember that I wrote the first half and then stopped and asked myself, 'Okay, what can happen now? What can a talking kugel *do*?' I did it so quickly I didn't have time to think. I had less than a week to write it and learn it."

Born in Lethbridge, Wex was raised in a Yiddish-speaking household that moved several times between Alberta and the largely Jewish area, Bathurst Manor in north Toronto. After studying English literature at university, he taught Yiddish at the University of Toronto for awhile, then turned to writing and storytelling full-time. He is married to Reena Zeidman, the head of Jewish studies at Queen's University in Kingston.

"It wasn't until I was in my 20s that I had any interest in Yiddish," he recalls. "Before then, I was embarrassed by it — there's nothing worse than being out with your parents and they begin yelling at you in Yiddish. But eventually I realized what an incredible advantage I had."

Wex is the author of *Shlepping the Exile* (Mosaic Press, 1990), a spicy, adult novel that contains a version of the innocent kugel story. It's available for $14.95 at numerous bookstores around Toronto. A tape is also available.

He is currently working on a second novel and a set of monologues dealing with Yiddish-speaking characters living in Paris between the wars. "How do you deal with World War II and make it funny?" he asks, shrugging. "This is the challenge I've set for myself."

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Schindler Story on Newsworld: A powerful, authentic account of Oskar Schindler's remarkable deception in Nazi Germany is captured in *Schindler*, the featured documentary of *The Passionate Eye* on CBC Newsworld, Sunday Nov. 20 at 9 p.m.

Understudy's dream comes true

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When the Toronto production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* first opened at the Pantages Theatre five years ago, Glenda Balkan was a member of the ensemble and the second understudy for the role of opera singer Carlotta Guidicelli.

She only got to perform if the lead, the alternate and the first understudy became ill.

Since September, the Montreal-born soprano has been playing the coveted role of Christine Daaé, the heroine of the long-running mega-musical.

Glenda Balkan

Balkan was the first singer in any of the *Phantom* companies to make the transition from Carlotta to Christine. In fact, she was the first singer to actually perform both roles at the same time, which is something of a feat.

The role of Carlotta is usually given to a coloratura soprano who has very high notes and a flexible voice capable of florid runs and trills; Christine is generally sung by a lyric soprano.

It was Garth Drabinsky who first had Balkan sing the star role. "One night, by a fluke, none of the leads was performing because of illness or other reasons," says Balkan, "and we heard that Garth was coming to check out the show. After, he came backstage and told me he had a hunch about me.

"A few weeks later, I was asked to audition for Christine and my first reaction was that I was too old. But even though I was the Carlotta alternate at the time, they offered me the Christine understudy, and a few months later, I became the Christine alternate.

"Because alternates are guaranteed a certain number of performances, I was actually playing both roles several times in the same week... One night, I actually had to look down at my skirt to remember which part I was singing!"

Balkan is from a family who ran a kosher-style restaurant that was an historic fixture in Montreal for over a half a century.

"There's a family legend that says my grandfather started Balkan's Restaurant in 1929 because he didn't have much to do, so he bought a Chinese restaurant with a thousand dollars that he had saved up. He got my grandmother to do the cooking and they lived upstairs... Eventually my father and uncle took over Balkan's and ran it until my grandfather died. We were a real restaurant family."

The soprano inherited her interest in music from her father, who wanted to become a concert pianist. As a child she studied dance and played the guitar and piano, but she did not start formal voice training until she was 18. She took a music degree at McGill University because, she says, "Getting out on stage and performing seemed right."

After studying in Europe, she returned to perform in Montreal and she did a stint in New York.

Balkan and her husband moved to Toronto in 1986, and the singer put her career on hold to devote herself to her daughter.

By 1988, her marriage was over and she needed to support herself and Katie, then 2, and began performing again.

She fell into *Phantom* almost by accident.

"Even though people were telling me I should try out," she says, "I wasn't planning to audition for the show because I was busy at other jobs."

In looking back over her career, Balkan, 40, admits that *Phantom* has been the turning point in her life and considers herself lucky to have been given the opportunity to sing in the show.

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London's classic attractions and new discoveries

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY
Special to The CJN

LONDON — It is always a pleasure to return to London, where the classic attractions are augmented by new discoveries each time.

On a recent visit, my 13th, I took my first 1½ hour Regent's Canal trip. We glided past houseboats with colorful flowerboxes, the gardens of waterside mansions, and joggers and strollers who shout greetings.

We also passed the back of the London Zoo, spying animals like the giraffes and llamas with their long necks. On the opposite bank, a mammoth netted tent is the zoo's aviary. It is astir with colorful birds.

The final stop on the canal ride is Camden Town, an area of flea markets and antique stores, where one can disembark or remain on board for the return trip to Little Venice.

Another waterway to discover is the Thames, with a choice of a short run on a catamaran cruise to the Tower Bridge and the infamous Tower of London, or to Greenwich. One feels for Anne Boleyn and the Earl of Essex who, condemned to die, arrived by the river and entered the Tower through the Traitor's Gate.

Cozy pubs

Greenwich is home to the impressive lawns and buildings of the Royal Naval Academy, as well as the observatory built on the zero meridian. The observatory and a museum are open to the public and one can lunch in a choice of cozy pubs near the waterfront.

A comparatively new art gallery is the Courthaud Institute Galleries which is housed in the beautiful rooms of what was once Somerset House. There are seven centuries of European paintings from Botticelli to Sutherland, but the impressionists are particularly fine. A visit to the Galleries can be nicely combined with a walk along the Thames through the Embankment Gardens, where a full dress band plays each afternoon.

There's almost always something new at the Royal Academy, and now they've got an artsy, if clattering, cafeteria worthy of note. In warmer months though, a lunchtime sojourn might be preferable down the street at the St. James Church cafeteria. There are frequent concerts and exhibitions there.

Finally, an old landmark, the Westbury Hotel of the Trusthouse Forte chain, has newly furbished rooms. Take tea in its library, complete with fireplace and deep armchairs. The Bond Street Westbury is surrounded by elegant shops and is a short walk from the (free) Museum of Mankind, well worth a good look.

Travel Talk

By Bill Cohen

Update on Surfside, Fla.: Surfside, the ocean-front community along Collins Avenue between 88th to 96th Streets in Dade County, just above Miami Beach, features 15 low-rise hotels and motels and a newly revamped 400-foot-wide golden beach.

The Surfside Tourist Board reports that the Baymar Ocean Resort (formerly the Seabrook) has recently undergone a massive modernization, and the Palms has been improved and become affiliated with the Holiday Inn chain. The Beekman, Rodney, 8801 Apartments, Coronado and Hilyard have also been upgraded.

Daily rack rates (in U.S. dollars) from December 15 to April 15 are: Beekman, $115 to $225; Coronado $59 to $90; Holiday Inn Palms $120 to $140; Rodney, $56 to $89; Baymar, $58 to $125; Hilyard, $56 to $92; and 8801 Apartments, $99 to $150.

"Surfside has not been touched by South Florida's crime wave, being 20 miles from the sites of the occurrences," a press release reports, "The tranquil community is well patrolled with one policeman for every 200 persons as opposed to larger cities where the ratio is one to 300."

For more information, call (800) 633-7712. Or write, Surfside Tourist Board, 9301 Collins Ave., Surfside, Fla. 33154.

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Florida Safety Improvements: After several well-publicized incidents in which visitors were attacked along the highway, Florida tourism officials have clearly marked main highway routes for tourists with large orange sunburst emblems.

Travelers are advised not to venture into lanes without the new sunburst logo unless they are familiar with the area or have received specific instructions about driving there.

Some 400 new road signs have also been installed as part of the safety program, which is budgeted at $3 million. As well, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau is issuing new road maps that highlight the main roads travelers need to use to reach principal destinations.

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Car Travel Safety Tips: When travelling by car in any unknown terrain, especially in or around large cities, it's always wise to play it safe.

- Carry a portable cellular phone, if you can, and make sure you have precise directions to your destination. Stop only in well-lit public areas. Drive to a crowded area if you think you're being followed.
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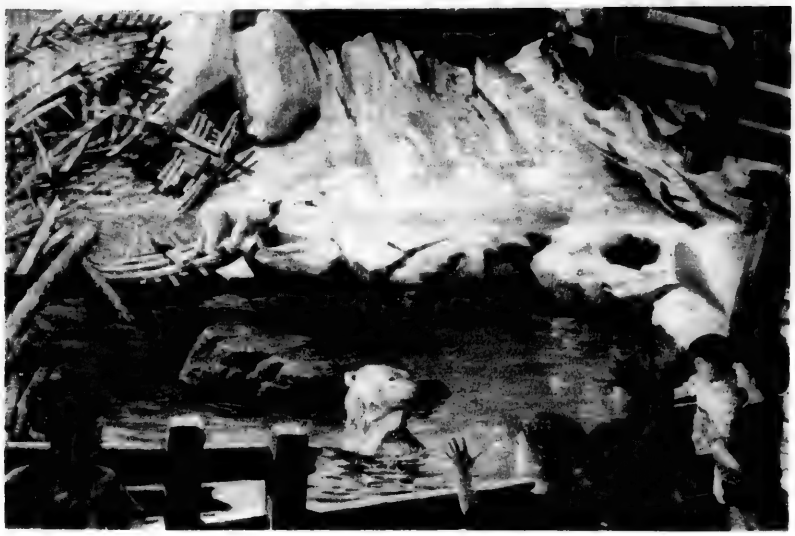

As part of Sea World of Florida's newest attraction, Wild Arctic, guests will come face-to-face with polar bears and other creatures of the Arctic. Shown here is an artist's rendering of the polar bear exhibit.

A thrilling Arctic adventure

ORLANDO, FL — Sea World of Florida recently announced the addition of Wild Arctic, a thrilling Arctic adventure which will debut by the end of May 1955.

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"The Arctic remains a mystery to most," says William A. Davis, executive vice-president and general manager. "Remote and largely inaccessible, it is assumed to be a frozen desert. In actuality, it is a vast, ever-changing ocean, teeming with life and closely linked to the rest of the planet. As part of Sea World's continuing commitment to offer our guests unique experiences with marine life, we are bringing the sights, sounds and sensations of the Arctic to Central Florida.

"We believe that what the public understands, it will protect," he adds. "It is our hope that introducing guests to the marine life of the Arctic will elicit a concern for environmental issues that are impacting this beautiful and fragile area."

Combining a high-definition adventure film with high-powered flight simulator technology, the adventure begins aboard the jet helicopter, Borealis or Snow Dog, kicking up cold dry snow at takeoff, in a race to outrun an approaching storm. Passengers are enveloped in the beauty, exhilaration and danger of Arctic exploration. Panoramas are breathtaking, but the trip is far from tranquil. High anxiety ensues when passengers encounter dangerous Arctic hazards prior to being delivered safely at the research base before the weather closes in.

Stepping from the helicopter, guests enter Base Station Wild Arctic through a chilly passageway which gives way to a frozen wonderland with ice walls nearly a half-inch thick. Seals lie on the ice, blinking a welcome at new arrivals. In the water, a white whale — a beluga — surfaces.

Here, the experience continues. Guests explore Base Station Wild Arctic which was built by modern scientists around the creaky hull of a 150-year-old British exploration ship.

Record animal behavior

The ship provides a unique vantage point for viewing Arctic sea life. Guests view polar bears, walruses, beluga whales and seals from both above and below water, as the animals forage for food, dive, swim and interact with Base Station workers. The realistic habitats provide insight into the animals' natural behaviors and environments. Brisk 10C water temperatures are suitable for polar bears and salmon alike.

Guests' exploration is enhanced by real-time computer communiques and interaction with research base "scientists." Monitors transmit ongoing reports from field researchers and radio tracking devices. Guests participate in record gathering by using touch screens to record animal behavior. Their data becomes part of Sea World's behavioral studies records.

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Those colorful, hand-painted wooden nesting dolls have been made by generations of Russian artists, but the inspiration is purely Japanese.

Before the 19th century, Japanese artists produced stackable gods for religious purposes. In 1830 a Japanese visitor presented a Russian nobleman with a set. A peasant, who had several daughters, saw the figures and liked them so much that he copied the idea and substituted dolls for the gods.

Sometime at the end of the 19th century, nesting dolls began appearing at Russian craft fairs and quickly gained popularity. Today Matrioshka dolls — named for the area in which they were first made — reflect the distinctive folk art of the regions in which they are now crafted.

Travelling through those regions, Anne Emonson of Russia House was overwhelmed by the variety of Matrioshka dolls she saw. "There are so many dolls out on the market," she said.

Russia House, a Canadian importer and distributor of Russian crafts, ended up selecting three basic styles — floral, abstract and fairy tale motifs — for the North American market.

The exquisite and intricately dolls are hand-painted by Russian artists in rich colors.

The fairy tale dolls, based on Russian and European fairy tales, tell the story of obstacles faced by a young man and woman on the road to true love. Individual dolls depict a different aspect of the story.

Each of the sets is unique. None are painted exactly alike and details vary. Artists make only about eight or nine sets from a single mold.

Specialty Matrioshkas imported by Russia House include a line of political dolls, featuring Russian political leaders from Lenin to Yeltsin. "They tend to be different," Emonson said, "as each artist has their own rendition of what they perceive the leaders to look like."

Five-piece doll sets have a suggested retail prices of $49.95, while larger sets cost anywhere

from $89.95 to $99.95. The political dolls retail at $79.95.

There is a Matrioshka doll book ($30) for anyone who wants to learn about the designs painted on the dolls. Cheerful hand-painted Matrioshka tea cosies sell for $19.95.

Russia House also imports the traditional Russian Bogorodsky toy. When set into motion, these toys — mainly bears — are capable of a range of activities including riding a bike, playing the piano, fishing and taking a shower. Named after a region near Moscow in which they are made, the Bogorodsky toys are carved from wood.

"With people's desire for natural products," Emonson said, "the wood toys are a big seller."

She recommends the toy, a favorite with adults, for children over nine as young children may not have the hand-eye coordination required to activate the toy. Bogorodsky toys retail for about $16.

There are lacquered brooches (from $14.95 to $89.95 retail) with floral and folklore motifs, and theatre glasses for $29.95. "We're selling to a number of theatres and they think they're wonderful," Emonson said. A telescope at 20 times magnification costs $46.95 and one at 10 times magnification sells for $34.95.

Russia House is a subsidiary of The Winchester Group, formed seven years ago to do business with the former Soviet Union.

Two years ago, after visiting Russia several times, Emonson had put together a line of products to start Russia House. Currently more than 325 retail stores in North America, mainly in Canada, carry Russia House merchandise.

The company has a native Russian representative in Moscow, and without him, Emonson says it would be impossible to run an exporting business. Laws and regulations there change almost on a daily basis, she explained, and you need someone to guide you through the maze.

Even contacting a potential supplier can be a major hurdle. Emonson has been to Russia more than a dozen times and has yet to see a telephone book.

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Canadian soapstone sculptures

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
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Soapstone carvings by two Quebec artists have found their way into some of the world's best homes.

Queen Elizabeth has had one since 1978, and Brian Mulroney gave Margaret Thatcher one when she retired as Britain's prime minister.

Prince Charles and Princess Di were given a soapstone bear by Pierre Trudeau as a wedding gift.

The sculptures are produced by a family living in Quebec's Eastern Townships. Mark Parkinson, 65, and his 35-year-old son Ross do the carving, while Mark's wife Betty supervises the polishing. The high polish brings out the beautiful grain of the soapstone.

"The carvings are very representational of nature and the Innuit way of life," said the family's agent, Sara Shabsove of Ottawa.

The artists carve birds and animals such as bears, beavers, Canada geese, ducks, loons, penguins, owls and seals. Hunters, men ice-fishing, a woman playing a drum and other figures illustrate the Innuit lifestyle. Prices range from $18 for a bird to $1,400 for a boat scene.

Shabsove became the Parkinsons' exclusive agent after seeing Mark's work at a craft show in 1977. She asked to become his agent, and when she telephoned him a few months later was told that he thought she had been joking.

It was no joke. Shabsove immediately took over. "It kind of started as a lark at first, but it's a viable business," she said.

Before meeting Mark, Shabsove was a "plantscaper," decorating homes with plants under the name Green Schemes Consultants Limited. When she opened her art business, she continued to operate with the same company name.

Shabsove recently branched out, becoming the agent for two British Columbia native artists: Ben Houstie, a Haida-style painter who trained with the well-known artist Bill Reid, and Jerry Whitehead, who Shabsove called the "Rembrandt of Indian art." She acquired paintings from both artists and had some of their works put on T-shirts.

To receive a Green Schemes catalogue or to make an appointment to visit the warehouse, call (613) 247-9131.

Chanukah Gifts

A flowering greeting card

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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When you want to give a gift that speaks from the heart, give Popvase, a combination flower vase and greeting card.

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Popvase is available in three major collections, each one consisting of a series of six different motifs, so not only will you speak from your heart, you can say it with style.

The Flamingo collection, the least expensive of the three, features bright, colorful motifs and a series of pre-written messages for those who are a little pen-shy.

Heritage, a more sober, mid-range collection comes in a variety of colors and marbled patterns and Museum is a prestigious collection consisting of reproductions of famous paintings by the masters.

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Popvase is available at flower shops, card and gift stores, garden centres, department stores and just about anywhere you can buy flowers and greeting cards.

Long after the flowers are gone, they will remember who sent them.

Shopping woes are cured

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Dr. Fleas International Markets offers quality items sold below retail prices, as well as year-round produce from 35 farmers.

With over 400 vendors, Dr. Fleas is one of the largest flea markets in southern Ontario and offers a wide assortment of goods.

An average of 10,000 to 12,000 people visit Dr. Fleas every weekend. Located at Highway 27 and Albion Road in Rexdale, the market can be easily identified by a gigantic 35-foot inflatable yellow and black flea.

And there really is a Dr. Flea — alias Allen Koffman. He wears a lab coat and stethoscope and wanders around the market with a microphone, announcing vendors' specials on Radio F-L-E-A, and he gives away prizes every 20 minutes.

"We try to put fun into what we do," Koffman told *The CJN*. He said his late father taught him "the lighter side of business and how to have fun," as well as "how to treat people."

Koffman, 38, said he decided to start his own flea market seven years ago — he's been involved with flea markets for 22 years — because he didn't like the way he was treated by some flea market owners. He's made a point of treating his vendors fairly, he said.

Koffman's rapport with the vendors is excellent. "It's a pleasure to be in the market when you have someone this nice [Koffman] to look after you, Dorothy Vincent, the owner of the Newfie booth told *The CJN*.

Her opinion is shared by many vendors. For example, Frank Devellano, of Audio Music — he specializes in buying guitars at stock clearances — told *The CJN*, Dr. Fleas is outstanding. "It's the best promoted and managed market," he said. With 25 years of flea market vending behind him, he should know.

Dr. Flea - Allen Koffman - presents a gift basket to Daniel Nosic II. [Barb Silverstein photo]

Customers are also pleased with the market. "[The farmers] have beautiful stuff," says Mike Kurtz of Bathurst Manor, who recently discovered Dr. Fleas. "And the prices are really reasonable."

Rip Partridge shops there three Sundays a month. "Everybody is friendly. They give you all the help in the world," he said. "Anything you want is here. You get variety."

There are some booths that may be of particular interest to shoppers looking for quality Chanukah gifts at bargain prices: Treasures for Tomorrow specializing in porcelain dolls; Ngai Gallery with oriental crafts and bonsai trees; the Hobby Shop selling collector cards and model car kits; and Monet's with discounted luggage and leather goods.

There are a number of stalls with well-priced clothing. Small to Oversize owner Arela Belkin offers some fabulous prices — ranging from $10 to $100 — on over-sized and regular apparel.

Shiron Fashions also sells clothes — at roughly 30 per cent below retail, while at Tequila Sunrise you can find body suits at 50 per cent off. Not to be missed for men is Good Looks, a stall specializing in pure silk ties — including some with Disney characters — which sell for 50 per cent below retail.

Anyone interested in quality children's clothes should visit the Kids' Closet opposite the Newfie Booth. The clothing — all 100 per cent cotton — is hand-sewn by owner Marta Kertesz and can be custom-ordered at no additional charge. Two-piece cotton-lined corduroy suits start at $25. Dresses are in the $50 range. Custom-made clothes are generally ready within a week.

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Replicated museum jewelry a solid gold gift purchase

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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Michael Macesic worked as a design engineer, but eight years ago he was so taken with a line of period jewelry he followed a longtime dream and changed direction.

Macesic is the Canadian distributor of two different lines of period jewelry and this spring he launched Creation Elegante — a line of handcrafted Victorian and Art-Deco giftware.

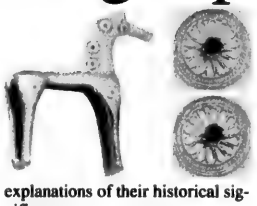
In 1985, Macesic went to the Frankfurt giftware show — the largest trade show of its kind in the world. It was on a whim, he said.

At this show he found his first line of jewelry — sterling silver art nouveau reproductions. "I saw that line and fell in love with it," he said.

Macesic sells the line to jewelry and gift stores across Canada. Retail prices start at $12 for small rings and run as high as $450 for some bracelets. The starting prices for earrings, broach, necklaces, and bracelets respectively are $18, $40, $48 and $90. The line is sold by Vicky's Jewellery (393 Eglinton Ave. W.) and Marquis Jewellers in the Cumberland Terrace.

Eight months ago Macesic started selling a second line — authentic replicas of museum pieces. "The whole world is compressed in this line," he says. It spans many civilizations from ancient Egypt to the 20th century.

The pieces are crafted in brass, pewter or silver, and gold-plated in 22 karat gold. Semi-precious and precious stones are used in most items. The jewelry retails from $22 to $350 and all pieces come with



explanations of their historical significance.

Macesic said the museums where the jewelry pieces originate get royalty fees from the sales. And in Canada sales have been very brisk.

Allison Duncan, an assistant buyer for Mr. Smith, a womenswear store at 1235 Bay St., is enthusiastic about the museum reproductions. "I sold out of it within a week," she said. She recently reordered for the fourth time.

Mr. Smith had stopped buying jewelry because there wasn't much change in style, but "now there's a big boom in jewelry," Duncan said.

"Big jewelry is out. Everybody's doing the replicas of museum pieces of the past, like Elizabethan and Victorian. The new style for the '90s is minimalistic and small. In the '80s, you showed your wealth."

Macesic's line of jewelry is well-priced, she added.

At Mr. Smith, replicas of Russian egg-shaped jewelry in gold-plated silver with amethyst and malachite stones and Egyptian Lapis tube earrings sell for $120 and $90.

Macesic is especially happy to be on the creative side of his products. "To make things you envision and that people really appreciate is a great joy," he said, referring to Creation Elegante.

This line of Victorian and Art Deco perfume bottles, jewelry boxes and picture frames is the brain child of Macesic's wife, Zorica Kalember.

She said her interest in decorated art deco perfume bottles — the most popular item of this line — came as a result of her travels, where she became familiar with European styles.

But she said the idea for the line came to her out of the blue. "One day I looked at my perfume bottles and I decided to make them more feminine," she said. The line developed from there. It's very much a creative process — all the items are hand-decorated in metallic pleated silks, Makuba lace from Japan, ribbon, silk flowers and/or synthetic jewels.

Macesic assists his wife with production but credits her with the talent.

He said the company cannot keep up with the demand because it's not a product that can be mass-produced, and finding workers with a knack for this kind of creative work is difficult.

Sales have quadrupled since the line was introduced this spring, he said. "It started as a sideline of the jewelry business, but it's becoming more like a main line."

Perfume bottles retail from $34 to $38, and can be found at Crabtree and Evelyn Stores. Picture frames and jewelry boxes start at $44 and $58 respectively. All these items can be bought as sets and are available at the Chair Place in the Promenade and the Country Garden at 2607 Yonge St.

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Rate your mate!

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Do you think you know everything about your mate — favorite food favorite television show, pet peeve, musical tastes?

Pick up a game of Rate your Mate and you'll quickly discover how much, or how little, you really know.

Distributed by Zibbers, Inc., Rate your Mate is a hilarious game with no bulky boards, buzzers or dice. Couples simply jot down answers from hundreds of questions presented on playing cards.

If their answers are the same, it's kiss and tell and they score. If their answers differ it's miss and yell; and no score.

Simple, we thought, as two couples recently sat down to play. We'd each been married for at least 10 years. What wouldn't we know about our spouses?

After some minor squabbling (It's my game; I'm the guest...), we chose a moderator who was instructed to ask each couple 10 questions, alternating between male and female.

Males write down the answer to the first question and, at the same time, the women write down what they think the man answered. The next question is addressed to females and the same procedure is followed.

We were given our first question. When your mate is in the car alone, he/she listens to a sports, music or talk show. I chuckled as I visualize the points flowing in. He knows I listen to music and since all-sports radio hit the air, he's been hooked.

The moderator posed the second question: What section of the newspaper does your mate read first? I laughed. I always read Ann Landers before the news. We began to feel sorry for our friends. After the next question — Would your mate prefer to gamble at a race track, casino or not at all? — we were flying. Everyone is aware of my husband's dreams of Las Vegas.

We were all anxious to check the scores, so after a brief discussion we decided to bend the rules a little and reveal our answers. A look of surprise replaced my condescending smile as I heard my mate's answers to the question about his radio habits. "What do you mean you listen to music? You've listened to nothing but sports for years," I cried.

"With no baseball or hockey what is the point of listening to sports?" he asked, astonished that I didn't know he'd switched allegiance. The other couple, ahead by three points tried to hide their glee.

Moving on to our newspaper ritual, I can't believe my husband thought I read the front section first. "Do you want everyone to think you put Ann Landers ahead of current events?" he chastized.

I'm reminded of the story about a couple on the Newlywed Game. When his wife asked how he could say that prime rib was his favorite food when he did not eat red meat, he replied that he didn't want people to think he couldn't afford it.

The gambling question came easily and we scored our first set of points. Our opponents were delighted because they had answered all questions correctly, but I informed them that this game didn't count because we bent the rules. On to the real game. This time we won't let them win.

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A holiday lineup of children's gifts

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The 39-year-old owner of Video Invasion on Bathurst Street started making toys four years ago strictly as a hobby and now his toys, many of which feature Disney characters, are sold around the world.

Walt Disney Studios rarely gives anyone permission to use their characters, but Wayne Fromm accomplished what some believe to be impossible when they gave him the go-ahead. "It's an unusual situation," he said. "Disney does not license inventors a lot."

Over the past four years he has created 20 toys, including the popular Beauty and the Beast magic talking mirror, which currently has sales of more than a million worldwide, as well as a line of hot-selling Mighty Morphin Power Rangers toys.

Fromm brings the Beauty and the Beast mirror, now a toy-industry classic, back for its third season this year. When a child pushes a button on this hand-held vanity-type mirror, characters from the animated feature appear and talk to the child. The voices belong to the original cast, among them Angela Lansbury, Jerry Orbach and Robbie Benson, who did the voice of the beast.

A mirror is available for *Snow White*, the 50-year-old animated Disney feature that was recently released on video. Snow White and the seven dwarfs sing as well as talk on this one.

The magic talking lamp from the film *Aladdin* operates much like the mirrors, but instead of pushing a button the child rubs the lamp to see the characters and hear the voices of the original cast.

Fromm's latest up-to-the-minute Disney toy this season is inspired by the movie *The Lion King*. This toy features the lion cub Simba, gazing into a pond on which the characters are reflected. Characters speak in the voices of the film's actors, among them Matthew Broderick and James Earl Jones.

The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers line of toys, based on the television series, is a success with boys and girls age 3 and up, and with adults. Some have become collectibles, said Fromm.

The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers talking arcade bank is a miniature video game. When a coin is inserted, the screen lights up and character images accompanied with sounds from the TV show appear.

The term morphin, from the word metamorphosis, refers to the transformation that occurs in the series when the children in the series change into their superhero costumes.

Fromm's Disney toys, available at all Disney stores, and his Mighty Morphin line, on sale at Toys "R" Us and other major toy stores, cost about $24. The high bouncing balls are $1.98.

One of Fromm's newest toys, to be on the market shortly, is derived from the Canadian television show, *Dudley the Dragon*. Another toy for the new animated Disney movie, *Pocohontos*, is being developed.

His Pink Panther Bubbles, already for sale in the United States, will be available in Canada this spring. Profits from the bubbles go to the Starlight Foundation, which helps critically ill and disabled children.

When Fromm is not travelling — he has manufacturing facilities in China and showrooms in New York and Hong Kong — he is busy inventing and designing toys at Video Invasion, which he opened 14 years ago.

An example of the Can-A-Grams that are available for special occasions. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Herblum has been on the receiving end of one of her own cans. when her first child was born, her husband packed an I Love You can with chocolate kisses and a string of pearls.

"Fortunately, he remembered to put a can opener on top so I could open it in the hospital," Herblum says.

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If you want to give a romantic Chanukah gift to that special someone in your life, think of romancing the nose.

Romance enhancing products with scent appeal — fragrant candles, soaps and other bath products — have become the rage.

For a romantic evening, put on the soft music, dim the lights and fill the room with soft candlelight. But don't use ordinary candles. To really set the mood try aromatherapy candles. Made with botanical aphrodisiacs, these candles are designed to stimulate romance.

Lise Ellacott, the owner of Ottawa-based Renaissance Imports, sells such candles. She is the Canadian distributor of Sensual Pleasures Aromatherapy Candles, candles scented with essential oils.

The seven types of "romance candles" are made with sandalwood, patchouli, neroli and ylang ylang. There are candles for relaxation, congestion, romance, energy, slimming, PMS and headaches.

"Aromatherpay is very much the trend," Ellacott says. "The botanical oil blends of natural ingredients have known therapeutic values."

The relaxation candle is the most popular followed by the romance one, Ellacott says. The candles are environmentally friendly, all natural and made without cruelty to animals.

The marbled candles retail for $14 and burn 60 hours. A sample pack of votive candles in an attractive container retails for $19. These candles are sold at Nastri and Eaton's stationery department.

Seracon Products, a Montreal-based giftware company, also offers a line of aromatherapy candles hand-crafted in Montreal. Versailles Candles are all natural, environmentally friendly and made without cruelty to animals.

Carole Gilman, the owner of Seracon, says the company has developed several different scents: vanilla and peach, roses and honey, fresh flowers, cappuccino, gardenias, lavender, and wintergreen.

The candles burn for 50 hours and sell for $26. They can be found at Robin Kay and the Nature Shops.

Herbal Metaphors' Scented Stones are an unusual scenti-mental product which comes in three fragrances — eucalyptus, lavender and vetiver. The stones are distributed in Canada by Market Expressions Ltd. in Nova Scotia.

Joan Pearson, the owner of Market Expressions, says the stones are environmentally friendly and their packaging is appealing. "It's an award-winning design," she says. "You don't even have to wrap it."

The stones, which come in a wooden box, retail for $36 and can be found in the Ontario Gallery of Art gift shop and Gingers International Bath Centre.

Enchantment Gift Company, a Monbtreal-based mail order company, distributes Sunfeather, a line of natural, vegetable-oil based fragrant soaps and bath products from New York.

Debbie Starnes, the owner of Enchantments, became a distributor after trying the products. "I really loved it. When you like something so much you want people to try it."

Photo supplied by Market Expressions.

Starnes sells two "love soaps" — Aphrodite's Bath and Erotica's Bath — that sound like they could be romance enhancers, but she says they're just "gimmicky soaps."

But she does carry Sunfeather's line of aromatherapy soaps and oils. "The scents go to your head and affect your mind," she says. These aromatherapy products come in four fragrances: Dream Time, Honor Moon, Synergy, and Passion Flower, "supposed to stimulate sexual energy."

Aromatherapy bath kits sell for $23.50. Natural soaps and gift baskets start at $2.60 and $11.95 respectively.

Renaissance Imports also sells a line of aromatic bath products, Essential Pleasures, similar to the aromatic candles. The bath oils and body lotions in 8 oz. bottles and retail for $7.

Market Expressions has a line of fragrant bath products and perfumed candles, and Seracon offers an extensive line of vegetable-based beauty soaps from the South of France priced from $3.50 to $10.

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Mac Goldman on October 29, 1994, late of 21 Mayfair Ave., #309

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JAKOBS, Ino Ben *suddenly in Hong kong on Saturday, October 29, 1994 in his 64th year. Cherished husband of Ida, proud father of Edith, Gerry and son-in-law Brent. Loving Opa of Robin, Aleta and Benno. Beloved brother of Robert and sister-in-law Nannette. Dear uncle of Yvonne, Benno, Henske and Fred.*

Robert Jakobs and his family still reside in the country of Ino Ben Jakobs' birthplace, the Netherlands.

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1	small onion, finely chopped or grated
3	large baking potatoes, peeled
1 tsp	salt
1/4 tsp	freshly ground pepper
3 tbsp	matzah meal or cornflake crumbs
	Oil for frying
1	3
3	5 mL
1 tsp	1 mL
1/4 tsp	50 mL

Combine eggs & grated onions. Grate potatoes into egg mixture, stir well to prevent discoloration. (If using food processor, chop onion with steel knife, blend in egg and add potatoes in chunks. Process until potatoes are finely chopped.) Add salt, pepper and matzah meal. Heat oil in large skillet to measure 3/4 in/2 cm deep. Add batter to oil by spoonfuls and flatten each pancake with back of spoon. Cook until crisp, then turn and cook 2nd side. Drain pancakes on paper towels. (When you cook each batch, add more oil if necessary, but add between batches.) Makes 16, 3" latkes.

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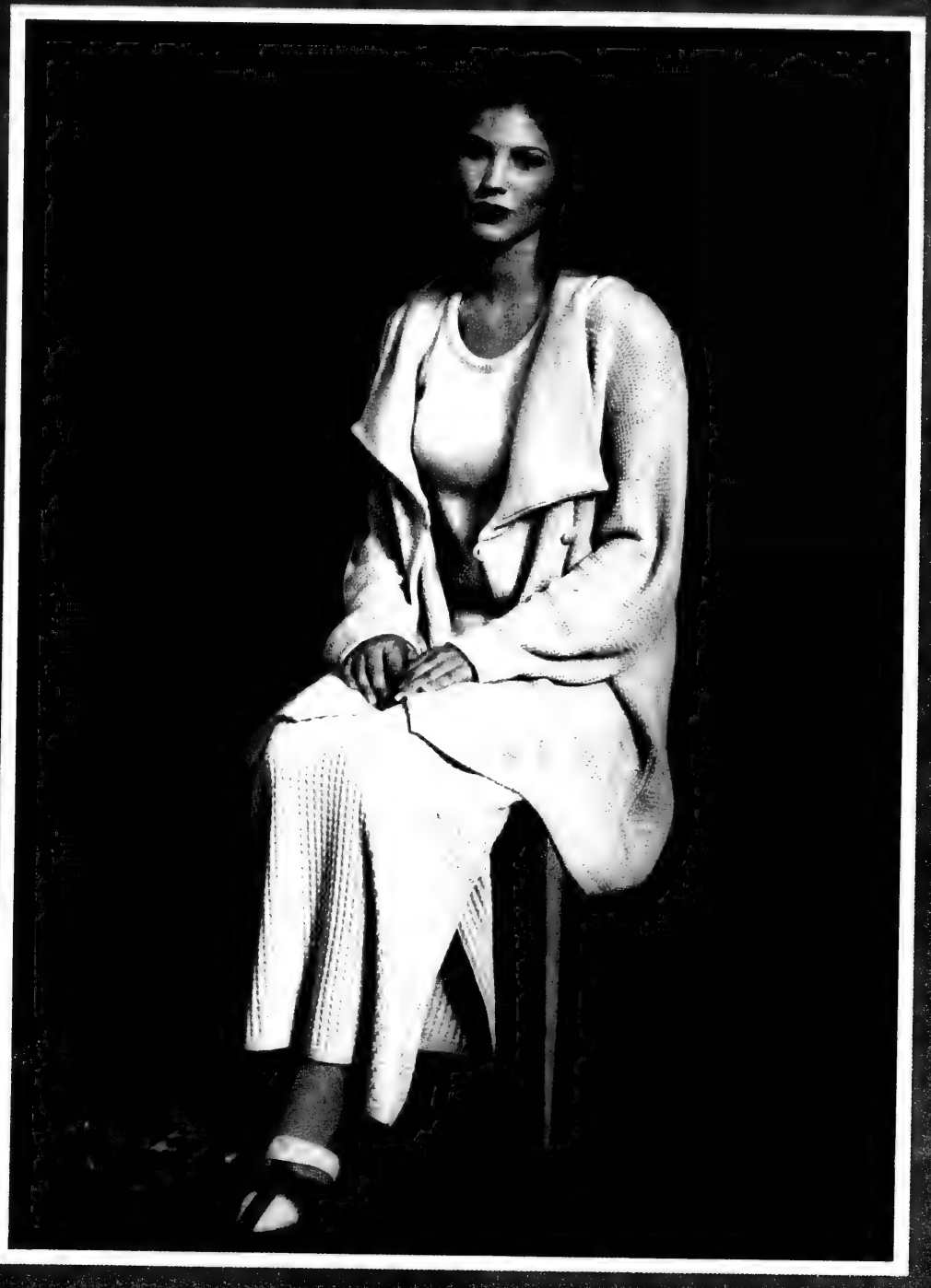
Winter Fashion



DIVINE KNITS

BY JULIE REICHLIN ADAM

Winter Fashion

Spring trends from SEHM

It's settled . . . freedom is the dominant theme of summer.

Freedom of shapes — soft, pyjama-style, unlined jackets in light fluid fabrics for a relaxed mood. . .

Follow the colors and they will reveal the man:

The **Purist** will choose the freshness of natural colors combined with white for bright sunny days.

The **Macho Latino** will go for loud prints in vibrating browns.

The **Tender** man favors aquatic blues, reminiscent of the wide open sea and faraway cruises.

Hip Hop is a fan of streetwear styles, the mix of denim with military, camouflage with stripes and romantic prints.

The **Athletic** look goes back to the freshness of white cotton underwear.

PURIST

A soft and fluid silhouette based on light fabrics and layering.

Shapes:
- Jackets often longer and unstructured, pyjama-style
- Draw-string or elasticated waist trousers
- Waistcoats
- Knee-length or longer duster-coats.

Fabrics:
- Linen of all weights, from the most rustic to linen voile for shirts and tunics
- Viscose or viscose blends to give a silky or satin feel
- Crepe and bleached looks

Colors:
- White for the whole look or put with all shades of beige (dry sand, wet sand)
- Stone grey
- Black

MACHO LATINO

A somewhat louder look with explosive mixtures and spicy colors combined with brown.

Shapes:
- Double-breasted suits which button up high
- Planter jackets with a turn-down collar and patch pockets
- Wide trousers
- Guardian waistcoats in leather, plain or printed fabric with several pockets
- Re-embroidered shirts
- Colorful jacquard jumpers

Fabrics:
- Rustic cloth
- Linen with thin, irregular stripes
- Slub linen
- Printed viscose

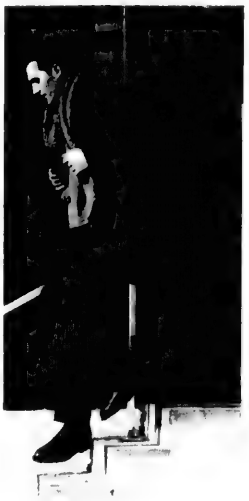
TENDER

A style which is both sophisticated and relaxed.

Shapes:
- Three-button jackets with or without collar
- Looser-fit trousers
- Shirts with a buttoned-up collar or an open fisherman-style collar
- Short-sleeved shirts
- Waistcoats cut like sleeveless jackets
- Pique or blurred jacquards for jumpers or polo shirts

Fabrics:
- Wool blended with linen, cotton, or silk
- Wool crepe
- Seersucker
- Light cotton gabardines
- Denim
- Blurred checks, dishcloth checks, dogstooth checks, Prince of Wales checks

Colors:
- The whole range of blues combined with beige or white. Dabs of pastel colors (whitened pink, straw yellow)



HIP HOP

A streetwear fashion with which teenagers can identify.

Shapes:
- Combat trousers with multipockets
- Long loose shorts
- Waistcoats with tool pockets
- Sleeveless and close-fitting shirts
- Short, tighter blouson jackets
- Oversized T-shirts
- Polo shirts with a Tunisian collar

Fabrics:
- Denim, stonewashed or striped
- Serge
- Twill
- Cotton and cotton jersey

Colors:
- Khaki
- Recolored camouflage prints
- Dashes of bright color
- Plain or small flower prints
- Thin multico stripes

ATHLETIC

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- Long johns

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Winter Fashion

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Design by Franco Mirabelli.

Toronto award winners recognized for design

The 1994 winners of the City of Toronto Awards of Excellence in Fashion Design were announced at a recent reception held in Toronto.

Topping this year's list of winners is Franco Mirabelli, who was presented with the 1994 Designer of the Year Award. Rising talent Samuel Bardon received the New Designer Award.

Other award winners are: the Mad Hatter's Vicki Sather as Accessories Designer; M.A.C. Cosmetic's Frank Toskan in Industry Achievement; and Jennifer Halchuk from the Toronto Centre for the Promotion of Fashion Design as Fashion Graduate.

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Shape, Shine and Glamour

by Joy Cherry

I have just returned from the ego-driven tides of high fashion week in Europe. It reminds me of Biosphere 2, a self-contained mini-universe in the Arizona Desert. The jammed streets of Montenapolene in Milan embrace the American fashion buyers as they herd together like a convention of Amish undertakers, wearing that angst look of coal- black pantihose, short skirts, narrow trousers and high laced boots.

In contrast, the exquisite Four Seasons Hotel on via Gesu pulsates with energy as all the top models arrive in their jeans and knapsacks, greeted by huge bouquets of magnificent blossoms. America's top retailers converge in the lobby, exchanging air kisses with representatives from the great designer houses, while the international press and photographers wander through the foyer trying to see and be seen.

Then the fashion schedule begins. A domino effect of the fashion bribery tax scandals and late starts dogged the shows in Milan, which left tempers frayed.

Europe '95 fashion points to shape, megawatt shine and glamour. Jackets, cut for serious curve. Skirts, minis or handkerchief hem lines in chiffon. Colour brilliant. Pants, every collection has them, high waisted, cuffed, draped, skinny and wide, always worn with heels.

Valentino great; John Galliano interesting and very 'forties. Rena Lange classy and elegant. Miuccia Prada young, fresh and a welcome antidote to the glamour and disco flash that permeate Milan.

(Now, how do I assimilate the above, so I can maintain our philosophy of ***"Perceived Value and Fashion Awareness"***? I shopped the Italian market and bought for you beautiful offerings for this season. Oversized cozy sweaters for weekend wear. Some with turtle necks that coordinate with separate vests, blanket stitched edges, and some with intricate stitched fronts. There are others more dressy with pearl detailing on the front. A tantalizing array around $125.00.

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Speaking of winter . . . laugh in its frosty face while wrapped in a glorious, nutria-lined coat, fur-trimmed at the cuffs and collar. Long and lightweight, it shields the body from winter's icy talons. (I bought one for Mom). Brave the winds in a sleek Alpaca-and-wool coat trimmed with Mongolian Lamb. Choose a faux leopard jacket made from Tissival, the most superior of faux fur. Environmentally friendly and unbelievably priced at $500.00.

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Speaking of royalty . . . poor Di and Charles of the roiling libidos. Ah, the agony, the ecstasy. Do we really care? However, I do feel that Di has retained her royal dignity despite Charles' written confessions. 'Tis the winter of their discontent.

A hat is the cherry on your fashion sundae. Steve Kokin, my cousin and one of the leading millinery designers in the country, has added his expertise to our jaunty, saucy collection of hats. Set off an elegant silhouette with a cocktail whimsy, or a daytime chapeau for your winter coat or suit.

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Needing respite from fashion, I spent a day visiting the old city of Sabbioneta, just outside of Mantua. It is an exciting time warp to enter the 16th century synagogue on the second floor of an ancient building. This synagogue was designed by the famous architect Andrea Palladio and has the classic proportions of great style so typical of this architect. The city was renowned for its Jewish printers which are memorialized by the street via Della Stemperia. From there, lunch at I Tre Garabaldini, where the regional favourite, Tortelli di Zucca (pumpkin-filled pasta) is so delicious and definitely one of my cravings.

Well, I am now back to home and hearth, feeling shortchanged without those Italian double-cheeked kisses. My thoughts traverse the upcoming season and dance into Spring '95.

I think . . . of viscosa, a wondrous new woven spring fabric.

I think . . . pink.

I think . . . of the 1940s renewing themselves once again — stiff Duchess of Windsor hairdos, red lacquered fingertips, and shoulder pads.

I think . . . of cleavage and my cup runneth over.

Why do designers insist on the revealing and the provocative, as sexual harassment runs amok? I suppose fashion, like thought, is a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Be well. Be happy. Be yourself.

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Winter Fashion

FT creator: 'My lack of stylishness was an asset'

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Jay Levine, the creator of City TV's *Fashion Television* (FT), recently told an audience he got the idea for the show when he flipped through a *Vogue* magazine.

He said he was struck by the number of ads and thought a television show on fashion, which could offer a much more dynamic presentation than a magazine, would attract a lot of advertising revenue.

Levine was one of two speakers at an educational/social program for members of the United Jewish Appeal's (UJA) Young Business People's Network (YBN).

The other speaker, Greg Masel, is the director of Young Leadership (English-speaking countries) of Karen Kayesod, an organization which raises funds for Israel in partnership with the UJA. He spoke about Yachdav 195, the international young leadership mission to Israel in August.

Jeanne Beker

Rosie Sosnowicz, the UJA campaign associate who oversees the YBN, was pleased with the turnout of 140, which she said "was the maximum capacity."

"We usually like to get young local Jewish success stories to speak," she said. "*FT* is syndicated across the world and we're proud that the brains of this operation came from our community."

Levine's initial efforts to launch *FT* about 10 years ago did not meet with success. He said he was turned down when he first pitched the idea, because City TV chief Moses Znaimer didn't think the show would have enough mass appeal.

But when CNN launched *Style*, a show similar to *FT*, about a year and a half later, Levine got the go-ahead from City. "They decided to get on the bandwagon with me and my idea."

Levine's lack of interest in fashion — he was previously an assignment editor on *City Pulse* — enabled him to create a program with mass appeal, he said.

"My lack of stylishness was an asset. I was more interested in making [the show] entertaining."

He acknowledged an element of elitism on *FT*. "It's about clothes you can't have."

He also admitted that initially he was not sure about working with Jeanne Beker, the host of *FT*. "She was dying to do [the show]. I had a problem at first, but I've come round," he said, acknowledging that Beker's stature as a television personality draws attention to the show.

"You can love her or you can hate her. But everybody has something to say about Jeanne."

FT, which first aired in 1985, was an instant success, Levine said. The first year there were six half-hour episodes and the following year the demand was for 39. The weekly show is now seen by more than 10 million people in over 80 countries, and advertisers have to wait a year to get a spot, he said.

The success of the *FT* concept — the application of the magazine format to television — has spawned other shows at City — *Movie Television* and *Media TV*. City is also franchising the *FT* concept to sell to Europe, Levine said.

"They're buying the raw footage and putting it together in a more familiar format for their audience."

FT covers a wide spectrum of topics relating to design and art, Levine said. "You can do whatever you want. There's nothing stopping you from flying anywhere in the world" to interview anyone you want for the show," he said.

Except logistics. The show sometimes uses reporters based in Europe, because it isn't feasible to fly there every week, Levine said. The budget accommodates a wide range of travel — he would not disclose the amount — but this year travel costs decreased when American Airlines became the show's official airline.

Levine, the producer and director of the show, has a core staff of five, with an estimated cost of $70,000 an episode, which he said "is extraordinarily low by industry standards."

He told the audience he feels fortunate to have had the opportunity to create *FT*. "I was lucky because City stuck with [the show] and believed in it," he said. "It paid off for me and for them."

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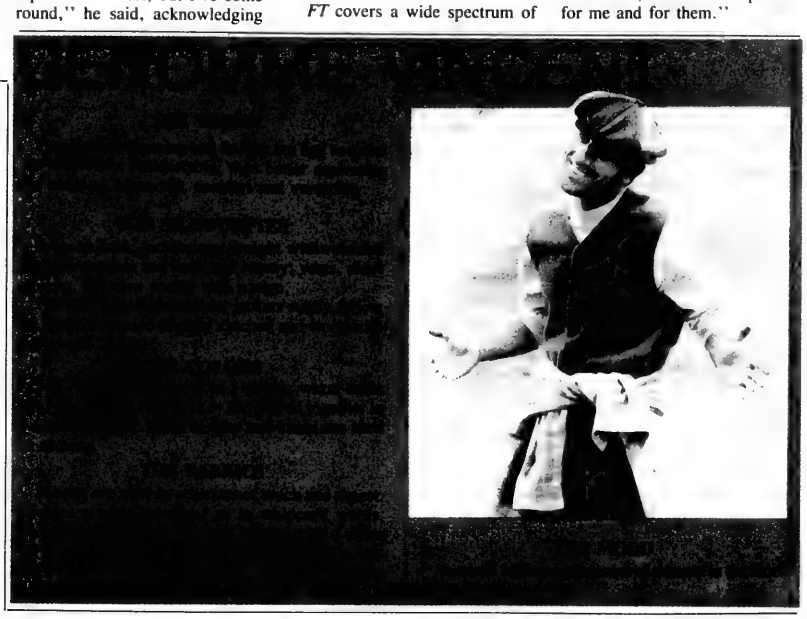

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Winter Fashion

Line designed for Kids Only

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Vikki Norris recently hosted a Kids Only party at her home.

Kids Only is a line of mid-priced children's clothing that can only be bought at home parties.

The group in Norris' living room carefully examined an assortment of children's clothing — dresses, jump suits, pants, vests, shirts, turtle necks — displayed on a clothes rack. The clothing starts at $16 for a turtle neck, and goes as high as $47 for a woven fleece jumpsuit.

Norris chose a turquoise and purple striped combed cotton dress for her 7-year-old daughter, for $37. Norris told *The CJN* it was well worth the price for the quality.

Colleen Robicheau, one of the guests, was impressed with the selection. "I like that they have accessories to go with the clothes," she said.

Another factor appealed to Dianne Ritza. "There's lots of room for growth," she said. "The style is big and baggy."

Patti Durkee, the Kids Only sales consultant, offered advice to the shoppers. But there was no hard sell.

"It's not really necessary," she said. "The clothing ... sells itself." Durkee likes selling a product that meets high standards, she said. "Cindy buys the best quality."

She is referring to Cindy Eeson — the owner and founder of the Calgary-based Kids Only Clothing Club Inc. Eeson said in a recent telephone interview that she began the company because she couldn't find stylish, affordable, quality clothing for her children.

"I just wanted a home-based business," Eeson said, explaining that she needed some stimulation outside of parenting, as she had given up her law practice to raise her children.

A child-related business appealed to her because so much of her time and energy was focused on her children.

"I thought, why not find a business that's related to children?" And there was a need for Canadian-made mid-priced children's clothing, Eeson said. "The market was wide open."

She found American children's clothing too decorative; European lines were too adult-like. So she set out to create a distinctly Canadian design. What she came up with is a stylish, but common sense approach to children's clothing.

The innovative designs — all clothes are 100 per cent cotton — are also practical. Not only does the baggy style fit any shape, but the clothing is designed to fit for two years.

There are five inches of fabric on pant cuffs — except for pants with elastic at the ankles — so the garment can be rolled down as the child grows taller. Waist bands are all elasticized and adjustable.

She also found a way to prevent knees in pants from wearing out, by designing a reinforced knee: a patch made of the same material as the pants, bonded to the knee area with fusible interfacing. The patch designed to be invisible — it goes on the inside of the pants — "is like iron," Eeson said.

The company's approach to color is also practical. There are four standard colors — raspberry, red, turquoise and royal blue — that are used in every collection (along with other colors) so that the clothes can be mixed and matched from one season to the next. Most of the clothes are unisex and can be worn by siblings of different sexes.

The clothing line was very marketable, but Eeson opted not to sell retail because it was too costly. She preferred to use the model of network marketing for her company.

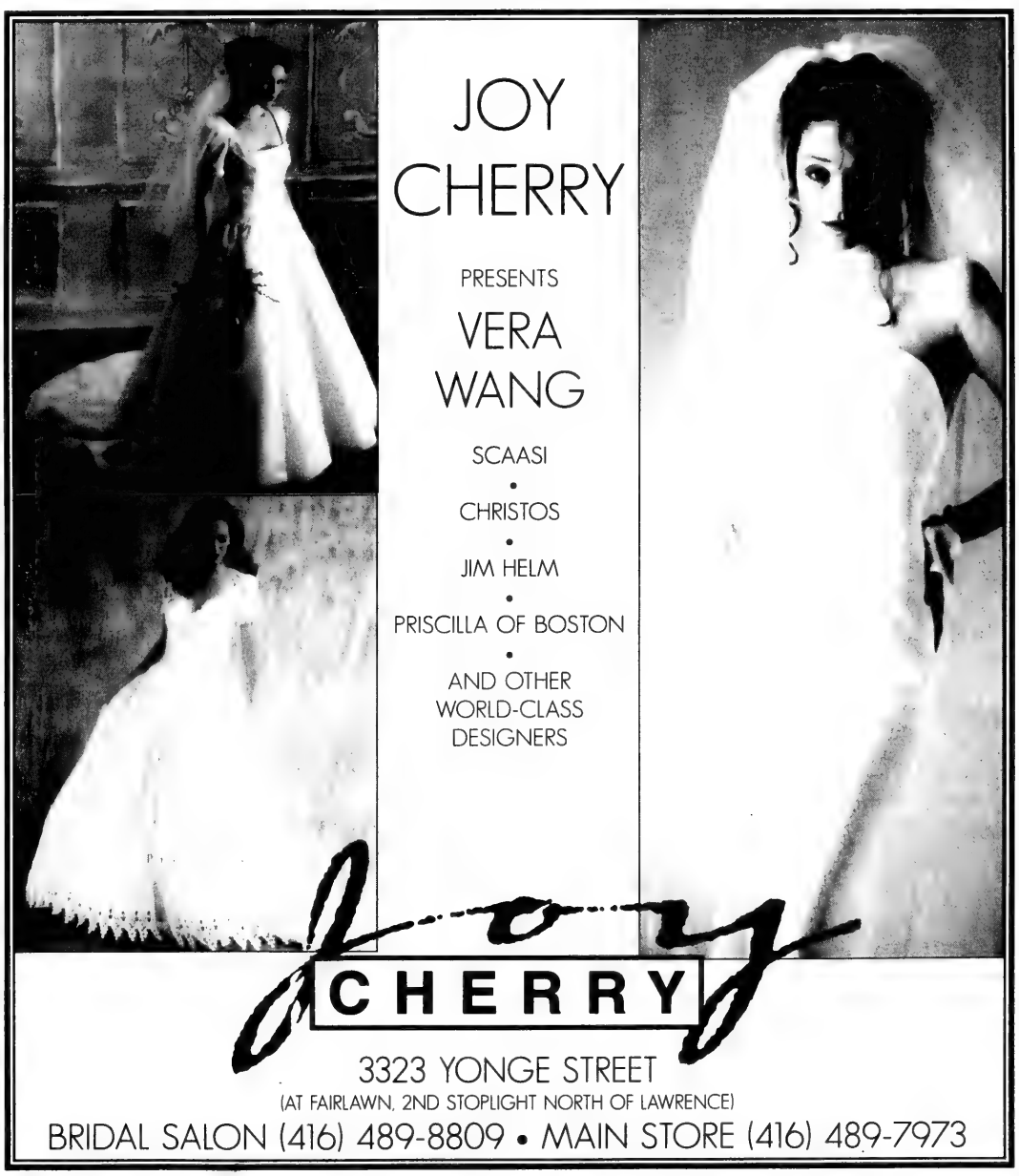
Eeson thought the company would attract women like herself — stay-at-home moms wanting to work from home. "I think I was right," she said. "We have 800 people carrying our line of clothes and 150 on a list waiting for samples."

The company — now in its seventh year — had over $16 million in sales last year. Eeson gave up her dream of having a home-based business six years ago to run Kids Only full time.

Kids Only consultants work part-time. They are all self-employed, earning 25 per cent of their sales, and additional money if they become unit leaders. Some earn as much as $60,000 for eight months of work, Eeson said.

Toronto-area consultant Durkee (416) 635-5115, sells for Kids Only two nights a week. As a full-time elementary school teacher, her time is limited. "I make a little extra money and I get to clothe my child beautifully," she said.

People living outside the Toronto area can call the head office in Calgary, (403) 252-9667, to find a consultant in their area.



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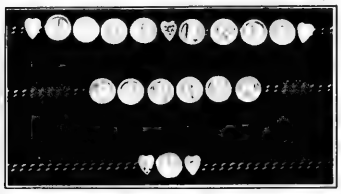
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Sophisticated children's apparel

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

A sense of style develops early in life. Well-dressed children blossom into adults with elan. To set the child on the road to fashion sense, Francoise Bouthillier has been creating clothes for kids for the past decade and a half.

Bouthillier bases her creations on the styles of days gone by, heavily favoring the Victorian and early Edwardian eras. Children are outfitted as small adults, using fabrics which are suitable for their elders to create a European-style sophistication for children.

Fabric is key to the line: gorgeous raw silk purple dresses, dotted with gold; a multi-striped bolero jacket in silk, pockets trimmed in gold; frocks in muted taffeta prints, finished with lace jabot collars to continue the Victorian theme.

Bouthillier's boutiques, which are outlets exclusively for her creations, sell only one item per size at a locale. Therefore, all items are original, a concept which the designer continues to promote.

Bouthillier's fashions were recently selected to be shown to a Japanese princess and the fashions sell strongly across Europe and North America, with clients coming from Ontario and New York to view the collections.

Hunter green

Bouthillier began designing and manufacturing 15 years ago in Quebec. She currently produces three lines, all produced in the province: Haute Couture, her signature collection for which she is renowned; Bouthillier Sport; and the Charles Edouard line, for boys ages 6 months to 6 years.

The Bouthillier Sports line developed from customer demand for more casual clothing incorporating the fine detail for which the designer is known. The line includes lavender cotton pants and sweat tops, imprinted with a Victorian lady's shoe, circa 1890.

Wearable plaid skirts, swirling red skirts and short jackets, mixed and matched for the well-dressed little girl; black velvet lace borders, tartan patch pockets with ruffled edges sewn over coats; darling capes with matching berets complete the outfits.

The Bouthillier Sport line is comfortable and classic, easily wearable and chic.

The Haute Couture line is created with the same attention to cut and style as that given to adults' clothing; like the Bouthillier Sport line, it is available in sized 6 months to 14/16 years.

Capes are woollen, with detailed side pockets. Hats are trimmed in black velvet. The effect is charming

A full line of accessories complete Bouthillier's clothing. Every dress is matched with a fabric hairband or bow; patterned outfits boast a selection of hair ornaments. Barrettes carry an autumn theme of red apples on green leaves; for the bolder girl, little mice are featured as well.

Colors are sophisticated. Few styles are found in traditional children's shades; hunter green, coral, khaki, oversize prints of Victorian roses, elegant reds are featured. This season's line has pompons sprinkled on collars and dress edges, adding a frivolous touch to outfits.

The Francoise Bouthillier line includes shoes for both boys and girls. Several styles in walking shoes are unisex; the elegant little girl sports classic black lac footwear.

Because the boutiques are outlets for Bouthillier's fashions, clothing is automatically priced at one-third off the retail price at the beginning of the season. During the season, occasional items are featured at half-price for about a week. The price range is for every pocket: from $50 to $400 for Haute Couture outfits.

Also carried in the boutiques are gift items by Bouthillier: hatboxes, old-fashioned picture frames, antique-style dolls, cards and teddy bears.

Winter Fashion

Belgium sweaters warm up Canadian market

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

Supple sweaters in soft shades are the hallmark of Mer du Nord, a style-oriented European company which is introducing its line in Canada.

The company, begun in Belgium in 1988 — its official label reads Mer du Nord 01.Mai.1988 — has consistently expanded its client base. Over 300,000 pieces are now sold each season in France, Italy, Spain, Denmark and Germany, and the company has begun selling to Japan.

Charles Le Pierres is Mer du Nord's representative in Montreal. He says quality of fabric and attention to detail are what make their sweaters stand out from other sweaters and tops.

In the spring/summer 1995 collection, Mer du Nord's first season in the North American market, 58 of the 300 styles available are shown. Mer du Nord also creates hats, socks, shoes and purses, but decided to show only its sweaters and tops for its North American debut.

The Parisian-born Le Pierres believes that both manufacturers and customers should have more respect for the garment and appreciate quality and construction over price. One well-made garment stands up to longer wear than three cheaply-made ones. Customers should demand quality of workmanship from every article of clothing, regardless of price.

"A woman still deserves to get good detail, and she deserves to look good no matter how much she spends," believes Le Pierres.

"Clothes for work should be as well-made as clothes for special occasions."

The imported sweater line from Mer du Nord does not skimp on either fabric or detail of construction. Pique formed into patterns where single lines blossom into a multiplicity of lines and other delicate piqued designs are featured.

Diamond patches of pattern

The Mer du Nord collection is created in Belgium, with 80 per cent of all items manufactured there. The remaining 20 per cent is made in Hong Kong. "When dealing with silk, Hong Kong is essential," says Le Pierres.

In Belgium, the company creates its own cotton fabrics, using old-fashioned machines which were previously used to make delicate lingerie. Hence, the cotton knit is finer, more delicate, and the feel of the textile against the skin is smooth. And the finely-woven cottons look as good after a year of wash and wear as they do when bought.

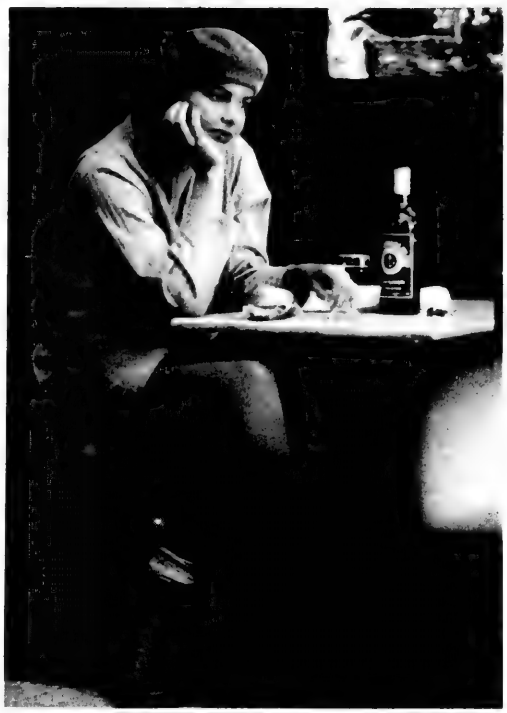
To create some of the more complex knits, up to five different textures are used: modal, silk, and rayon mixes weaving soft knits which flow against the body.

Sleeves are longer, draping over the wrists for ease of wear. V-neck and round necks continue the soft appeal.

Colors are classic: wheat, ecru, ivory, soft beiges, peach, pale blue, navy. Soft sea-greens mixed with moss are the only hints of stronger shades. Solid hues or blends of colors in the same family are a staple. In contrast, a sweater in the new collection sports diamond patches of patterns intermingled with patches of solid and pale burgundy.

Affordability is coupled with quality for the collection. Mer du Nord's cotton sweaters retail for $45 to $85; silk and silk mix sweaters range from $105 to $240.

Mer du Nord fashions are available at select shops in Montreal, including Dolce Donna, Collection 24 and Delavanti.



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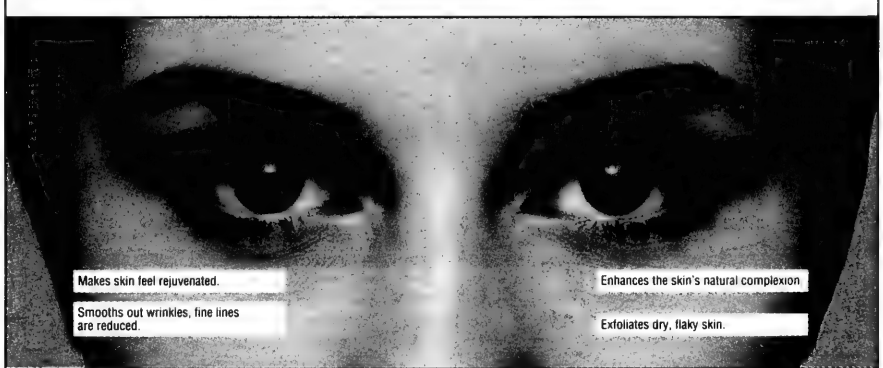
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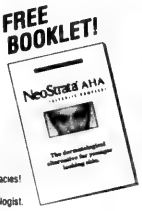

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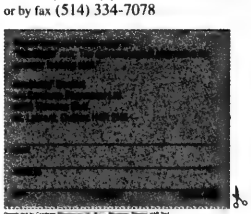

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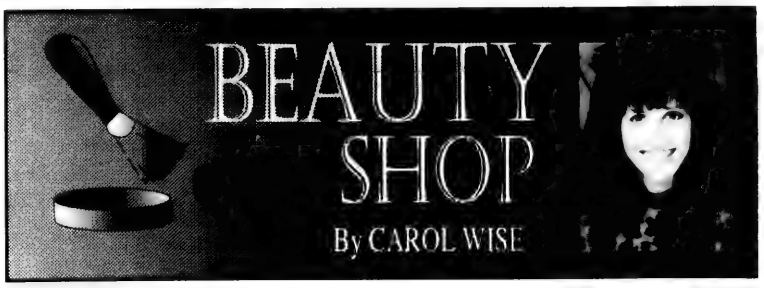

Winter in the City

Remember when buying skin cream was a relatively easy task?

You would simply go to the cosmetic counter and choose a cream that was best suited to your skin type and budget.

In the past couple of years things have changed dramatically and it's due to alpha-hydroxy acid (AHA). There are so many products on the market each claiming to be better than the other it seems that in order to choose the right cream, we need nothing less than an advanced degree in chemistry!

AHAs are derived from such natural sources as sugar cane, sour milk and fruit and may very well be the beauty elixer of the '90s. AHAs are a cure-all for everything from fine lines and dry skin to that youthful glow many thought was lost forever.

To try and simplify all of this, AHAs fundamentally accelerate the skin's normal exfoliation process and therefore promote the regeneration of new cells. It seems quite logical to me that, with this constant renewal of cells, our skin will appear more youthful.

It has been said that the '90s are the decade of antioxidants. Free radicals are highly reactive atoms with one or more unpaired electrons which can cause oxidation in the cells, a process that in turn leads to premature skin aging. Therefore, a formula that contains an antioxidant such as vitamin E will neutralize free radicals and counteract this ruinous process. Again, it seems logical to me that halting this destructive action will keep our skin looking fresh.

The winter months are, of course, the most harmful to your skin. With the severe winds blowing and thermostates on high, your skin is dehydrating rapidly. It is definitely time to get into your winter skin care regime. I'm not only talking about your face - be sure to take care of your whole body including your hair. Below is a list of new products that will help you combat the harsh effects of the winter months.

SKIN

NEOSRATA Skin Soothing Cream contains glycolic acid (derived from sugar cane), which has the smallest molecule in the AHA family and therefore has the highest level of penetration. It will make your skin feel rejuvenated and alive. It is a daily exfoliant and moisturizer which will smooth out wrinkles and reduce fine lines. Visible results will be seen in about 10 days.

Use **NEOSTRATA** cleanser and eye cream for best results. If your hands and feet have dry, rough skin, you'll want to try NEOSTRATA hand and body lotion, It's great around your cuticles. Buy some for your favorite guy - he'll love it.

ALLOETTE'S new Aloespa products include a terrific Hydrating Masque that promises to provide a cool boost to tired skin, restore lost moisture and leave your skin looking refreshed and radiant. Aloespa Prime Complexion contains a unique alpha-hydroxy formula combined with aloe; the two together will make your skin softer and revitalized.

MARCELLE Multi-Defense Cream and Lotion is a non-greasy, antioxidant formula that also includes an SPF factor of 15. It protects the skin against the negative effects of UVA and UVB rays. It is allergy tested, perfume free, PABA free and non-comedogenic. Remember it is essential to protect your skin on a year-round basis

HAIR

NEUTROGENA moisturizing shampoo for permed and color treated hair is a must for those cold winter days. Its conditioning agents will create softness, bounce, fullnes and vibrancy. You can follow with **NEUTROGENA** oil-free conditioner (wax-free formula) for styling manageability.

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CHEEKS

Apply blush high on the cheekbone and blend with a Velcro sponge. To achieve that sought after edgeless look blend in a circular motion. New cream to powder formulas are great and long lasting. Most popular shades will be in the rose family.

EYES

As you add your extra sweaters, add a little extra eye makeup to your eyes. Create a little drama with smoky khol pencils and perhaps a little white, frost eye shadow. Don't let your heavier clothing overpower your face. Give your eyes some sparkle.

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Winter Fashion

Mirabelli makes his way into the Mexican market

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

On his 10th year as a designer, manufacturer and retailer, Franco Mirabelli has become the first Canadian to be carried by the high-end Mexican department store, Palacio do Hierro.

Mirabelli celebrates this as a sign that free trade is working for Canadians and that financial times have turned for the positive.

"We produce a quality product and it's exciting that a market as wealthy and international as Mexico City appreciates what I do," he says.

Born of Italian parents, Mirabelli reflects his European heritage in his designs. The Mirabelli label has developed a reputation for luxurious and distinctive sportswear separates, made from fabrics from the same European mills that supply Giorgio Armani, Max Mara and Escada.

While the fabrics are imported, everything is manufactured in Canada to maintain the line's approachable price.

Mirabelli says streamlined, minimal, beautifully made clothes "is what I believe is modern, so that is what I did for Fall 1994. It is not about gimmicks or fads or what's in or out. It's about what I think the customer wants and what my vision of modern dressing is all about. I believe my clothes have substance and style. They are not for everyone but the woman who understands what I do, loves them."

Mirabelli says despite recent seasons of soft deconstructed styling, suits and tailoring are regaining importance. "It requires a softer but more controlled hand."

Jackets, the essential element of this collection, are understated and beautifully cut. There is a military-influenced jacket with Nehru collar, fitted seven-button shawl collar jacket, softly shaped shirt-tail jacket and the retro long flute-sleeved jacket.

A bell skirt, long or short fringed sarong skirt, skinny cigarette pants and wide-leg cuffed pant round out the collection.

Each fabric group has about five different textures. The mocha group includes solid crepe, mocha/grey gingham check, small shadow check and wool/polyester crepe. A classic charcoal collection features jacquard floral, charcoal/gold tapestry jacquard and tone-on-tone stripe co-ordinates with textural chevron, floral and tapestry.

For holiday wear, a textured viscose/acetate blend in black-on-espresso, black-on-black patterned jacquard and black and ivory solid silk georgette give that dressy look.

In addition to five stores in Mexico City, Mirabelli's wholesale accounts span across Canada and to many stores in the United States including Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Jacobson's, Rare Essentials, Carriage Shops and Jones on Madison. A retail store, Portfolio, is located in the Toronto Eaton Centre. Television personalities such as Jeanne Beker, Mary Garofalo, Dini Petty, Marilyn Dennis and Ann Rohmer wear his designs on-air.

THE TIE: an essential accessory

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

In a sea of blue, black and charcoal grey suits, it is the man's tie that stands out and demands to be noticed.

"A man makes a statement when he wears a tie. He says, 'Look at me, I am an individual,' " says Norman Katz, national sales manager of Ultimo 82 and Domar, a line of silk ties, designed and manufactured in Italy.

Katz says "the bottom line is that men still wear ties. Even with the trend towards dress-down Fridays, ties are still important. Some companies only dress down in the summer and others still like the men to wear ties, even as an accessory to a more casual look."

On those less formal days, silk knit ties add a touch of business to the casual attire. "These ties are not lined," says Katz, "so they hang lighter and they are not as constructed as a more formal tie. They look great with a flannel or denim shirt and a blazer. A less formal tie is a good way of balancing the business and casual look. A navy and gold diamond silk knit tie can add life as well as a touch of formality to a denim shirt."

When casual is strictly taboo, it is the woven silk tie that adds fashion flare to professional attire. "These ties are the same weight as silk knit but they are more formal. They blend perfectly with top fashion clothing and add sophistication and an international feeling to a business suit. In a sea of colors ranging from earth tones such as browns and camel to navies and burgundies, they are classic ties that can be worn anywhere."

Katz stresses that a tie is an essential accessory that can make the suit. "When a man changes his shirt and tie, he looks like he is wearing a different suit. In a formal office, a tie may be the only thing that allows a man to remain an individual. I like a tie to be seen. Mix and match a bit.

Wear a patterned tie with a striped shirt and do not be afraid to overpower the shirt. Ties are supposed to stand out. They are the icing on the cake."

He advises that men buy at least two or three ties for each suit and "keep them interesting. Do not buy an olive tie to go with an olive suit. Choose a contrasting color such as gold in a floral, diamond or striped pattern. A diamond patterned tie in gold and cream looks terrific with a beige suit and blue or green shirt. The Ultimo 82 and Domar lines have a little bit of everything for every personality. Each tie shows a suit in a different way."

As for comic ties? "Those are a fad – in one year and out the next.

If a man is buying a tie, it should be a classic design that he can wear year after year. Ultimo 82 and Domar ties are well-priced, well colored, classic, yet modern."

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Winter Fashion

And now...

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

Kosher lipstick? After the giggles end, the question begs to be answered: what could be unkosher about lipstick?

Insects.

Many lipsticks contain the ingredient carmine, a brilliant dye derived from the pulverized shells of the female cochineal beetle. Cosmetics is a glamor business, after all.

If that isn't appetizing enough, we are reminded that "all creeping things that creep on earth shall be an abomination: It shall not be eaten." (Leviticus 11:41.) Insects are simply not kosher.

Kosher dietary laws maintain that "you are what you eat." How tempting is the thought of squashed insect paste on your lips, anyways?

Biting your lips, licking the lips and leaving lipstick marks on food would constitute eating treif.

That's where Cinema Beaute, a company that produces a strictly kosher lipstick line, comes in. "Nothing unclean shall touch your lips" is its motto.

Created in New York City, the biggest Jewish city in the world, the lipsticks are certified by the Orthodox Union. They are kosher for Passover and pareve too. Use them when eating meat or dairy products. Use them when eating matzot. Suitable for all Jewish occasions.

By Jewish law, it is forbidden to put on make-up during Sabbath. This poses a problem, particularly for Orthodox women who have Saturday functions to attend. Cinema Beaute kosher lipsticks are long lasting, and don't require frequent touch-ups. Sleep with the lipstick on and have one less thing to worry about for the morrow. It's also a great way of never looking pale and washed-out in the morning.

Honey Mocha, Galilee Garnet

Cosmetician Annie Young immediately saw the potential of the lipsticks when she was introduced to them by Rhonda Goldberg, president of Areisal Cosmetics Inc. in Toronto. The lipsticks have appealed to many women other than the Orthodox. "One woman bought all nine colors in stock," recalls Young, the sole Montreal distributor of the lipsticks through Studio Annie Young.

The creamy lipsticks come sealed in elegant black and gold cases, marked with a stamp of kashruth and pareve. The colors are a spectacular range of shades harkening to Israel: Red Sea Red, Mount Carmel Coral, Rose of Sharon, Jaffa Orange, Promised Land Pink, Shayne Ponim, Sinai Sienna, Milk and Honey Mocha, Galilee Garnet.

Very kissable kosher lip!?!

Supplier Goldberg is known as Toronto's "Shabbos Make-Up Queen." A former model and make-up artist turned Orthodox, Goldberg practices her craft for weddings. She recognizes the challenges faced by Orthodox women who want to be attractive on the Sabbath while obeying Halachah. The long-lasting color of Cinema Beaute lipsticks means no reapplication on the Sabbath.

Goldberg believes she is the only one in Canada to import kosher cosmetics for the growing industry. Her line of products includes kosher eyeshadows and blushes. Certification for kosher make-up products is difficult to obtain, because the rabbis pose very strict regulations on the ingredients and the process which goes into the creation of halachically-correct cosmetics.

"The products aren't only for the kosher crowd," says the lively Goldberg. "People who are against cruelty to animals, who want to use animal-free products, are interested in this make-up."

Lipstick ingredients include castor oil, candelilla wax, beeswax and mineral oil. (By way of contrast, non-kosher lipsticks include petroleum oil derivatives and the infamous beetle mash.)

"There is no mitzvah in being ugly," believes Goldberg, whose make-up expertise brings out the best in women.

Kosher lipsticks are available exclusively in Montreal at Studio Annie Young, Decor Decarie, main floor, telephone 739-8880.

In Toronto, Cinema Beaute Lipsticks are available at the Kosher Food Warehouse and at Shomer Drugs. Or call Rhonda Goldberg at (905) 886-7754.

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Chanukah Greetings: The Bresver family serve up their own unique chanukiyot each year. This year's creation, made from 61 cinnamon buns, is featured on the cover of our Chanukah Greetings section. ***Page B1***

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Arafat vows to crack down on Islamic fundamentalists

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian government in the Gaza Strip intends to disarm Islamic fundamentalists, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat pledged last week.

Speaking to an Americans for Peace Now delegation visiting his seaside headquarters in this dilapidated town, Arafat said the crackdown will be gradual so as to avoid triggering a Palestinian civil war.

Arafat, whom Israeli authorities have criticized for not doing enough to combat Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorism, claimed the Palestine National Authority (PNA) has taken control of Gaza.

Arafat made his remarks prior to rioting last Friday in the Gaza Strip, in which 15 Palestinians were shot dead by Palestinian police.

"The Israelis have to understand that we've succeeded in controlling the Gaza Strip," he said during the one-hour meeting.

The Palestinian police force, he said, has seized 26,000 "pieces of arms" since moving into Gaza last summer.

Israeli reaction to shootings

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Arafat charged that the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, has flooded Gaza with weapons in a bid to weaken the Palestinians.

He claimed that an Israeli vehicle, containing "50,000 bullets," had been seized in Gaza recently, after it crossed Israel's Erez checkpoint. "Not 20 or 50 bullets. It is 50,000! Can you imagine it?"

The ammunition, he said, was bound for Hamas. He did not identify the smugglers.

Arafat said he was incensed that the contraband had been smuggled past Israeli soldiers. He claimed that Hamas leadership is based in Jordan, which recently signed a peace treaty with Israel, and said some Hamas leaders are members of Jordan's parliament.

"Why blame me?" he asked rhetorically. "Why not blame Amman?"

Calling for more "coordination" between Israeli and Palestinian security forces, Arafat said Hamas and Islamic Jihad – "these fanatic groups" – receive funds from Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states, Iran and the United States.

Arafat suggested that, in the 1970s and 1980s, Israel had strengthened Hamas by encouraging Islamic organizations opposed to the secular nationalism of the PLO.

He said "enemies of peace" like Hamas were winning new converts because less than 10 per cent – or $68 million (US) – of funds promised by international donor nations to the PNA had been released so far.

"Promises, promises," he said bitterly. "Instead of $700 million, $68 million. Peanuts!

"Give me one good reason why they are not transferring the money. Every time they are putting new conditions."

JCC talks heat up

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The never-ending saga of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has taken yet another series of sharp turns.

In past weeks, representatives of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Richter & Partners, the JCC's court-appointed receiver, and philanthropist Wilfred Posluns have been negotiating the possible reopening of the Leah Posluns Theatre (LPT).

They have also discussed ways of satisfying the financial claims of the JCC's unsecured creditors, including the 31 JCC and LPT employees who were let go about three months ago.

However, the seven-person board of directors of the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) has gone on record opposing any arrangement that will see the BJC lose control of the theatre. The parties to the negotiations were in court on Monday to place their positions before a judge.

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HAPPY CHANUKAH TO ALL

Sari, 8, and her brother Ryan, 11, get into the spirit of Chanukah preparing potato latkes at home. The first candle will be lit this year on November 27.

[Frances Kraft photo]

Next Week

Two young entrepreneurs, with the help of the Reena Foundation, have created a leisure retreat for the handicapped community. See Cynthia Gasner's report in the next issue of *The CJN*.

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The News In Brief

CANADA

Nazis Get Votes

TORONTO — Three avowed white supremacists who ran in recent municipal elections in and around Toronto all lost, but still polled thousands of votes.

Wolfgang Droege, leader of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, won 802 votes in the race for Ward 1 councillor in Scarborough. He was defeated by the only other candidate.

Front member Max French received 2,792 votes in his bid to become mayor of Scarborough. He placed fifth in a field of six.

And perennial candidate Don Andrews, a one-time leader of the defunct Western Guard Party, polled 2,721 votes in the race for mayor of Toronto. He finished fifth in a field of 11 hopefuls.

Neo-Nazi Links?

VANCOUVER — The near-fatal shooting this month of Vancouver abortion doctor Gary Romalis, who is Jewish, may have been the work of a neo-Nazi group, the *Vancouver Sun* reported last week.

Romalis, a former chair of Combined Jewish Appeal, barely survived a sniper's shot through the window of his house. He is under police guard in hospital. There have been no arrests to date.

According to the *Sun* story, while the fact that Romalis performed abortions may have been a motive in the shooting, police are not ruling out "other possibilities."

Tribute to Feld Carr

HALIFAX — National officers of Canadian Jewish Congress, meeting here last week, adopted a resolution thanking Judy Feld Carr, head of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews and members of her committee.

The task force worked for more than 20 years "towards the day when every Jew in Syria would have the right to leave the country if they so desired," the resolution read. Almost every member of Syria's Jewish community has left the country.

"As was the case with the plight of Jews in Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union, we are witness to a joyous and successful conclusion to what has been a very long struggle."

ISRAEL

Settlements Won't Move

JERUSALEM — No Jewish settlement will be removed during the interim period of the agreement with the PLO, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week after visiting military installations in Gaza and talking with residents of Netzarim.

"In the Declaration of Principles, we were firm [in saying] that during the interim period of the agreement no settlement will be uprooted," Rabin said. "We demanded this, the Palestinians agreed to it, it is included in the agreement, and it is my intent to carry it out."

Rabin's statement came amid increasing calls to move Netzarim, a settlement of 31 Jewish families in the heart of Gaza.

More Jews in Territories

JERUSALEM — The number of Jews in the territories grew by 10 per cent to 116,000 in 1993, despite a shift away from government support for settlements, the Central Bureau of Statistics has reported.

But the rate of growth was around 10 per cent, down from the 12-15 per cent growth rate in recent years.

The figure includes both births and migration, but excludes eastern Jerusalem.

The report showed 13,800 Jews moved to the territories in 1993, down from 14,000 in 1992. A total of 6,800 settlers left Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, up from 6,400 in 1992.

Concern for Scientists

JERUSALEM — Senior academic staff at Israel's institutes of higher learning last Tuesday braved heavy rains to join a demonstration of immigrant scientists from the former Soviet Union who may lose their jobs.

Some 800 top-notch scientists are likely to find themselves unemployed when Absorption Ministry grants come to an end. The first 150 are already unemployed, spokesmen for the Zionist Forum and the Public Council for Soviet Jewry said.

They urged the government to accept a plan drawn up by Tel Aviv University chemistry professor Eliezer Gileadi for the absorption of 500 outstanding scientists at universities and research institutes.

Surrogate Motherhood

JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court of Justice last week gave the government 45 days to explain why surrogate motherhood should not be legal in Israel.

It was responding to a petition by 25 couples who cannot have children on their own, and are interested in employing a surrogate.

The petitioners argued that the 1987 health ministry regulation forbidding surrogacy is illegal, because only the Knesset can enact such a rule.

The government countered that the health and justice ministries were working on new regulations and asked the court to postpone hearing the petition until they had finished.

However, the justices rejected that, saying each petitioner has a "biological clock" ticking and if the case drags on too long, some of them could become infertile.

Austrian's Statement

JERUSALEM — Austrian President Thomas Klestil concluded a three-day visit to Israel last week, and acknowledged his nation's role in the the Holocaust.

Addressing a special session of the Knesset last Tuesday, Klestil said a full acknowledgement of his country's complicity in the Holocaust was long overdue and that Austria should do more to compensate Jewish survivors.

"All too often we have only spoken of Austria as the first state to have lost its freedom and independence to National Socialism, and far too seldom of the fact that many of the worst henchmen in the Nazi dictatorship were Austrians," Klestil said.

"No word of apology can ever expunge the agony of the Holocaust."

While not making any specific pledges, Klestil told the Knesset that Austria should consider following the lead of Germany and make reparations to the victims of the Holocaust.

WORLD

Funds for Auschwitz

OSWIECIM — German government officials signed an agreement here earlier this month to provide at least 6.8 million deutschmarks to finance the building of a heating system in buildings now being used as museums at the site of the Auschwitz death camp.

Bonn will provide as much as 10 million DM up to 1996 for a wide range of preservation projects at the camp.

A foreign ministry statement says the preservation of the site "cannot be guaranteed by the Polish government alone."

German contributions to preservation measures at Auschwitz total some 29 million DM.

Ikea Founder Apologizes

STOCKHOLM — The founder of Ikea, the Swedish-based international furniture retailer, has apologized for his involvement in pro-Nazi groups in the 1940s.

Ingvar Kamprad's association with the far-right was first reported in the Stockholm daily *Expressen.*

Recently found archives showed that Kamprad attended Nazi meetings following World War II.

Kamprad, 68, has sent a handwritten letter to the 25,000 Ikea employees worldwide to apologize.

"This is a part of my life that I bitterly regret," he wrote. He said he attended meetings led by Swedish right-wing activist Per Engdahl between 1945 and 1948 because he "admired and shared (Engdahl's) fanatical anti-communist view."

Antwerp Jews Worried

ANTWERP — The Jewish community here has taken special security measures after Jewish owners of a clothing shop found stickers with anti-Semitic slogans on the store's windows.

The stickers bore swastikas and slogans such as "We are back" and "Don't buy from Jews."

The 20,000-member community reacted with outrage, and attributed the incident to the recent political success of the right-wing Flemish Bloc, which scored important gains last month in Antwerp's municipal elections. One out of three people voted for the party.

A special unit of the city's police force has been ordered to investigate extremist activities.

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Manitoba's Beach Shul at Winnipeg Beach. [Matt Bellan photo]

Manitoba shul vandalized

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For the second time in three years, teens have used the cover of Hallowe'en night to desecrate a Manitoba synagogue.

In 1992, an 18-year-old was charged with mischief for spray-painting the north Winnipeg Lubavitch Centre. This year, the target was the small synagogue at Winnipeg Beach.

The 50-year-old Beach Shul is used in the summer months when large numbers of Winnipeg Jews flock to their Lake Winnipeg cottages 45 minutes northwest of the city. The shul has a membership of about 35.

Two 16-year-olds have been arrested and charged with mischief after the synagogue was founded spraypainted with "Die Jews," "KKK" and "666" (the sign of the Devil in apocalyptic numerology).

According to RCMP Const. Kelly Glaspey, the teens have no previous criminal record nor any known links with hate groups.

"We put it down to youthful stupidness," Glaspey said. The two also knocked over numerous outhouses and garbage cans.

Synagogue member Laurie Mainster, reflecting the views of many other members of the Winnipeg Jewish community, has his doubts. "It strikes me that their actions were too deliberate," he said.

The permanent Beach community was also disturbed by the desecration.

Police keep watch on hate groups

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Toronto police intelligence officer has said everyone needs to be aware of hate groups and their effects.

"It's vital that we develop and maintain awareness of the hate groups in our society," said Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force.

Cotgreave was keynote luncheon speaker at a recent one-day conference on The Extreme Right: International Peace and Security at Risk held at the Park Plaza Hotel.

The conference, sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada, brought together about 60 professionals and community activists concerned about right-wing extremism.

The conference was one of four being presented in Canadian cities. Another was held in Montreal in early November, and Ottawa and Winnipeg will have conferences on Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 respectively.

Cotgreave said police estimate there are four organized hate groups in the Metro Toronto area, with an estimated 150 to 200 people involved in the movement and about 1,500 associates. The groups prefer to be called "white nationalists" or "racialists" to hate groups, he said.

The apparent 51 per cent increase in hate crimes this year can be attributed to increased awareness and reporting, Cotgreave believes.

"Police generally are aware now of this problem," Cotgreave said. Metro police analyze hate crime data, educate the public and help victims.

Although groups such as Aryan Nation, Heritage Front, Church of the Creator and Liberty Net may change their names frequently, their goal of wanting a pure white race and their membership remains constant, Cotgreave said.

One of the "more disconcerting areas" is racist rock music. "A young person will listen to the [racist rock] message four to five times a day. With a pamphlet, they may read it once and throw it out."

The main thrust of hate group activity now is recruitment, specifically of young people, said Cotgreave. "Youth are seen as being more impressionable, more vulnerable and having the desire to belong to something."

Other hate group activities in Metro include rallies and exchange of information with counterparts across Canada and in the United States and Europe.

Metro Toronto police meet informally every other month with other municipal police forces, including Ottawa's, to exchange information on hate crimes and hate groups.

"Police are committed to dealing with the problem," Cotgreave said.

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From coast to coast

CJC sends strong message to Legion

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — The Canadian Jewish Congress will continue to send a message to Royal Canadian Legion branches that refuse to bend on the head-dress issue.

Members of the national community relations committee (NCRC), meeting in Halifax Nov. 13-14, said they would urge groups considering using legion halls for upcoming company and private holiday parties to alter their plans if the hall has discriminatory practices.

"We are asking people wanting to engage a legion hall to ask the hall's head-dress policy and, if necessary, move to another legion hall for their function," said Bernie Farber, director of the NCRC.

"We're imploring churches, unions, muncipalities and other groups to stand with the Canadian Jewish Congress and Sikh organizations and be heard on this matter. And we want to remind politicians on all levels they should not visit legion halls that discriminate."

Bernie Farber

Committee chair Hal Joffe of Calgary said Congress has had a positive response, receiving letters from legion branches "telling us they changed their head-dress policy. We do not have exact numbers but now think the minority of legion halls restrict admission" to Jews and Sikhs wearing yarmulkes and turbans, respectively.

"We give credit to those who realize the significance of the issue," he said.

He emphasized Jews did not boycott the purchase of poppies prior to Remembrance Day. In Calgary, where he said all legions are discriminatory, the community Jewish council bought poppies directly from the Poppy Fund and distributed them to merchants.

"We still ensured funds went to needy veterans and their families, but did not funnel those funds through the legions," he said.

The NCRC meeting, attended by more than 20 national committee members, also faced the ongoing issue of racist extremism in Canada.

"We are now seeing a youth movement in the extremist racist element," said Joffe. "It's a small group with numbers that aren't increasing significantly, but they are more active in promoting an agenda of violence than were their predecessors."

Joffe said education is the key. "We have to make our community and the general public aware. These racists would like to take over society. I don't think they can do that but they can certainly hurt people."

Halifax teacher suspended for depiction of Holocaust

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — A Nova Scotia primary grade teacher has been suspended for four days without pay, for graphically depicting the Holocaust to her class.

As part of a Remembrance Day program, Cherene Naugler split her Riverport District Elementary School class of 5-year-olds into group of Jews and Nazis, to demonstrate the Nazis' responsibility for the destruction of Jews in World War II.

She chose those with dark hair and eyes as Jews who were to die in the gas chambers and later have their bodies burned. The fair-haired children were to portray Germans.

More than a dozen parents complained to the Lunenberg County (100 km south of Halifax) school board.

"I didn't think there was any need for anybody to be that graphic describing the Holocaust to a bunch of 5-year-olds," parent Heather Stoddard told the board. "I have no problem with her teaching that something happened, but I do have a problem with [the way she did it]. She should have better judgment."

The superintendent of the Lunenberg County District school board said this type of lesson has been used to instruct teachers on ways to sensitize children to the issues of prejudice and racism, "but it was inappropriate for children of this age," said Terry Sullivan.

Provincial education minister John MacEachern said he was disturbed about the exercise because it put children in the position of victimizing other children. "I was uncomfortable when I read about it [in Nov. 18 editions of the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald*]. I don't believe that's acceptable."

Lawrence Freeman, president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, said he will write a letter of complaint to the minister. "I think a four-day suspension is ridiculous. I find that method of teaching offensive, a process much different from the normal method of teaching. And this brings into question other teaching methods she might have used."

He said Naugler must be required to take some sensitivity training before she is allowed to return to the classroom.

School board administrators called in two psychologists to talk to the students about the incident. A school board official said he was told by the psychologists the students were "generally unaffected" by their roles. But at least one child experienced nightmares, "possibly because of a recent death in his family," according to an Education Department report.

Naugler, who has been teaching young children for more than 20 years, had been supervised earlier for a period of time because of other complaints.

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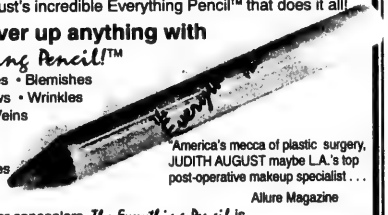

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From coast to coast

Israeli gets first-hand look at neo-Nazis

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Having boldly infiltrated the top echelons of Germany's neo-Nazi movement, former Israeli paratrooper Yaron Svoray felt more than mildly uncomfortable on the 1992 day he sat with 30 neo-Nazis in the woods and an elderly ex-SS guard put a gun to his ear screaming, "Juden! Juden!"

Quickly, Svoray leaned forward out of range of the gun, then reached behind and grabbed and broke his accuser's hand.

Svoray had previously told his Nazi hosts he was the emissary of a wealthy American sympathizer who wanted to invest heavily in the neo-Nazi movement. "That's it, I've had it!" he shouted, jumping up. "You guys are nuts, you accuse me of being a Mossad agent, I'm leaving!"

Several others chased after him and apologized, Svoray said in describing the incident during a talk at the Jewish Book Fair. Svoray is the author (with Nick Taylor) of the recent book, *In Hitler's Shadow* (Doubleday, $34.95), which recounts his journey inside Germany's neo-Nazi movement.

Svoray, who has worked as an investigative reporter and a detective, met a young neo-Nazi on his first trip to Germany, and found they both knew something about German film. "He thought that anyone who knows about German films between the two World Wars had to be a Nazi like him."

His new friend brought Svoray — who used the alias Ron Furey — to a private movie theatre where Nazis watched footage of Hitler,

Yaron Svoray

followed by a film of five men raping and murdering an 8-year-old girl. "All the men in the room stood up and shouted 'Sieg Hiel!' and I must have lost consciousness," Svoray said.

"When I came to, I punched my friend in the face, then drove from Frankfurt to Paris — I left my luggage at the hotel — and got on an El Al flight back to Israel. For the next five days, I couldn't touch my wife or hug my kids."

With tactical assistance from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, Svoray returned to Germany, intent on penetrating to the very heart of the neo-Nazi movement — which he found peopled with multitudes of doctors, lawyers, accountants, bankers and other ordinary Germans.

"The skinheads are more numerous and violent than German police have admitted," he said. "In the nine months I was there, I was involved in four heavy-duty fights, and I managed to put four neo-Nazis in hospital. There is no greater fun than a Jew beating up Nazis in Germany."

According to Svoray, some Germans accept responsibility for the Holocaust and want to make reparations, while others express a profound indifference to what happened 50 years ago and care only for beer, soccer and their annual holiday in Majorca. A third type, Svoray said, vigorously defends the Third Reich, deny there were ever more than 400,000 Jews in Europe, and assert that the world would have been a better place if Hitler had prevailed.

After going public with his secretly recorded information, Svoray was convinced he would put some of Germany's neo-Nazis in prison. "It's been a year since I came out of the closet, and I'm sorry to say that not one of these neo-Nazi guys has gone to jail."

All German politicians have done is enact tougher laws against Nazism, he said, but they do not have the will to enforce them.

Asked about Ernst Zundel, the Toronto purveyor of Nazi propaganda, Svoray said, "He's considered by the neo-Nazis in Germany as the second best friend they have. Zundel always comes into the conversation — he's a major player. What I can't understand is how the Canadians let this guy get away with it."

An HBO made-for-television movie based on his experiences is currently being produced, Svoray said.

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Memorial service held for Waxman, Poraz

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 250 people crowded into an area yeshivah recently to memorialize Nachshon Waxman and Nir Poraz.

Poraz was the Israeli commando who led the failed Oct. 14 raid to free Waxman, kidnapped by Hamas. The kidnappers killed Waxman minutes into the commando raid.

The solemn Ma'ariv service at Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim was sponsored by Bnei Akiva of Toronto and Mizrachi of Toronto.

In a scholarly memorial shiur on the obligation to give up one's life for a cause, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, rosh kollel of Rebbenu Itzchak Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University (RIETS), said the sages had different opinions.

He methodically explained that ahavas Hashem (love of G-d) forms the way we think and outlines our obligations, while kiddush Hashem (sanctification of G-d) is the act which fulfils the mitzvah. He emphasized the importance of demonstrating commitment through actions.

The acts are examples to be emulated, he told the predominantly young audience.

Rabbi Schachter said ahavas Hashem is possessed by every Jew from before birth. Relating this to Waxman and Poraz, he said one was a Talmudic scholar and the other demonstrated this love under pressure.

"The actions of Nachshon Waxman and Nir Poraz, despite their differing backgrounds, this is kiddush Hashem."

Rabbi Schachter told *The CJN* he believes serving in the Israeli army is "a positive act" and those who serve sanctify G-d's name. "My own son-in-law served in the IDF and I am very proud of that fact."

Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive vice-president of Mizrachi Canada, chaired the remembrance siyum. He said Rabbi Schachter is an example of kiddush Hashem. "He travelled to Israel when Israel was being bombed so he could help and bring strength to the people of Israel. Rabbi Schachter is brilliance in action," he said.

Seen at the memorial siyum in memory of Nachshon Waxman and Nir Poraz are (from left) Aaron Greenberg, Harav Hershel Schachter, who presented the memorial shiur, and Sean Guttmann [Cynthia Gasner photo]

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Leo Baeck opens new campus

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

VAUGHAN, Ont. — More than 500 students, parents and staff of Leo Baeck Day School, the only Reform Jewish day school in Canada, recently packed the school auditorium for the official dedication of its new campus.

The 52,000-sq.ft. facility, which opened in September, also houses the Centre for Reform Judaism and is the temporary home of Temple Kol Ami.

Austin Beutel, immediate past president of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ), said the building demonstrates the growth of Reform Judaism.

"It cements the bond between synagogue and school and helps maintain a consistency between Judaic practice and schooling," Beutel said.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, chair of Leo Baeck Day School's board, told the crowd that when the school was founded 20 years ago, Reform Judaism was an organization in name only.

"Leo Baeck Day School has changed all that. There is now a common centre and the school reminds us that our children are our common cause. This building houses a dream."

He thanked the boards and members of Toronto Reform congregations for financial and moral backing of the project, and the parents for "shouldering an enormous responsibility. You can always have faith in the education the children will take away from this school."

Toronto businessman and philanthropist Leslie Dan, for whose family the building is named thanks to a generous contribution, reminded the audience that "what matters is that we are all Jews. Each component of Judaism has an important contribution to make and all of those components ensure the survival of the Jewish people.

"Jewish education is mandatory if we wish to survive. Those students will one day depart the school yet they will have ingrained values which they will carry with them for the rest of their lives."

Also taking part in the dedication ceremony were CCRJ executive director Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb, Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, Rabbi Eric Yoffie of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Joseph Steiner, chair of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education.

Holy Blossom Temple senior scholar Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who studied under Rabbi Leo Baeck, praised him for being a great scholar and a great human being and for making it possible for him to go to the United States from England to study.

In gratitude, Rabbi Plaut presented school director Zita Gardner with a letter written to him from Rabbi Baeck. "He was a human being, not just a name," said Rabbi Plaut.

At the official opening of Leo Baeck Day School students participated in hanging a mezzuzah at the entrance. Seen (from left) are Kaily Kosher, Rikki Bennie, Laura Michaels and Cory Sterling.

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From coast to coast

Youth problems high on AJC agenda

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Continuity of Jewish activity among young people and parental guidance are keys to survival for small communities in the Atlantic provinces, delegates to the ninth biennial convention of Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC) were told.

Of all topics addressed, youth problems were the most extensively discussed.

"We have to seek the needs of students, recognize they have problems and understand them, and then use what we have at our disposal to solve them," said Jeremy Cohen, newly appointed assistant director of the Council of Jewish Federations.

"We see the campus generation as our next generation; so we must pull our resources together to reach them," he said.

Parents of children in very small communities appealed to the AJC and its arevim to provide programs that will keep children involved.

"Many of the children are linked through Camp Kadimah but they, and those who don't attend camp, need something through the rest of the year," said Ruth Noel of St. John's, Nfld., where there are a handful of Jewish children. "We must plan themed weekends that will focus on the young people's interests, making it worthwhile for us to send them to a major centre for activities," she added.

Gali Salamon, areva for the region since September 1993, has found that only a handful of children come to programs, though numbers are increasing slowly.

"We need support from parents," she said. "Every child has something to contribute but parents have to convince the kids they must participate."

Another session featured the reactions of four Atlantic university presidents who visited Israel on a Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) tour last July with 14 of their counterparts from across Canada. "I was tremendously impressed with the history, tradition, and human resources and outstanding development of the last 40 years," said Dalhousie University president Howard Clark.

CJC president Irving Abella, who hosted the tour, said in an interview the appearance of Clark, Ian Newbould of Mount Allison University (Sackville, N.B.), Daniel O'Brien of St. Thomas University (Fredericton) and Elizabeth Parr-Johnson of Mount St. Vincent University (Halifax) was "the first time in the history of any country that four university presidents spoke together in front of the Jewish community about their impression of Israel.

"We put the trip together to create a relationship in research and exchanges... between universities in Canada and Israel," said Abella. "We also want to show the presidents how far Israeli universities had come. They certainly saw the legitimacy of Canadian students taking courses there."

Clark said that visits of Israeli university presidents to Canada are also being proposed now.

Halifax rabbi says change necessary to ensure future

HALIFAX — Rabbis, youth leaders, students and national Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) officers addressed representatives of communities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland recently at the ninth biennial convention of the Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC).

"We can't live off the past," declared Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein of the Orthodox Beth Israel Congregation in Halifax. "There are new forces tugging all of us. But we have to stand up on the positives of our heritage for togetherness, not just the negatives of events like the Holocaust."

Marty Zelenitz, president of the Conservative Shaar Shalom Congregation of Halifax, said today's Judaism bears little resemblance to that of biblical times.

"It is a religion of constant change and adaptation. If we change ourselves and recognize overall change, we can build for the future," he said.

Sandy Brown, CJC education and culture committee chair, said, "Continuity is dependent on the individual, family and community seizing control of the Jewish identity."

For the first time in its 75-year history, Congress held a national officers meeting in Halifax, and at the same time, the CJC national community relations committee also met here.

During the convention, seven Atlantic Canadians were presented community services awards. The AJC recognized Frank Budovitch, Fredericton; Dr. Harry and Shirley Dubinsky, Sydney; Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, Halifax; Dorothy Mark, Moncton; Lou Michelson, Saint John; and Arthur Saffron, Springhill.

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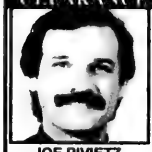

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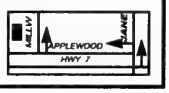

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Senesh was a young poet, a volunteer for the Haganah, who parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe in March 1944 to rescue human lives. She was captured in June, imprisoned and tortured.

Fifty years ago this month, Senesh was executed by firing squad in a Budapest prison courtyard. Her life spanned only 23 short years.

Hannah Senesh and the Maccabees show us that in each generation the sparks of single individuals, determined despite all odds and unwavering despite all obstacles, can lift the heart and kindle the Jewish soul.

In a world made cynical by the dizzying pace of modern life, the conceits of modern technology and the disappointments of modern leadership, Chanukah is a soothing, restorative balm.

For eight days, for a few brief moments after each sundown, we inhabit a different place. We light the candles, we recite the blessings, we sing a song or two, and we likely eat a favorite food. Most important, we slow down and set aside time with our families to participate in a millenia-old, happy ritual of blessing and light.

The candle which we light is essentially a primitive and ancient instrument, yet it is elegant and reliable. Flame is shared from candle to candle until a perfect symmetry of light and candelabrial shape glow outward onto the street, illuminating the pathways of collective memory and declaring to the passerby that in this household reside the inheritors and guardians of Jewish history.

The story we tell with the candles is the familiar one of the Maccabees, the Hashmonean family that rallied the people of Israel and prevailed against a larger and better-equipped Assyrian Greek army. It is a testament to the irrepressibility of the human spirit, to inspired leadership and to a faith that cries out to the oppressor: "We shall not die, but live."

Five months before Senesh's death she wrote this poem. It is a fitting Chanukah recitation:

"Blessed is the match which is consumed
and lights a kindling flame.
Blessed is the flame that burns
in the secret fastness of the heart.
Blessed is the heart with strength to stop
its beating for honor's sake.
Blessed is the match which is consumed
and lights a kindling flame."

Worthy request

Since the first International Conference on Hidden Children took place in New York City in 1990, the Jewish world has focused on the plight of hundreds if not thousands of children born to Jewish parents, whose lives were saved by Christian families. The several conferences since then have highlighted, among other things, the terrible emotional burden which many of these children, now adults, have been carrying with them as a result of confusion about their identities. A Canadian, Dr. André Stein, has written a moving account of the dilemma faced by many of these formerly hidden children who must reconcile past and present loyalties.

Now a new concern has surfaced and it has been addressed by such people as Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Foxman has taken the high road in calling for an investigation of all those hidden Jewish children who were baptized by their foster parents but who to this day are unaware of their Jewish roots.

Speaking from Tel Aviv on the program *As It Happens* (Oct. 3), Foxman indicated that he has asked the Vatican to open baptismal records from World War II, in order to identify the estimated 10,000 Jewish children (his figure) who were Christianized in a life-saving gesture during the Holocaust.

Foxman pointed out that the release of such information will provide a heretofore unacknowledged portrait of the heroism of Catholic families, particularly in Poland, who risked their lives to save Jewish children. Thus far the Vatican has made no formal response to Foxman's request.

However, there is a new climate in Jewish-Catholic relations, and with the new entente between Israel and the Holy See the time may be propitious for the kind of information that Foxman is requesting.

Letters to the editor

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FIRINGS AT JCC

I am writing after having read the sad letter from Jacque Foisier, a former employee of the JCC, which was published in *The CJN*, Nov. 3.

One major fact is not in dispute in this unfortunate matter. Mr. Foisier and 30 other employees of the former JCC were summarily dismissed without notice, without severance pay.

As a Jew, as a social worker and a one-time employee of a Jewish agency in this community, I am chagrined and to say the least embarrassed. If the persons responsible for the dismissals were attempting to prevent a financial disaster, they certainly succeeded in perpetrating a moral disaster.

I mourn the passing of the Jewish community of yesteryear, the community of our parents, bubbies and zaydes, a community of garment workers, junk peddlers, small merchants, social visionaries and crusaders for social justice.

I am sure that this community would not have tolerated such treatment of its servants. Surely the affluent Jewish community of today can and should find a way to do justice — yoisher — to Mr. Foisier and his 30 colleagues.

Barry Katz,
Toronto

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LIFE AFTER DEATH

If someone wants to know whether something is a necessary part of Jewish theology, what better way than to receive a unanimous view from three learned rabbis representing the three branches of Judaism? In this case, Rabbis Plaut, Saltzman, and Bulka are of the opinion that "the question of life after death is not a major concern in Jewish theology. . . " ("Rabbis Explore God's Role and Place in the World," *CJN*, Nov. 3). Rabbi Bulka's assent to this position is rather surprising, to say the least, given the unquestionable place that this belief has held in traditional Judaism.

There are a number of grounds for this belief in traditional Judaism. Justice is one of these grounds: in the absence of an afterlife it is clear, in light of all the world's suffering, that there is no Divine Justice. Or is Divine Justice not central to Judaism and to the entire fabric of the Bible?

In discussing the Holocaust, and general human suffering, the three rabbis use language institutionalized most recently by Rabbi H. Kushner in his best-seller on the subject. They speak of God crying with us, being with the children in the Holocaust.

If there is no Divine activity (besides crying and feeling sympathy), nor justice in the world (which an afterlife somehow makes possible), we can find very persuasive and simple explanations for evil in the world, by accepting a modernist, scientific view of man and the world. In such a case, we can abandon thought of an afterlife, together with the latest in Jewish theology, an impotent, troubled God who spends His time chronically dispairing over the troubles of a world which He created.

Rabbi Abraham Cohen
Toronto

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CALLING MACHAL VOLUNTEERS

The undersigned are working on a history of the Fourth Anti-Tank Troop, in which we served with fellow Machal volunteers from the United States, Britain, Canada, South Africa and Australia during the War of Independence.

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THE REAL MIRACLE IS THAT WE'VE KEPT THE LIGHT LIT...
FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS!
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HAMAS TARGETS JEWS

Reading the 10 principles of Hamas (*CJN* Nov. 3) is indeed spine-chilling. However, it must be pointed out that there is only a difference in emphasis from the "standard" Covenant which is still binding on the PLO. Like the Hamas manifesto, the PLO Covenant also calls for the removal of the Zionist entity, creation of a Palestinian State in all of Palestine (from the Mediterranean to the Jordan), but it is somewhat more moderate in that it does not call for the ejection of all Jews but allows those Jews living in Israel before 1917 to remain.

Senior Israeli military experts, including the Chief of Staff, General Ehud Barak have publicly stated that there are only strategic differences between Hamas and the PLO and that Hamas is a more militant wing.

One of the main objectives of the Oslo Accord was that the PLO police would take the place of Israeli soldiers in combating the militants. Fourteen months later, it is obvious that this basic function is not being performed. Despite the murder of 96 Israelis, there has not been a single trial of any suspect, nor any extradition of known murderers for trial in Israel. Furthermore, we are told by our leaders that Hamas is attempting to kill the peace process. If this is the case, why have no PLO supporters been targeted by Hamas — only Jews!

Michael Wilschanski
Toronto

Frontline

THREAT TO PEACE

Suicide terror should not be allowed to win

By YESHUYAHU ANUG

During the last years of World War II, 3,000 Japanese kamikazes died in suicide missions against the allied fleet but their impact on its outcome was nil. Nor will the 'shaheeds,' their Islamic stepbrothers, do any better for their cause.

Before blowing himself up, a shaheed takes a ritual bath, says a special prayer in his mosque, tells a video camera about his mission and asks his family not to mourn his death but to rejoice his trip to paradise. Then he gets his final blessing from his religious mentor, puts a Koran in his breast pocket, close to his heart and a red ribbon around his head — and goes to his death.

By Yeshayahu Anug

The tiny settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip first appeared in this column in February as an example of a self-made danger-spot. It was founded in the early 70s under the Labor government of Golda Meir by members of the National Religious Party and is now inhabited by 28 families of the Gush Emunim movement.

As the Oslo agreement with the PLO provides for the preservation of every Jewish settlement in the territories during the three-year period of Palestinian autonomy, a special contingent of the Israeli Army was committed to secure it.

Now a booby-trapped shaheed cycled to his own death and killed three of the watching soldiers. It hurts to think that these soldiers were the casualties of that clause, which was praised at the time as a significant achievement.

The last suicide attacks in the territories and in Greenline Israel were much too painful to be stoically accepted by the public as what they were — desperate attempts to end the peace process. Emotions in Israel ran high and were used by the opposition to demand very much the same thing. Government rhetoric was predictable and defensive. Terrorism carried out by mad fanatics at the cost of their own lives cannot be totally eliminated. Nor can it be allowed to alter the national agenda.

Now what? Now the evacuation of the Netzarim would be seen as a surrender to terrorism. Conclusion? Probably more troops will be employed for its defence. But in the West Bank too, where the next phase of the accord with the PLO is to be implemented, there are many isolated settlements in a similar predicament. How are they to be secured from shadeeds or from terrorist attacks? Probably — if no different approach is adopted — by the deployment of more troops and by the very costly building of more roads to bypass Arab towns and villages.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denies any intention to abandon isolated settlements and move them to three clusters of massive Jewish presence in the territories. Other ministers indicate that this must eventually be done, whatever the political cost.

Rabin's government is now going through a difficult crisis. It has decided to move towards regional pacification and has scored some impressive points. It has made peace with Jordan, broken the unity of the Arab front and greatly improved Israel's standing in the world. An enviable record, one would say, perhaps better than that of any government before. So why is it losing public support?

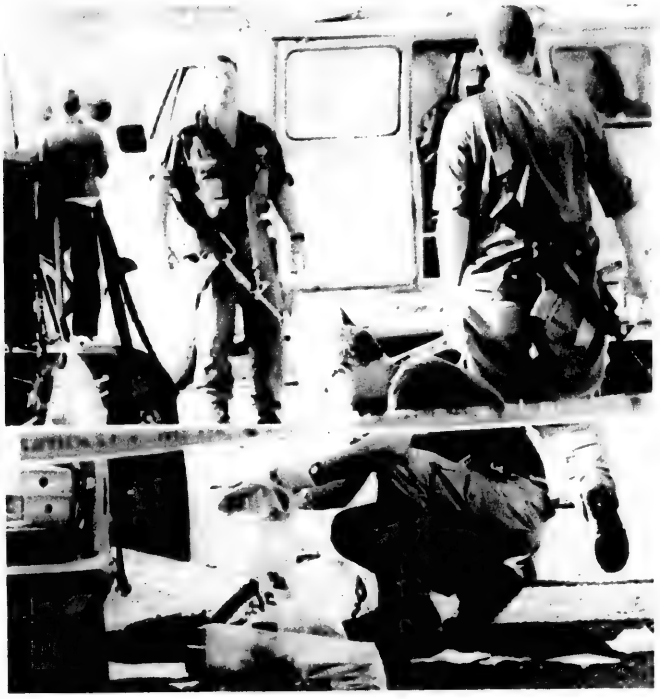
Unless it strongly believes and can convince the public that terrorism, however painful, must not be allowed to derail the peace efforts and that peace by costly compromise is the only alternative to perpetual chaos, Rabin's government could easily lose the war against terror as well as the struggle for peace and power. It should revise a number of concepts and update attitudes.

The government must not only fight the structure of local Islamic terrorism by force (and keep in mind that some celebrated raids have had very painful consequences), but also address the human environment where frustration breeds despair.

Since the Oslo agreement was made with the PLO, its survival as the only plausible partner is essential. Militant Islam is as opposed to Chairman Yasser Arafat's rule as it is to King Hussein's, as it is to Israel's very presence in the region. But while Islamic terror constitutes no existential danger to Israel, it could, if not crushed, remove the PLO and other pragmatic Arab regimes from the scene.

The political survival of the PLO leadership, already weakened by the growing popularity of its enemies, will depend on its ability to prove to the frustrated Arab masses that their policies will improve the conditions in which extreme fanaticism prospers.

Arafat may hesitate to confront his internal enemies too decisively for fear of civil war and seek compromises. He may fail altogether even if he tries hard. But Israel must help him maintain the upper hand in the territories, do so convincingly and stop hating itself for doing so.



Sign language continues to adapt to Jewish terms

By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

Sign language is a method of communication for many deaf people. There are probably five or six thousand deaf Jews in the United States. However, few in the Jewish community understand the problems of deafness, particularly of deaf Jews.

Fortunately, conditions are improving. There are at least three deaf synagogues in America, Jewish societies for the deaf in various cities, Jewish deaf publications, and even a magazine for deaf children.

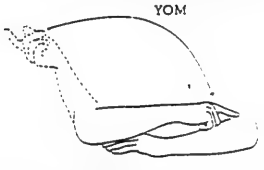
Leaving aside the controversy of how to best teach the deaf to communicate, it is of interest and value to learn how sign language must continually adapt to Jews and Jewish terms.

The ancient rabbis operated under the assumption that deaf people did not have any language, and therefore could not communicate. That is why they were barred from being witnesses.

However, as early as 1864 there was a school in Vienna that trained deaf children to speak and read Jewish texts. This being so, Rabbi Isaac Herzog, the first chief rabbi in Israel, ruled that deaf people had the same rights as all other Jews.

The London beth din (Jewish court) ruled in 1963 that deaf children should be able to "chant" the Torah in sign language. In 1968, Jonathan Shunary developed a system of Hebrew finger spelling. There is now a Helen Keller House in Tel Aviv, the Israel national centre for the deaf.

Lynn Gottlieb in New York has done pioneer work in creating new forms for Jewish expression in American Sign Language. For example, the classic sign for "Jew" was

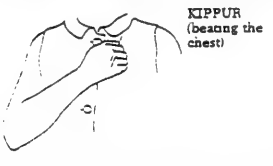


pulling a beard. This was not merely a sign of male chauvinism, it was also anti-Semitic, because the sign for a greedy person is also made by a pulling motion under the chin.

Gottlieb designed a new sign that is more appropriate. She combines the sign for people and Torah scroll. This also required a new sign for Torah, because generally American Sign Language used the Christian sign for Bible, which is "Jesus book," and shows the hands of Jesus on the cross.

Generally, a new sensitivity has now arisen in American Sign Language. According to Professor Elissa Newport, a psychologist at the University of Rochester, ugly metaphors, prejudices and stereotypes are being replaced in all signed languages.

Martin Sternberg, of the New York University Deafness Research Centre, relates the history of the old sign for Passover. In Scotland, people eat hard crackers, which they apparently break with their elbows.



Some deaf Scottish orphans brought their sign for cracker, i.e., hitting the elbow, to America at the turn of the century. The American Jewish deaf community used it to represent matzah, and then Passover.

This sign did not exactly convey the meaning of Passover. So, at a sign language workshop at a National Association for the Jewish Deaf convention in 1974, Celia Warshawsky, Alice Stoll, and Lynn Gottlieb brainstormed together and came up with a sign that shows the "passing over" into new freedom.

The sign for praying was hands folded together, clearly of Christian origin. Jews now use swaying, the same as in Israel. In addition, many Jews add the sign for "book," implying swaying with a book.

This has deeper implications. In using sign language, deaf people communicate with their whole body. Prayers have their own rhythms and breathing. It is often necessary that the words of the mouth be joined with the way our bodies feel. Sign language helps deaf Jews come closer to the meaning of prayer. This is a lesson for all Jews to learn.

It is interesting to note that in America Yom Kippur is signed by beating the chest. In Israel, the sign is covering the mouth — no food on Yom Kippur. These different signs signify a vast cultural difference on the essential meaning of Yom Kippur.

We usually think of the Shema as a prayer that tells all Israel to hear God is One. The word shema means listen, hear me, understand me. It is a prayer of communication, which has a particular meaning to deaf Jews. It says, "Look at us! Understand us! We are part of the Jewish community, too!"

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Visiting the Washington Holocaust Museum

Ever since I missed its opening day because of another engagement, I wanted to go to Washington and see the place of which everyone has spoken, the new museum dedicated to remembering the Holocaust. So, when the Toronto UJA organized a special journey I signed up at once and found myself one of 168 on a chartered plane bound for a special experience.

Elie Wiesel had been in town the night before and I had asked him about his impressions of the museum. What could he tell me? What should I look for especially? But he refused to answer. "See for yourself," he said, "and then we'll talk about it."

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The company was great; there were many friends and acquaintances. The day was bright — no overcoat was needed — a far cry from the dark and dank recesses of brutality we were about to experience.

One must remember that this museum is not a private enterprise by a public institution. A good deal of its capital funds and the majority of its running expenses are supplied by the United States government — which means that, as in all institutions, admission is free, and its personnel part of the civil service. Its official title is United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and tellingly it is located on Raoul Wallenberg Place, alongside the Mall, Washington's prime space.

Since that visit I have tried to analyze my own feelings and found that they're hard to express. Perhaps I should start by saying that the Museum is like an abstract painting; you can read many things into it and much depends on what you yourself bring to it. At least, that was the way it struck me.

Much has been written about the museum's organization, its plan and its artifacts. It produces an all-enveloping experience: You begin with the fourth floor which shows the rise of Nazism, depicting its brutalities and evil intent. Then you descend a floor and enter hell itself: the camps, with their unspeakable environment; the killings; the persecutions; the degradation. At last you emerge to the floor below where there is hope and rescue.

The spirit of this unique environment gets hold of you the moment you enter its gates. A huge foundation stone on the outside provides the motto, the words of Dwight D. Eisenhower, testifying that if he had not seen it with his own eyes he would not have believed it. I noticed many of our people who ordinarily do not wear kippot took them out of their pockets and put them on. The evocation of the six million dead bore a mark of holiness.

Each one was left to his or her own impressions. One's previous Jewish experience, one's parents (who perhaps were themselves survivors), one's sense of Jewishness and sense of identity — all these played a role. In this environment, no one can really speak for anyone else.

As for me, it was as if yesterday closed in on me once again: the sight of Dora-Nordhausen, which our troops had conquered and discovered, all of which remains a vivid memory that pursues to me to this day. The war experience, the fighting, the killing — and then Dora with its thousands of dead and half-dead, the striped uniforms, the hollow eyes, the tears, the joy.

No museum can reproduce the reality, but this museum comes close.

People say that its very existence will reduce the impact of historical revisionism that denies the Holocaust altogether. Perhaps, but I do not like to think of the museum as something that has any ultimate purpose beyond being what it is: an attempt to honor the dead by remembering their lives, their suffering, no less than the dreadful philosophy that brought it all about.

When we emerged, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto intoned memorial prayers and we all said Kaddish. Afterwards, we went to the Israel Embassy. In more than one way, it was a trip from death to life.

If you go to Washington, be sure to visit the museum, and if UJA in your city makes arrangements for another tour, be sure to be part of it.

The Holocaust Museum was dedicated earlier this year. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Let's face it, Jews know how to take a joke

This may be a humor column — and that's a matter of opinion, according to the occasional nasty letter I get — but I like to believe that it takes risks.

(Indeed, the entire concept of "comedy" is risky; one man's meat is another man's "poisson," as the French like to say. Who of us has not laughed uproariously at a joke, until we suddenly looked over at our beloved spouse and was told "That wasn't funny"?)

By risks, I mean: I've often poked fun at fairly touchy topics, such as the UJA, rabbis' sermons and interminable chazzans. Even more dangerous, I've written several columns which actually parodied such precious Jewish rituals or holy books as Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkot, Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), even Pirke Avot — indeed, the most favorable letters I've ever received from you readers has been on the latter.

I'm beginning on this serious note — don't worry, I'll get silly soon enough — because I believe the favorable response to most of my most "risky" columns suggests something about our people and our religion: not just that we have a collective "good sense of humor" — and let's face it, if we Jews *didn't* have good senses of humor, we probably would have gone totally bonkers, centuries ago — but also that we Jews, while we feel that many things are "holy," are open to playful mockery of our beloved institutions and holy books, because we are strikingly tolerant of that kind of behavior. (Orthodox Jewish readers of this column will immediately know what I'm getting at here; think of "Purim Torah," in which Jews will actually do "mock" Jewish blessings, in the wild and drunken joy of that very happy holiday.)

So what am I getting at? Well, let me mention two names of good and gifted writers of another faith: Salman Rushdie and Naguib Mahfouz. Unless you've just returned from another planet, you undoubtedly know what happened to the very talented Rushdie; he wrote a book, *Satanic Verses*, in which he (apparently) negatively depicted the wives of the great Prophet Mohammed. The result: an open declaration by (some) Islamic leaders that he should be killed for his "blasphemy." He has been in hiding for over half a decade, and translators of his work have been murdered, all in the name of that religion.

By Allan Gould

You may not be as familiar with the great Mahfouz. The only Arab writer to win the Nobel Prize, this kindly, decent Egyptian has been hated by Islamic fundamentalists for many years, since some of his books poke gentle fun at his faith. And just a few weeks ago, the 83-year-old genius — and he is a wonderful, poetic, unforgettable writer — was stabbed in the neck and nearly murdered by — guess who?

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Now, this really freaks me out (to use the medical term). Here is this glorious faith, with which we share Abraham and a passionate belief in monotheism, prayer and tzedakah; yet it has this weird strain of intolerance — even murderous rage — directed against writers who are seen to be "slighting," much less mocking, the religion of Islam.

So I thought to myself, look at the Jews! They have been mocked plenty by countless writers who share their religion. Yet I've *never* heard of a single Jewish author/poet/playwright who has had a contract on his life taken out. It just doesn't happen, does it? (And I'm sure there have been *some* Jews who would know what a "contract on someone's life" constitutes.)

But just in case we Jews get a bit testy, like our Islamic brethren (and sistren), and start "losing our cool" (to use the Talmudic phrase), here are some modest suggestions, should our people finally want to take revenge against difficult Jewish authors:

If Phillip Roth really angers us with his next book about the Jews, maybe we should get his home phone number and call him up a thousand times every day, and endlessly demand donations to the UJA. *That* would serve him right.

If Isaac Bashevis Singer had offended some Yiddish readers with his often sexy short stories and novels, maybe we should have stood outside his West Side Manhattan apartment and shouted out classic Yiddish curses, but always mixing them up in a cruel and vicious manner, such as: "You should grow like a chandelier, with your feet in the ceiling and hang by night." (Yelling them out in the worst Litvak-ish accent, too.)

If Bernard Malamud troubled many Jewish readers with his often nasty descriptions of Lower East-Side Jews, they should have cornered him in a fancy restaurant and switched his fancy, treif wine with a sickly-sweet kosher wine, and simply *ruined* his dinner.

If Mordecai Richler contines to anger countless Canadian Jews with his satirical description of money-grubbing Jews and irritating Israelis, maybe we should kidnap him from his home in Montreal, fly him to the Holy Land, tie him to a chair in the back of the Knesset, and force him to sit through hours and hours of debates over education, charitable institutions and sewer projects. If that didn't make him vow to leave the Jews alone and only make fun of Canadians from then on, what would?

True, none of these (savage, brutal) actions really come close to what fundamentalists have tried to do to Rushdie and Mahfouz — but maybe that's the whole point. We Jews really do know how to take a joke. (Thank heavens.)

Allan Gould is the author of 21 books, including a major anthology of Canadian comedy, The Great Big Book of Canadian Humor. *His latest, which just came out, is* Criminal Acts, a Canadian True Crime Annual, *published by Macmillan. And if you don't like his humor, please don't kill him; it's just not the Jewish thing to do. But be warned: He already supports the UJA and just* loves *sickly-sweet kosher wine.*

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Former enemies cooperate

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Once adversaries in war, Israel and Egypt are now partners in peace.

Egypt has played an integral role in the Madrid peace process since 1991. But it wasn't too long ago that Egypt and Israel were bitterly locked in battle.

Until 1973, they were seemingly irreconcilable enemies, having fought each other in the 1948 War of Independence, the 1956 Sinai Campaign, the 1967 Six Day War, the 1968-70 War of Attrition and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

But with the close of the 1973 war and the subsequent signing of disengagement agreements obliging the Israeli army to withdraw from segments of the Sinai Peninsula, Israel and Egypt gradually moved toward a rapprochement.

In 1977, President Anwar al-Sadat of Egypt visited Israel and spoke of his desire for peace. Two years later, Egypt and Israel signed a formal peace treaty, an event that angered much of the Arab world and heightened Egypt's isolation in the region.

Since the late 1980s, however, Egypt has returned to prominence in the Arab world, taking a leading role in promoting a diplomatic solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Sadat's successor, Hosni Mubarak, was in the forefront of the Madrid peace process, was privy to Israel's secret talks with the PLO and today plays a strong supporting role as a mediator between Israel and the PLO and Israel and Syria.

Egypt's efforts are universally recognized.

In his recently-published book, *The New Middle East*, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres praised the Egyptians.

Last year, when Israel and the PLO ran into an impasse in their negotiations, Nabil Sha'ath, a senior Palestinian official, observed: "Whenever things get complicated, we resort to Egyptian diplomacy to help resolve the complex issues..."

Egypt has been actively involved in the search for a Mideast settlement since the late 1970s.

In concert with Israel and the United States, the Egyptians tried, without success, to lay the groundwork for Palestinian autonomy in the territories.

During the 1980s, Egypt was influential in persuading the PLO to moderate its policy toward Israel. Egypt, too, pressed for a practical Palestinian autonomy plan.

After the Gulf War, Egypt convinced the Palestinians to attend the Madrid peace conference as part of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Furthermore, Egypt helped nudge Syria into participating in that forum. Egypt firmly believes that Syria must be part and parcel of the peace process, else it will work to scuttle it.

For good reason, Egypt derived immense satisfaction from Israel's September 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP) with the PLO.

Egypt, which had consistently urged Israel to negotiate with the PLO, acted as an advisor to the Palestinians throughout the secret talks in Norway.

Egypt played key role in peace process

And once Israel and the PLO sat down to translate the DoP into a viable accord, the discussions often took place in Cairo. Indeed, last May's agreement which formally sanctioned Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank town of Jericho and the Gaza Strip was signed in Cairo in a ceremony attended by, among others, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

But since the peace process is far from complete, Egypt continues to play a crucial role in maintaining the momentum toward a comprehensive settlement. The Egyptian government, spearheaded by Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, regularly consults with the PLO as well as with Syria. And before the PLO took control of the autonomous areas, Egypt was in the vanguard of training Palestinian policemen and civil servants slated to serve in Jericho and Gaza.

Cairo's highly visible diplomacy is a function of Egypt's desire to bring peace, stability and prosperity to the Mideast, to ensure that its treaty with Israel is not a contentious issue in inter-Arab politics, and to assert its leadership of the Arab world.

The underlying tenets of Egyptian policy are clear — the resolution of conflict by political means, the respect for the territorial integrity of all states and the need for a just solution to the Palestinian problem.

It's also clear, however, that Egypt could never have aspired to be an effective Arab-Israeli broker had it not broken out of its regional isolation.

Being the most populous Arab state and a centre of Arab national identity and culture, Egypt was for decades the natural leader of the Arab world.

This was particularly true from the mid-1950s onward, when Gamel Abdel Nasser ruled Egypt, writes Gregory Aftandilian in *Egypt's Bid For Arab Leadership* (Council on Foreign Relations, $14.95, US).

A charismatic leader, Nasser gained enormous popularity through his decision to nationalize the Suez Canal Company; his role in the non-aligned movement; his opposition to the pro-Western Baghdad Pact; and his stand against Israel.

Egypt's humiliating defeat in the Six Day War effectively ended the era of Egyptian dominance in the Arab world. Nevertheless, Egypt remained a major player in Arab affairs.

By virtue of its initial victories in the Yom Kippur War, Egypt's status as the preeminent Arab power was greatly enhanced. But its position was short-lived. Sadat's historic journey to Jerusalem, his decision to sign the Camp David Accords and his peace treaty with Israel prompted most Arab countries to sever ties with Egypt and to transfer Arab League headquarters from Cairo to Tunis.

Egypt's ostracism did not last long.

Iraq's 1980-88 war with Iran was an important factor in Egypt's reinstatement. That war, as Aftandilian writes, diverted attention away from Egypt's treaty with Israel. It demonstrated that Iran — a nation controlled by Islamic fundamentalists — was a clear and present danger to Arab regimes.

The Iran-Iraq War also enabled Egypt to funnel military aid to Baghdad, an act that markedly improved Egypt's image in Arab capitals, and diluted Iraq's opposition to the Camp David Accords.

The development of a more pragmatic Arab approach to Israel, underlined by the PLO's recognition of Israel and its acceptance of United Nations resolution 242, contributed to Egypt's rehabilitation.

By 1990, Egypt had re-established relations with all those Arab countries that had broken them off in the wake of Sadat's trip to Jerusalem. And the Arab League moved back to Cairo.

Iraq's invasion and annexation of Kuwait provided Egypt with yet one more opportunity to bury the past.

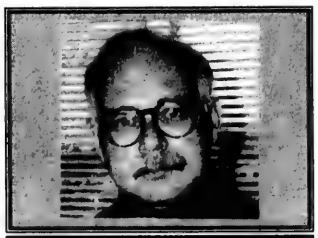
The Iraqi thrust was not a direct threat to Egypt's strategic interests. But it did allow Egypt to challenge Iraqi hegemony, to exercise leadership and to ingratiate itself with the United States (which channels $3 billion worth of military and economic aid to Cairo annually).

In Aftandilian's view, Iraq's defeat in the war had two consequences. It allowed Egypt to re-emerge as the strongest Arab military power, with Syria not far behind. And it lent more credence to Egypt's treaty with Israel and legitimized Egypt's efforts to end the Arab-Israeli imbroglio through non-violent means.

With the peace process on track, despite the upsurge of extremist Palestinian terrorism, Egypt's role as a mediator is bound to expand.

Egypt seems equal to the task. Egypt, Amr Moussa declared recently, "will not leave an obstacle unremoved, a path untrodden, nor a horizon unexplored" in its attempt to enlarge the parameters of peace in the Middle East.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt meets Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel in Cairo.



Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister of Israel until July 1992, has written his autobiography, *Summing Up* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $39.95). He reveals much of himself and even bares his soul.

Shamir evokes his childhood in Poland, his flight to Palestine, his days as a Revisionist Zionist fighter, his barren years as a book-keeper, his entry into party politics, and his tenure as foreign minister and premier.

Summing Up, which is competently written, is arranged in chronological order, beginning with his birth in 1915 in Rujenoy, a town of 5,000 with 3,500 Jewish inhabitants.

Educated exclusively in Hebrew, Shamir, like his parents, was an early Zionist. Poland, not to mention Polish language and culture, were secondary to him.

Shamir emigrated to Palestine in 1935, leaving behind his family. They perished during the Holocaust, murdered by the Nazis after having been betrayed by local collaborators.

Fired up by the Irgun Zvai Leumi's philosophy, Shamir joined that radical right-wing Zionist organization. Later, Shamir joined the Stern Gang, a far-right offshoot of the Irgun. Rounded up by the British during World War II, he and his colleagues were exiled to Ethiopia. There they languished until their daring escape. Back in Palestine by 1947, Shamir resumed his anti-British activities.

With Jewish statehood achieved and Israel governed by a party which had abhorred the Irgun and its ideology, Shamir's future looked uncertain. Indeed, he was bluntly told by the State Comptroller's Office that he was not "reliable enough."

Shamir returned to his old profession, bookkeeping, to make ends meet for himself, his wife Shulamit and their children. But it was an arid existence, and during this period, he felt "useless."

In 1955, the "tide turned" when an old Irgun friend recruited him into the Mossad. Shamir spent a decade with the Mossad, which, he says, changed him. True to form, he provides what is at best a rudimentary outline of his cloak-and-dagger days.

In 1970, Shamir entered the ranks of the Herut party, led by Menachem Begin. Shamir was elected to the Knesset in 1973, and in 1977 he became the Speaker.

Shamir, a hawk, was appointed foreign minister in 1980, following Moshe Dayan's resignation. Shamir claims he never imagined that he might succeed the ailing Begin as prime minister. However, he points out, he was psychologically prepared for the promotion.

He makes no apologies for his views. The Jewish settlers had his "total backing." He was loath to relinquish Taba, Israel's last enclave in the Sinai. He was determined to block the demand by George Bush, the American president, for Israel's withdrawal from Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

Devoting a chapter to the 1991 Gulf War, Shamir admits that the pressure of events was "close to unbearable." In an epilogue, Shamir comes out squarely against Israel's 1993 Declaration of Principles with the PLO. "These developments," he warns in a book which defines his persona and his ideological convictions, "bear within them the seeds of disaster for the Jewish state."

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI ELYSE M. GOLDSTEIN

I am the original Chanukah Scrooge. I am the official Bah Humbug of Bathurst. I view every human kindness in the month of December with suspicion. I do not go into the malls any time after the first of November, even if G-d forbid I should need a pair of socks.

Whenever I go into the grocery store, I wear my walkman and smile as I sing along with my favorite tape.

I know many religious Christians who hate the materialism and trivilization of their holy day. What I hate more is the way Chanukah has come to compete, and the way it has been cheapened and commercialized. Will we soon take our kids to the mall to get their pictures taken with Judah Maccabee?

Parents often come to me asking if they should agree to well-meaning teachers' requests to come in with a menorah and speak about Chanukah. My answer? Only if you go into the schools to teach about our *real* holy days, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Pesach, Sukkot and Shavuot, and all the others.

Chanukah has gotten a top billing it doesn't deserve. Traditionally Chanukah is counted among the minor festivals, one on which even the most observant are allowed to drive, work, and cook. Even the first and last days of Chanukah, on other festivals considered to be holy, are not.

The Torah, of course, knows nothing of Chanukah. The Talmud records the story of a little jar of oil as the reason lights are lit on Chanukah, and yet the Talmud makes no mention of these lights as signifying a major religious festival.

Clearly, Christmas had not yet taken on gargantuan proportions and Chanukah remained a minor day — up until the modern period, when it has been forced out of its little slumber into the national consciousness of Jews and Christians alike.

When I light the menorah in my home, I light the fires of Jewish religious freedom that the Maccabees fought for; light the spiritual message of Zechariah read on the Shabbat of Chanukah, "Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit shall there be peace, says the Lord;" I light it to "publicize the miracle."

Our job is not to make Chanukah equal to Christmas — it can never win that contest. The more we accept that challenge from the stores and workplaces and public schools, and the more we foster it ourselves, the more disappointed we will become. Christmas will always be grander; there is a whole industry to be sure of that.

The resigned, "Well, we have Chanukah," is not the answer. We have Shabbat every week, and a Sukkah we decorate, and hamantaschen on Purim to deliver to friends and neighbors, and Tu b'Shevat to plant trees, and Selichot when we stay up until midnight to greet the season of our New Year — that is the answer.

I suppose, in the final analysis, we will not succeed in fighting the comparisons between Chanukah and Christmas. The stores will continue to place chanukiot next to Frosty the Snowman. There will probably continue to be a giant menorah at Queens Park, followed a month later by a giant tree.

(Although personally I've always imagined a more successful campaign of public awareness about Judaism would be to hoist a woman up a hydraulic lift each Erev Shabbat before sunset to light 30-foot-high candles.)

A fuss is not made over our truly important days; and if one song of a Jewish composer is played near Rosh Hashanah in honor of the Jewish New Year, we're lucky.

As Chanukah threatens to merge into Christmas, will our other holidays be diminished because they aren't lucky enough to fall during a Christian or secular season?

Why am I such a Scrooge, even about Chanukah? Can't our children have parties, decorate the windows with Happy Chanukah signs, get gifts? Absolutely!

But I assume those same youngsters are getting dressed up for Purim and coming to hear the megillah, and learning to fast on Yom Kippur, to say the four questions on Passover and light candles each week for Shabbat.

Perhaps we Jews are trying to make ourselves feel just a little better this awkward time of year by insisting that our symbols get national coverage too. But our culture is not a Jewish one, and to pretend it is once a year is a self deceit bound to make us not more comfortable, but more uncomfortable.

I look forward to the time when the carols and the little dreidel song won't compete, and we Jews will celebrate all our festivals with as much public pride as Chanukah — which each year looms larger and larger as it strays further and further from its original Maccabean struggle against the forces of assimilation.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein is the Director of Kolel: A centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, and a member of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.

Israel, Jordan to open embassies

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan are due to open embassies on Dec. 10, Israel Radio reported last week.

A Foreign Ministry delegation was in Amman last week to discuss economic issues and look for an appropriate site for the embassy.

The Itim news agency reported that ministry officials would meet at the beginning of next month to appoint Israel's first ambassador to Jordan. The nominee has been the subject of much speculation in Israel.

Meanwhile, one of the economic projects the Israeli team was discussing is the proposed "Peace Valley" in the Dead Sea area, which will include hotels and resorts.

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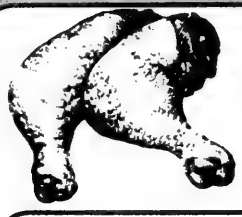

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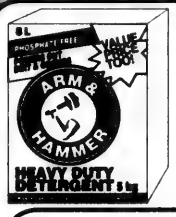

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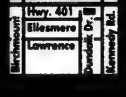

From coast to coast

Bachelors strut their stuff for Anshei Minsk

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — My great-grandmother, who used to attend services at Anshei Minsk Congregation, could never have imagined anything like the Orthodox shul's most recent fundraiser.

But her daughter (my late grandmother) would surely have relished the dramatic parade of 22 tuxedo-clad eligible men at the second annual Jewish Bachelor Auction.

The oversized ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly L'Hotel) held a standing-room-only crowd of over 500 people Nov. 10.

The $20-a-ticket evening ($25 at the door), which also included a silent auction, raised about $15,000 for basic shul maintenance fees and further singles programming.

The historic 65-year-old synagogue building, located on St. Andrews Street downtown, serves a sizable population of Jewish singles.

"It's worth every penny to [help] this shul," said bachelor Jason Rodney, 26.

"Even if you have to go out with somebody gorgeous," added Chava Mandlsohn, a 23-year-old teacher and friend of the 6'2" graphic engineer.

She had jokingly offered to bid on him if nobody else did, but Rodney's entrance on his red Yamaha Maxim motorcycle left no doubt the women in the audience found him appealing.

In fact, none of the pre-screened bachelors, ranging in age from 25 to 63, needed to fear for lack of bids.

"He looks good for his age," commented one audience member of Marvin Starr, 63, well-known in Toronto for his eponymous car dealership.

Successful bids

"A cornucopia of male pulchritude, [or] a bunch of young hunks and hunks who think young," was emcee Jonathan Miller's description of the bachelors. Miller, whose booming British accent could be heard without a microphone, was a surprise "mystery" bachelor.

The shul's spiritual leader, Rabbi Schmuel Spero, joked that he was disqualified as a bachelor because of the length of his beard.

Bidding, led by professional auctioneer Ira Hopmeyer, started at $50 or $100, and went as high as $430.

Brief presentations by each bachelor ranged from the sweet to the raunchy, although the latter aspect was neither anticipated nor condoned by the organizers, *The CJN* was told.

Thirty-four-year-old Asher Fine's appearance on the stage prompted appreciative sighs when the Orthodox landscape contractor said he loves "giving, sharing and deep conversations."

Three women successfully bid on two dates each. One of them was Eva Ryterband, a thirtysomething businesswoman who paid $140 to see *Don Pasquale* with Marsh Gould, 47, and $250 to see *The Mousetrap* and go to the Park Plaza Hotel's Rooftop Lounge with Raphael Lindsay, 40.

"I'm fortunate to be able to contribute to Jewish causes in a significant way," said Ryterband.

Special guests at the auction were Joanna Duby, 29, and her husband Paul Michaels, 30. They met at the first bachelor auction, where both were audience members, and married this June.

Penina Janowski, 28, poses with Jason Rodney, 26, on his Yamaha motorcycle after bidding $310 for a date with him at the Jewish Bachelor Auction. "He looks like a nice guy," she said. [Frances Kraft photo]

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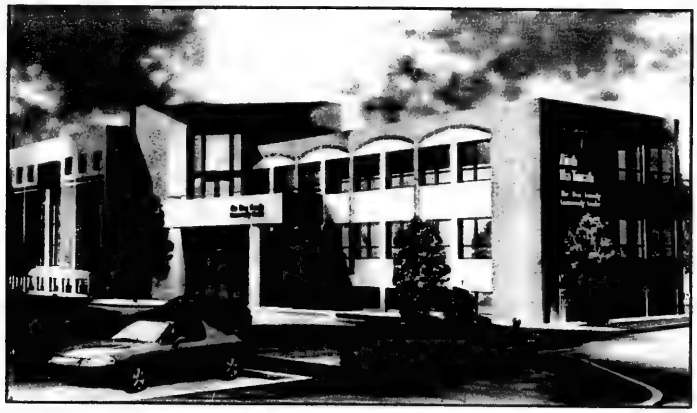

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March of Living students join Kristallnacht service

TORONTO — March of the Living participants spoke at a moving Kristallnacht service held Nov. 9 at Toronto's Congregational Habonim.

The synagogue, founded by German Jewish Holocaust survivors, holds a Kristallnacht service every November.

Approximately 250 people listened to 17-year-old York Mills Collegiate students Erin Norris and Elyse Korman read from journals of their trip to Poland and Israel earlier this year. Both said it was the responsibility of the next generation to remember.

"Poland, the camps and everything that we have seen will have become a part of us so that in the next generation we will be the ones who will pass on the stories. We will be the survivors," Korman said.

Rabbi Mark Dratch, spiritual leader of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim synagogue and a chaperon on the '94 March, delivered the keynote address.

John Patton spoke of what happened to him on Nov. 9, 1938, the night hundreds of synagogues were burned across the Third Reich, 91 Jews killed and thousands arrested.

Patton, 20 at the time, was in Vienna at his uncle's home when he was woken by Nazi henchmen at 4 a.m. and deported to Dachau.

The evening also featured an interpretive dance to the music of *Schindler's List* , Holocaust songs sung by the Habonim Youth Choir, and memorial prayers recited by Cantor Albert Feldman.

The event was co-sponsored by the March of the Living and by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's 14th annual Holocaust Education Week.

Erin Norris and Elyse Korman of Toronto (top picture), participants in the 1994 March of the Living, share their experiences during the Kristallnacht service, while Rae Brager (bottom), soloist for the Habonoim Youth Choir, performs a song from the Holocaust. [Stephen Epstein photos]

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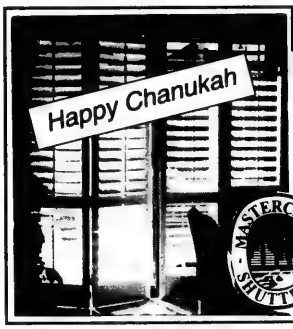

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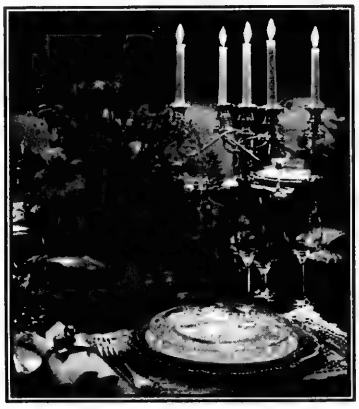

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From coast to coast

Feld Carr makes impact at chapel dinner

BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Only a handful of the 300 guests at Steeles Memorial Chapel's recent annual dinner were women, but it was a woman who made the biggest impact.

Judy Feld Carr's speech was the highlight of the evening. She accepted a donation from the funeral home for the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, which has provided aid to Syrian Jews for over 20 years.

There was a hush in the room when chapel board member John Pollock introduced Carr. "Judy, or Miss Judy as she is known in the Syrian community, has been singularly responsible for the rescue of close to 3,000 Jewish men, women and children," Pollock said.

Carr told the audience she used money from the Beth Tzedec Congregation-based Feld fund to run an escape route and to bribe officials to get Jews out of Syria.

"A Jew was for sale for a price and I was buying," she said. "We paid the ransom for every single person who could not pay the ransom themselves."

She said she could now talk about her once-secret work because her mission was almost complete. Over the past two years, almost all the Jews of Syria have left the country. While some elderly Jews have chosen to remain, there are only 62 people — all from one small village — still to come, Carr said.

The Feld Fund also supports Syrian Jews living in the Diaspora waiting to make aliyah. Many live

Judy Feld Carr

in New York.

The fund was one of 80 community organizations and charities that received money from Steeles Memorial Chapel this year. Mike Rogow, president of the funeral home's board of directors, said $125,000 had been distributed.

The largest sums went to Sunnybrook Hospital — $15,000 for a chapel — and to the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, where $36,000 was pledged for a hospital room.

Pinchas Gutter, president of the Men's Service Group at Baycrest, accepted the pledge on behalf of the hospital.

"We're here for one reason," Rogow told the audience. "To give away most of our profits to charity."

The funeral home, a non-profit organization, was set up in 1927 to keep burial costs down. It distributes its profits at the annual dinner.

This event, a yearly tradition for 27 years, draws people from a wide range of Jewish organizations. "I wouldn't miss it for the world," Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe told *The CJN*. "It brings the entire spectrum of the Jewish community together."

Norm Gardner, another Metro councillor, also attended.

Holocaust survivor Abe Schwebel told *The CJN* he was touched by Carr's speech because so few people today are willing to make sacrifices. "She deserves to be called aishet chayil [a righteous woman]," he said.

Cantor Martin Rosenblum, also a survivor, told *The CJN* that 50 years ago, Romania wanted to sell 70,000 Jews but "there were no buyers.

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Shabbat services at Shalom Village

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Under a welcome new program, Jewish organizations for all ages are sponsoring Shabbat services for the residents of Shalom Village and the adjacent Shalom Village nursing home.

Shalom Village is the only Jewish facility serving Hamilton and surrounding communities.

Before the program began last March, it was difficult for residents to attend nearby synagogue services, which often are too long, social services worker Shelley Waxman told *The CJN*.

Waxman, who runs the program, said residents now have a Shabbat service every month "and they're booked up to the end of February."

The cost of sponsoring a service, which includes a "nice, heimish kiddush lunch," is $200.

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סיאיז סאָראַן אַ מאמר חז"ל (חכמה זכרום לברכה): „סומו מוכיח על חזילתו". דער שטיפ דער-פון איז, אַז לויט דעם רעזולטאַט פון אַ אקציע קען מען, אין רעפּראַסענטיקע, אַדורכיין צי סיאָט זיך מעלדיקט, צי נישט. אויף סראָבלעם יידיש הייסט עס: אַז דער סוף איז גוט, איז אַלץ גוט!

אָט דאס דאזיקן מאמר חז"ל פון אין סאָר מיין היינטיקער סעמע, וועלכע נעמט אָרום אַן עסאַכע פון הונגעריש יאָר. אין וועל בקיצור דערצייַלן ד"ר געשעעניסן פון דער נישט גאָר חיישער מאָרגענס-היים, אין היסטאָריש זין, וועלכע האָבן אַבער אין זיך אינטערעסאַנטן קאָלאָסאַלע נאכּאָלגן סאָר דער צוקונפט.

א) אין וויל אַנפאַנג מיט דעם פאַרצוויינטן אַ-סיסעמיסיזם אין מזרח-אייראָפּע, וואָס נעמט אָרום רוסלאַנד, פוילן, רומעניע א.א.וו., מלוכות אין וועל-כע די שכנה צום יידישן שאלק וואָס געבושעוועט אַן אראפּהד. וואָס איז אַבער געווען דער רעזול-טאַט פון אָט דער דאזיקער אקציע? אַ דאנק דעם איז צושטאַנד געקומען אַ פאַרצווייפלטע יידישע אויסוואַנדערונג קיין אַמעריקע. אַ דאנק דעם סאָר-מאָנט היינט צו טאָג אַמעריקע דעם גרעסטן יידישן ציבור אין אונדזער געשיכטע, אַ מילסאַכיקע יידישע באַפעלקערונג, וואָס שפילט אַ ווייַט היכטיקע ראָל.

ב) היינטיקן חודש, אקטאָבער, דערט וועגדערט זאָר וויכטן דער יידיש-פראַנצויזישער קאָפליטאַן, אַל-טרעד דרייפוס, איז אומשולדיקפּהייט אויסטיידט געווארן אין פראַנקרייך, אויפן חשד פון שפּיאָנאַזש. די דאזיקע געשעעניש, מיט אַן אַנטיסעמיטישן אָת-סערסאַן, האָט אויפגערודערט נישט בלויז די יידישע העלפט. מיט דער צייט האָט דער דאזיקער פּראָצעס אַבעטומען דעם כאַראַקטער פון אַ העלט-סענסאַציע — אַן ענין, וואָס איז היינט צו טאָג אינטלעקט גוט באקאַנט. וואָס איז אַבער געווען דער רעזולטאַט פון אָט-דעם דאזיקן פּראָצעס? דער פּראָצעס איז געווען דער גוט, דער קאַטאַליסט, וואָס האָט אַנגעזעגט דעם אַסימילידן ייִד, מיטן נאַמען ד"ר. סאַראָר (בנימין זאב) הערצל, וועלכער האָט זיך אויפגעוועקט פון זיין לעטאַרגישן שלאָף אַן פּר האָט פּלוצלינג דערזען, אַז אויך ער איז אַ ייִד. אַ דאַנק דער רעאַקציע האָט ער געשריבן דעם „יידנשטאַאט". די עטאַבלירונג פון מדינת ישראל איז אין גרויסער מאָס דער רעזולטאַט פון הערצלען אין זיין „יידנשטאַאט".

ג) מיט 27 יאָר צוריק, בשעת סיאָט אויסגע-בראָכן די יעקס-מלחמה מלחמת צוישן מדינת ישראל אַון די אַראַבישע מלוכות, האָבן סאַזאָלעך עגיפטן אַון סיריע, האָט לוי אשכול, דער דע-מאָלטדיקער פּרעמיער פון מדינת ישראל, זיך גע-חעדעט צו קענען כוסיין פון ירדן, אַז ער זאָל זיך נישט אַנשליסן אין דער אקס פון די אראבישע אַראַבישע מלוכות, אַון פר זאָל זיך צוריקהאַלטן פון אַנגרישן מדינת ישראל. דערפאַר האָט אים אשכול צוגעזאָגט, אַז אַלץ וועט בליבן „סטאַטוס-קוואָ", די גרענצן צוישן יידן אַון מדינת ישראל וועלן בליבן מיי בעווען.

סאָר וויי סיאָגט זיך אין וואָס שמוט: „ויחזק ד' את לב פרעה", אַז האָט האָט בעשטאַרקט פּרעה'ס חאָרץ אַון פר האָט זיך נישט צוגעהערט צו די חא-רפענען פון משה אַון אהרן. אַזוי קענען מיר זאָגן: „ויחזק ד' את לב כוסיין", פר האָט זיך נישט צוגע-הערט צו לוי אשכולס פּאַרשלאָג אַון כוסיין האָט זיך דווקא יא אַנגעשלאָסן אין די ריינן פון די קריגעדישע אַראַבישע מלוכות.

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From coast to coast

Halifax memorial service disappoints organizer

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Larry Riteman was guarded in his analysis of the third annual Dignity Day, held in Halifax Nov. 9 to remember Jews robbed of their dignity by the Nazis and to recognize those who fought in World War II.

"I am a bit disappointed this event is not growing beyond the Jewish community," he said after public figures and private citizens lit candles to remember Kristallnacht, the Nov. 9, 1938, night when Germans destroyed Jewish communities throughout that country. "This should be of more concern to the general community."

Riteman, Atlantic regional chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Holocaust rememberance committee, has organized all first three Dignity Days in Halifax.

"I feel we're running out of time on this event," he said. "It is 49 years since the [end of the] war. Next year, people will focus on 50th anniversary dates ... In the years following, they will start thinking about the Cold War, the hardness of the late 1940s and 1950s, and maybe we will have lost the opportunity to make an event like this spontaneous."

The 50 people attending Dignity Day events met at Nova Scotia's Province House (home of the legislative assembly) and marched, with lit candles, the short distance to the downtown cenotaph where provincial and civic leaders, including newly-elected Jewish alderman Jerry Blumenthal, placed candles.

"It was encouraging to see so many teens and young adults attending," Riteman said. "Maybe we can keep this going."

Dalhousie University student Jodi Lassner of Montreal, one of several speakers, said "We are here 56 years after Kristallnacht, to ensure that history will not be forgotten and not be repeated."

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Adoption: The Russian Way

Everyone knows that Jews are into family in a big way, which essentially means kids. In fact, the very essentials of worldly survival are listed in the Talmud as *"Banai, chayai, u'mezonai"*: children, health, and sustenance, with children coming first.

But what happens when *naches* doesn't happen? Torah even compares childlessness to death. Three of our four matriarchs had to pray for decades to be blessed with children. Several took the adoption option with birth mothers involved throughout, these being the earliest examples of "open" adoption, commonly considered the "innovation" of modern sociologists.

Today adoption is still a live issue in the Jewish community. Of the 14,000 Ontarians on adoption waiting lists, many are Jewish.

The wait for Ontario adoptions is some 7 to 10 years, and comparably bleak horizons confront the childless in the rest of Canada as well. International adoptions have increased in popularity because they take just a few months, but there are pluses and minuses. They cost considerably more than local adoptions, and international facilitators are not deemed subject to provincial adoption regulations. Moreover, there have been numerous convictions for improper fees and procedures, involving lawyers, social workers and facilitators, operating locally as well as internationally. Recently many countries have been tightening up their adoption regulations in accordance with the Hague Convention guidelines on the protection of children's rights.

In future articles I hope to highlight different legitimate services.

One promising venue is a relatively new agency called "Canadian Homes for Russian Children" (CHRC), a charitable organization run by Lubavitchers serving both Jews and non-Jews. Jewish children are placed in Jewish homes, and non-Jewish children can be placed either in Jewish or non-Jewish homes. The service is based in Toronto (tel. (416)667-7666).

Of special interest to the Jewish community is that CHRC can often clarify the Jewishness of the adoptee based on research prior to the adoption. Jewish identity can be difficult to ascertain since Russian criteria for Jewish identity are non-halachic.

In the past two months, CHRC has placed six children aged one through four years. The children were all wards of state in Russian orphanages. These children were all abandoned, but others are removed from unfit parents, or are actual orphans. Children are identified by CHRC field staff who circulate among government agencies and orphanages, identifying children available for international adoption.

Adoptive applicants in Canada receive photos and detailed medical information on the children. Once a proposal is accepted, the adopters delegate limited power of attorney to a CHRC staffer who handles the approvals and stands before the Court overseeing the adoption. When the adoption is complete, the Russian government invites the adoptive applicants to come to Russia to pick up their child, and one or both parents fly to Russia for a week's stay. The paperwork is typically done in a day and the rest of the time is spent getting to know the child and experiencing the culture. Typically, the provincial and federal Canadian governments process immigration for the child to Canada beforehand.

This service has a number of other advantages. As international adoption becomes more regulated, foreign governments are showing a preference for non-profit organizations over independent facilitators. Also, the financial arrangements with a CHRC adoption are advantageous in that the funds paid to CHRC are held in corporate trust pending the completion of the adoption. Moreover, some of the fees may be legitimate charitable donations and result in deductions from taxes payable. However, you would be best to consult a qualified accountant before attempting to claim such deductions.

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Vancouver leader to be honored

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Arthur Fouks, a pioneer member of the Jewish community and one of the founders of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, will be honored at a black tie community tribute dinner to be held Nov. 29 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The event will launch the Ancie and Arthur Fouks Jewish Continuity Endowment Fund, to be administered through the Federation "to provide the resources for programs and services which fall outside of the agency's funding guidelines, or when there is simply a lack of funds."

Fouks told the Federation magazine it is the first time in his more than 50 years of community involvement that he has agreed to lend his name to a fundraising dinner.

"I agreed to the request of Peter Oreck and Risa Levine, because I feel deeply about an endowment fund," he said. "Risa and Peter asked me to lend my name because they said it will help to ensure an effective kickoff to the fund."

A lawyer by profession, Fouks grew up in Vancouver in the 1920s "with a very strong Jewish family background. My Jewish education came from cheder and the Schaarey Tzedeck synagogue where I was bar mitzvahed."

Fouks says he is not a religious Jew — "in fact I call myself a cardiac Jew, a Jew at heart." But he is a strong believer in Jewish education for the younger generation "as they are the key to the future. Their education is our responsibility, as parents and as members of the community.

Keynote speaker at the dinner will be Shoshana Cardin, chair of the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership, and national chair of the United Israel Appeal of the United States.

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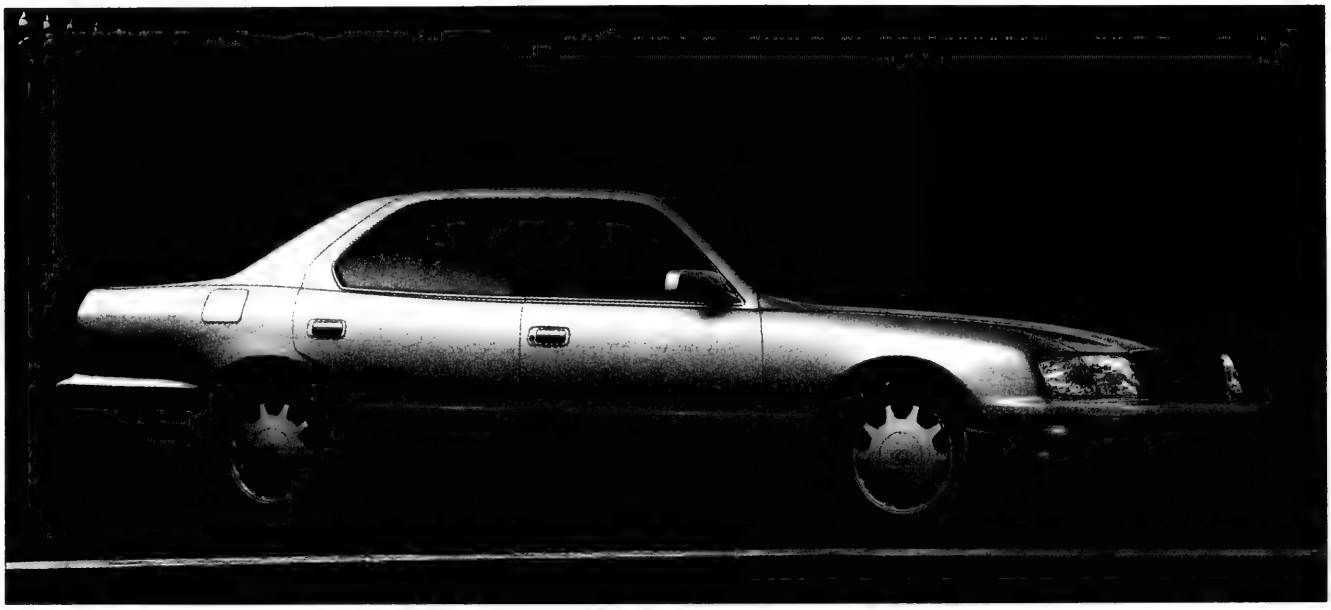

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Documentary on Bergen-Belsen reveals horrors

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — A documentary on the death and burial of thousands of Holocaust victims at Bergen-Belsen sent waves of revulsion through the large audience at a Holocaust memorial.

The meeting at the Jewish Community Centre was arranged by the Victoria Holocaust Education Remembrance Society.

Peter Gary, a survivor and founder of the society, said the film obtained from the Royal British Military Archives was an unedited version, made in April 1945, of the experience of British troops who came to Bergen-Belsen to rescue the inmates who remained.

Narrated by actor Trevor Howard, the film told of the 30,000 dead whose naked bodies were scattered all over the camp, apparently for weeks, as undernourished prisoners tried to bury them. Supervising the burials were SS guards and 500 Hungarian troops.

The victims had been murdered through systematic starvation or killed by an epidemic of typhus spread by lice.

More than 200 children under 12, some of them born behind the barbed wire fences of the camp, were among the dead.

When the British troops arrived, they restored the water supply, which had been cut off for six days, and ordered the Nazis to take on the task of burying the dead. Survivors were taken to British field hospitals, after being deloused.

The film shows the Nazis, males and females, bulldozing huge pits and throwing in bodies — usually 500 to a pit. Each pit was given a number and listed the number of bodies it held.

Said the commentator: "There were Jews, Lutherans and Catholics among the dead. We'll never know who they were ... All the faiths were buried cheek to cheek."

Officials and leading citizens from nearby towns were brought as witnesses and "it was not what they expected to see."

One official screamed at the Nazis, "You are responsible for these deaths and you will pay for it."

"There seemed no end to the burials. Even after seven days the grisly task continued," said Howard.

Principal speaker at the memorial was Dr. William Nicholls, retired head of the department of religious studies at the University of British Columbia and a founder of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region's annual Holocaust education days in B.C. universities and high schools.

Nicholls, who recently published *Christian Anti-Semitism, a History of Hate*, said the Holocaust was without parallel in history in its significance and horror. He called it "an absolutely irrational operation, carried out by sophisticated intellectuals."

Nicholls called for massive re-education of society. "High school children are our best hope and the most likely to respond" to a new code of human decency, he said.

He called for repentance by "all Christian communions" for their historical treatment of Jews. "It's a moral imperative as a means to revitalize Christianity itself," he said.

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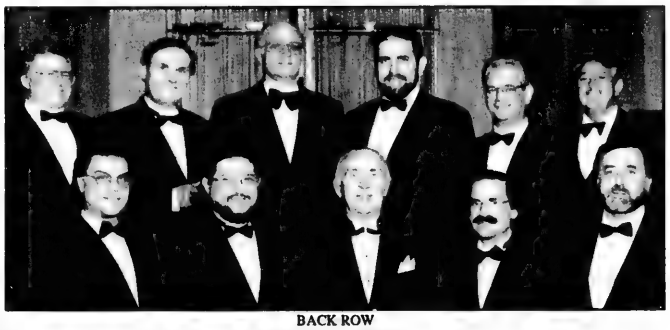

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Abella slams Canada's treatment of war refugees

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The nations of the world failed abysmally to help the Jews during the Nazi regime and afterward.

And Canada had the worst record of all in refusing to help Jews in the 1930s and 1940s, declared Irving Abella, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, at a Kristallnacht service here at Congregation Emanu-El.

Abella said he had had no knowledge of Canada's record when he and Harold Troper began the research for their book on the country's treatment of refugees.

He said he was shown thousands of letters in the archives in Ottawa from "the cream of European crop," skilled professionals, who pleaded for entry to Canada. But appended to each letter was a note from the federal department of immigration stating: "Sorry, at the present time Canada is not admitting Jews."

Rabbi Victor Reinstein, of Congregation Emanu-El, added his criticism of the world's civilized nations, pointing out that "even after the Allies fought the Nazis and all they represented, a strain of the same cancer of anti-Semitism kept the doors closed to Jews throughout the world."

He said Hitler had accurately gauged the response of the world to Kristallnacht, which marked the beginning of the destruction of European Jews. Beyond high-sounding rhetoric, little was done to open doors to the stricken Jews.

The Kristallnacht service was one of the largest ever held in Victoria, with an overflow crowd from the Jewish and general communities.

Victoria city council passed a resolution unanimously proclaiming Nov. 9-10, as Kristallnacht Days of Commemoration. The resolution said that Kristallnacht "conveys the unique urgency and responsibility of good people to speak out and act before racism begins its cancerous spread, and with it the risk of racism and of Holocaust denial."

Abella said Kristallnacht has an unforgettable place in Jewish history. The pretext for the destruction was the assassination of a German diplomat in Paris by a young Polish Jewish refugee. It was the excuse the Nazis wanted officially to pounce on the Jews.

Steffi Porzecanski, a Victoria survivor, lived in Berlin at the time.

> *'We must offer our children more than the ability to survive'*

The next morning, "the sidewalks were full of glass," she recalled, "and I saw flames shooting out of my synagogue. I saw the firefighters standing around merely looking on. Some firemen directed sparks to an adjacent building which was part of the synagogue."

Abella called the loss of the six million "inconceivable indifference" by the nations of the world.

He said Jews cannot now be indifferent to what happened.

Abella called on the younger generation to learn about the creative and thriving Jewish life that existed in Europe before the war. "We must offer our children more than the ability to survive. Our major challenge must be to build a Jewish community of social justice, compassion and equity. We must take pride in our traditions."

As part of the service, Yahrzeit candles were lit to recall the communities some Victoria survivors came from: Berlin, Breslau, Vienna, Paris, Warsaw and Stairi Sambor.

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Psychologist helps deal with trauma

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Many Israelis have been psychologically traumatized through exposure to frightening events like terrorist bombings, hijackings and missile attacks, according to a clinical psychologist at Jerusalem's Ezrath Nashim Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital.

People who experience terrorist episodes, car accidents or other traumatic events go into "survival mode," Dr. Danny Brom told *The CJN* during a recent visit to Toronto.

"They do exactly what is necessary to survive. It's actually amazing how well people behave during the most stressful periods of trauma. When the event is over, only then do their knees start to tremble and they start to feel the anxiety."

Normally, the healing process does not begin until the source of the trauma is removed, Brom said. "People don't start coping with their experiences unless they feel it's safe to do so."

After Brom arrived in Israel from his native Holland in 1988, he found that Israeli doctors downplayed trauma as a serious problem, chiefly because few Israelis were ready to discuss their traumatic symptoms.

"They would say, 'At our clinic, trauma doesn't play a role.' And it was true. Most people weren't talking about it. Holocaust survivors have written about a conspiracy of silence. It's the same in the field of trauma in general."

In the last few months, Brom and others trained to deal with traumatic effects have seen an increase in the number of Israelis ready to deal with old traumatic memories. "I think it's because there is something in the air that says peace is almost here," he said.

"On Israeli television during the peace signing with Jordan, many people told of things they went through during the war with Jordan — how they had been to Jordan already but in uniform and in a tank. . . . They're opening up about it now."

Only 10 to 20 per cent of those who experience a frightening event may have difficulty dealing with it later on, Brom said. Long term symptoms include mentally reliving the event, experiencing intrusive images or nightmares, and fear of the event happening again.

People with "unprocessed traumatic memories" may also consciously attempt to forget the event and avoid speaking about it or visiting the site where it occurred.

"We're still studying the hard lessons of the Holocaust, because they give us a chance to look at the very long term consequences of a very specific traumatic occurrence. For so many years, people were not given the opportunity to talk about the things they went through and their feelings about them. That has led to many difficult situations."

According to Brom, traumas have common properties. "There are practitioners in Canada who say, 'I treat victims of violence but I don't know anything about grief.' And others may say, 'I treat women who have been raped, but I don't know anything about traffic accidents.'

"My approach, which I think is gaining acceptance in professional circles, is that the basic pattern of coping is similar, and that if you know one thing you shouldn't be afraid of another. Of course the content is different, but the pattern is the same."

While in Toronto, Brom spoke to a group of lay people in a private home, and again to a group of medical professionals at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, which is affiliated with Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital.

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Change said always better than rest

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Some may think a change is as good as a rest, but according to stress management and lifestyle counsellor Dr. David Posen, a change is better.

Author of *Always Change a Losing Game*, published by Key Porter Books, Posen told a recent audience at the Jewish Book Fair that change is a fact of life.

"Change is becoming more rapid and widespread and rather than fighting it, we should see it as a pay-off," he said.

Posen said too often people do things that hurt them. "They keep playing games the same way, even though they lose. Whether it's compulsive eating, an addiction to caffeine, worrying over little things or being stuck in an unhappy relationship or dead-end job, they know they should change their losing habits but don't know where, or how, to begin."

Posen, who 10 years ago at age 42, gave up his family practice in favor of stress management and lifestyle counselling, told a story about playing tennis with his brother.

Type A behavior

"I would stand at the baseline and hit the ball as hard as I could. I lost a lot of games that way and one day my brother suggested I play the net and take the offensive. I was reluctant since volleying wasn't one of my strengths. That is when he pointed out that since I wasn't winning anyway, I really didn't have much more to lose. 'Always change a losing game,' he said."

He said people who display Type A behavior — aggressive, competitive and hard-driving — need to learn to balance work and leisure, and their needs with the needs of others.

Another losing game, according to Posen, is having unrealistic expectations about oneself and about other people. "Do your best, be cautious and careful, and rectify your mistakes." He said such a strategy would lead to less conflicts with children.

Posen cited nagging as another strategy that does not work in dealing with others. "Stop using it ... Nagging often solidifies a problem and makes it worse."

He encouraged audience members to explore their lives and discover what areas need change. "By changing these losing games, you will find that life works better."

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THE POWER OF LIGHT

The Power of Light, an interfaith celebration, was hosted recently by the Halton Peel Lodge of B'nai Brith Canada at the Peel Board of Education. From left are Prem Pillay; Steven Black, president of Halton Peel Lodge; Rochelle Wilner, vice-president, BBC; Joyce Aster, regional coordinator; emcee Ann Bobker; Randy Goldman, project chair; Shirlee Smith; Mariam Ali and Avtar Sandhu.

Chanukah party planned for November 27

TORONTO — The Israel Educational and Cultural Institute is holding its annual Chanukah party on Nov. 27, 7.30 p.m., at the Hollywood Princess Halls, 2800 Highway 7 West in Concord.

The celebration, under the auspices of the Israeli consulate, will include a candle-lighting program, entertainment by Moshe Kast and the Sky's Band, and line dancing with Marco Ben Shimon.

Refreshments will be a kosher sweet table, prepared by Isaac's Bakery, and a cash bar.

Admission price of $45 will give guests a chance to win valuable door prizes, including a ticket to Israel from Swissair & Sabra Tours.

From 5 p.m. on in the lobby, there will be an exhibit and sale of paintings by the Organization of Israeli Artists in Toronto.

The Israel Educational and Cultural Institute, founded in 1989, tries to maintain strong ties between the Israeli community in Toronto and Israeli and Jewish culture, language and heritage. Its aim is also to provide leadership and representation for the growing Israeli community.

The institute is now planning to establish a cultural centre for adults and children, which will provide lectures, cultural functions and activities, sing-alongs, Israeli television programs and music, and socializing.

For more information, contact Hassida, (905)770-4720; Aliza, (905)731-1244; Ayala, 225-5317; or Chaim, 225-0755.

Soldiers Association launches Chanukah Card Campaign

(l. to r.) Carol Baratz, Chairman, 1994 Chanukah Project; Irka Moneta and Fira Rotenberg, Co-Chairmen.

Volunteers for the Association for the Soldiers of Israel have mailed out 50,000 Chanukah cards to Jews across Canada. The proceeds will support a "Widows and Orphans Summer Camp" for those who have lost husbands and fathers in war and in more recent terrorist attacks. This project will enable their families to live with dignity and hope.

Others involved are Suellen Boyd, Association Administrator; Karen Kraftchuck, Norma Mamott, Jean Matlow, Judy Moneta and Malka Rosenbloom.

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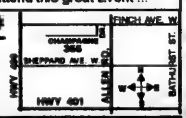

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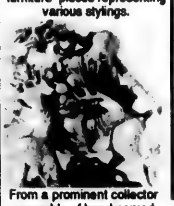

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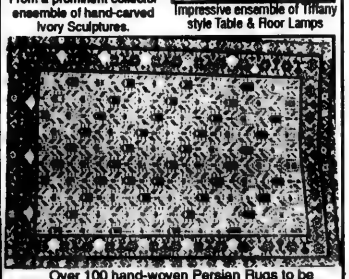

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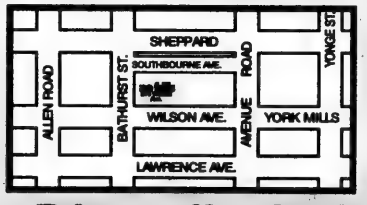

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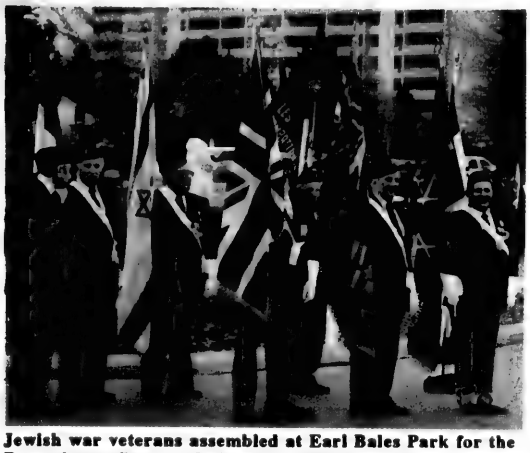

Jewish war veterans assembled at Earl Bales Park for the Remembrance Day parade. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Jewish War Veterans hold parade, service

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The route from Earl Bales Park to Beth Radom Synagogue may have been just three blocks long, but a long procession of people marched in the recent Rememberance Day parade organized by the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Toronto Post.

Five hundered war veterans, Armed Forces cadets and members of the Metropolitian Toronto Police force joined in the parade and services at North York's Beth Radom synagogue.

The service included a tribute to Todd Baylis, the young police constable killed in action five months ago. Sam Pasternack, one of the organizers of this Remembrance Day event, told *The CJN* the Jewish war veterans honored Baylis because "he was killed so we could walk the streets safely."

Decked out in their tall black busbies and red tartan kilts, the members of the Metro Police Pipes and Drums played *Bonnie Dundee* and *When the Battle's Over* as parade marshall Ernest Stein lead the procession past the Yad Vashem memorial and out to Bathurst Street for three blocks to Reiner Road. Metro Police Chief William McCormack took the salute outside the synagogue.

Major-generals Bruce Legge and Brian Vernon, colonels Gre Grewal and Ben Dunkelman, and 30 high-ranking police and Armed Forces officers attended. The veterans served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Other dignitaries included MPPs Elinor Caplan and Charles Harnick; Metro Councillor Norm Gardner; representatives from the British, American and French Consulates; and Brig.-Gen. Doron Kadmiel of the Jewish National Fund.

Over 800 people assembled inside Beth Radom for the special memorial service and candlelighting to honor the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom.

Ted Baylis, the father of Todd, read Psalm 23 and lit a candle with other members of his family in his son's memory. Baylis later told *The CJN* he was very moved by the service. "I was very proud that they would honor my son," he said. "I was so overwhelmed I'll be back next year."

Pasternack said the Jewish War veterans had the most "multicultural Remembrance Day ceremonies in the country."

He was pleased with this year's turnout. "It keeps increasing by leaps and bounds each year. It increases by 100 or 200 people a year."

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What's New

By Miriam Berman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Nov. 24, is deadline for Dec. 8 issue and Thursday, Dec. 1, is deadline for Dec. 15 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Nov. 24

CONCERT AT BAYCREST

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum and the Adath Israel Synagogue professional, adult, teen and children's choirs are performing a one-hour concert program for Baycrest Hospital patients and Terrace residents, 7-8 p.m., second floor auditorium of the hospital. Guests invited.

EAST END CHANUKAH BASH

Attention East Enders! Volunteers needed for the East End Community Chanukah Party (Dec. 1) at Withrow Public School, 25 Bain St. Please attend a planning meeting 4:15 p.m. in the school conference room. 461-9589 or 463-3930.

IN SEARCH OF PLENTY

Oded Schwartz author of *In Search of Plenty*, a history of Jewish food with more than 100 recipes, speaks about his book and reads passages 1:30 p.m. at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton W., and 7 p.m. at Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. No charge, everyone welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 27

SEVEN-BRANCHED MENORAH

Prof. Daniel Sperber, professor of Talmudic studies, Bar-Ilan University, speaks on the Seven-Branched Menorah at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Morning minyan 9 a.m., Men's Club Breakfast 9:30, lecture 10. Co-sponsored by Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University. Nominal charge for breakfast.

PNAI MEETING

PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) meets 7:30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Guest speaker **Shmuel Shilo**, visiting professor from Hebrew University, presently teaching at Osgoode Hall, York University Law School, discusses Israeli Law — Taxes on Death, Wills and Power of Attorney. Guests welcome.

SHIMON & ALEXANDER

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, explains the depth behind the holiday of Chanukah in a presentation entitled Shimon and Alexander: Philosophy Versus Prophecy, 8:30 p.m., New Tanenbaum Residence Centre, 601 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Admission $5. (905) 886-5730.

MUSIC AT THE KOFFLER

Sunday Afternoon at the Koffler with Music features Our Jewish Spirit, music especially for Chanukah — Yiddish melodies, Israeli music and klezmer, with pianist/vocalist **Fern Lindzon** and violinist **Anne Lederman**, 2-4 p.m., Koffler Gallery, Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Concert presented with support of du Maurier Arts. Inc. Admission free but donations welcome. Call 636-2145.

PROSECUTION OF HATE MONGERS

Lawyer **Edward Greenspan** speaks on The Criminal Prosecution of Hate Mongers and Holocaust Revisionists at Temple Sinai adult education program, 10 a.m. Admission free.

A TASTE OF DISCOVERY

Rabbi Motty Berger from Aish HaTorah Jerusalem presents the Seven Wonders of Jewish History, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303. Cost $5. For information, 636-7530.

HASKALAH

Jacques Kornberg, history professor, University of Toronto, will give a lecture on Haskalah: Reform or Revolution? sponsored by Secular Jewish Association, 8 p.m., North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Please bring a dessert. Non-members $5. 463-8909.

BAZAAR AND AUCTION

It will be a day of fun and bargains at Na'amat's bazaar and auction at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, with over 150 booths selling jewelry, toys, books, records, household items, fruits and vegetables, clothing, plus games for children, ethnic foods and more. Mammoth auction sale starts 11 a.m. Admission $3.

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CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy's Chanukah celebration is 1:30-4 p.m., Rosedale Heights Public School, Atkinson and Bathurst, Thornhill. Everyone invited to see a Chanukah play, dance, sing along with singer **Mickey Levine**. $2.50. Call (905) 770-1082.

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, general members breakfast meeting is at 10 a.m. at 968 Eglinton Ave. W.

HUGE CHANUKAH FAIR

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's huge Chanukah Fair runs 12:30-5 p.m., Thornhill Square (Bayview and John). You'll find bargains galore in gift items, cosmetics, clothing and much more.

Monday, Nov. 28

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP COURT

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, announces a ceremonial Court of Canadian Citizenship 1:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., with special guest of honor, Council member **Helen Goodman**, a holder of the Canada 125 Medal.

CULMINATION DRAW & FASHIONS

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood Project '94 culmination draw and fashion show at 8 p.m. features travel, leather, lounge and weekend wear, plus draw for door prizes. Members free, non-members $5. For reservations, **Olivia D'Souza**, 789-3291.

WHEN LOVE MEETS TRADITION

A video presentation studying the challenges of intermarried couples, followed by discussion with **Evelyne Keslassy** takes place 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303. 636-7530.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

MENORAH LIGHTING

A Menorah Lighting, coordinated by the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto, takes place 5:45 p.m., Mel Lastman Square, followed by a Chanukah celebration, 6:30 p.m. Ford Performing Arts Centre, with entertainment, Chanukah gelt, and lots more. 222-7106.

PEACE PROCESS

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) and B'nai Brith Canada invite the community to Peace Process or "Piece" Process, a debate on the Arab-Israeli peace process with **Prof. Stephen Cohen**, founder, Centre for Middle East Peace and Economic Development, and **Morton Klein**, president, Zionist Organization of America, moderated by **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada., 8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

FOR KIDS SAKE

For Kids Sake, a fundraising group for Hospital for Sick Children seeks volunteers. An information meeting is being held 8 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John).

JUDAISM & HOMOSEXUALITY

Rabbi Moshe Stern continues the Halacha Seminar series with Judaism and Homosexuality, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS

Transnistria Survivors Association celebration for life, liberation, survival and freedom takes place 8 p.m., Bnai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. Program includes Chanukah sing-along, latkes, donuts and more. $7.50 by Nov. 24, $10 at the door. **Miriam Leib**, (905) 771-1351.

PREPARING FOR MIRACLES

The Jewish Feminist Community presents Chanukah: Preparing for Miracles, 7:30 p.m., 55 Prince Arthur party room. **Marsha**, 604-3175.

TRIBUTE BRUNCH

At the annual Na'amat Toronto Tribute Brunch held at Lodzer Centre recently, Etty Danzig (left), national president of Na'amat Canada, presented the coveted Club One-Founders Award to all the recipients — one member selected by her co-members from each of Toronto's 26 Na'amat chapters. Accepting her award is Mollie Rothman (right) from Club Beersheba. [Larry Lobel photo]

HIDDEN CHILD PHENOMENON

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada invites the community to The Hidden Child Phenomenon, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Four Jewish individuals, now living in Toronto, who were hidden from the Nazis by Christian foster partents, will relate their experiences, and how they reconnected with their biological families after the war.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir annual Chanukah concert, 7 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., featuring traditional Chanukah songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, works on Jewish themes, international folk songs. Choir is directed by **Esther Ghan Firestone** with **Lina Zemelman** at the piano. Space limited. Reserve by calling 395-5456.

HEBREW U INFO MEETING

An information meeting for students interested in learning more about the study programs at the Hebrew University, 7:30 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., with guest speaker **Israel Roi**, vice-provost, Rothberg School for Overseas Students at Hebrew U. **Michael Litvack**, 485-8000.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH MESSIANISM

Beth Tikvah adult education committee is sponsoring a series of five lectures on Jewish Messianism: Past, Present and Future, with **Aaron Nussbaum**, founding principal of United Synagogue Day School and presently instructor of Jewish history and Bible at York University and at Midrasha Hebrew Teachers Seminary of Toronto. Lecture dates are 8 p.m., Wednesdays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Jan. 18, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1. No charge for members, $3 non-members.

HAMILTON JCC'S DREAM DINNER

Hamilton-Wentworth and area Jewish Community Centre Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World offers a "dream dinner" for two anywhere a major air carrier flies! — Jerusalem, Tokyo, New Zealand. That's first prize. Second prize is a weekend for two in either Montreal or New York, and third prize is a gourmet dinner for up to six people served in your home. Tickets $100 and only 1,000 are being sold. Proceeds go towards improvement of JCC programs and facilities. Draw is Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30

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p.m. at the JCC, 1030 Lower lions Club Rd., Ancaster, (905) 648-0605.

PREVIEW OF TOMMY

New Ben-Gurion Associates, a leadership development group of Toronto chapter, Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, is sponsoring the preview production of the Emmy Award-winning musical *Tommy*, Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St. In celebration of Ben-Gurion U's 25th anniversary, proceeds will go to establish the New Ben-Gurion Associates Scholarship Endowment Fund for needy and worthy immigrant students. For information 665-8054.

LACHAN JEWISH CHAMBER CHOIR

Founded in 1993, Lachan, the Toronto Jewish Chamber Choir, brings together 20 experienced choristers drawn from among Toronto's best singers, under the direction of director **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**. The choir's name, Lachan, is one of the Hebrew terms for melody. Its repertoire ranges through liturgical and secular music spanning centuries, languages and international borders. Look for Lachan on your concert stages in the coming year. Experienced singers are welcome to join. To audition, call **Faye Kellerstein**, 633-6558, or **Cantor Maissner**, 789-3291.

TALMUD CLASSES

Yeshivas Limudei Hashem and JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto present morning Talmudic classes, tractate Megilla, introductory to intermediate level, with **Rabbi Yoseph Posen** of Yeshivas Limudei Hashem, 8 a.m., Mondays to Thursdays.

Evening classes, second perek of the tractate Bava Metzia: Eilu Matzius, four simultaneous classes, introductory level to advanced, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m. followed by review with Chavruta 8:45-9:30 p.m.

All classes are held at JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St. 785-5899.

POSITIVE PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Positive Parenting Groups — Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work (discipline, self-esteem, realistic expectations, begins Jan. 30); Single Parent Challenges (challenges, realistic expectations, finding a balance between personhood and parenthood, begins Jan.25); Successful Step-Parenting (begins Feb. 6); Living With Teens (communication, independence, realistic expectations, begins Feb. 8). **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

ENJOY LIFE!

The Women's Division of Aish HaTorah is sponsoring Enjoy Life! It's a Gift to Treasure, the second annual one-day learning seminar for women of all ages, traditions and lifestyles, Sunday, Dec. 11, at Baycrest Terrace. Keynote presentations by Holocaust survivor and renowned speaker **Rabbi Ezriel Tauber** (Happiness: How to Get More From Your Life) and **Tova Mordechai**, former Christian minister (Playing with Fire: One Woman's Incredible Odyssey). Workshops led by **Dina Coopersmith, Lori Palatnik, Chumi Friedberg** on prayer, holidays and being Jewish. Cost $36 includes light breakfast, sit-down lunch and snacks. For information or to register, **Rhona Hall** 789-3897 or **Shellie Grafstein** (905) 771-0903.

U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is preparing an exhibition to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Allied liberation of Nazi concentration camps. Exhibit will focus on the events that occurred in the days and weeks following the opening of the camps in 1945. If you would be willing to lend any objects used in the day-to-day operation of the camps and displaced persons centres, call (202) 488-2696, fax (202) 488-2696.

at the JCC/BJC

Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services, 4588 Bathurst St., is holding a Chanukah celebration luncheon with the Chai Dancers, Habima Players and Shalom Singers, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Israeli folkdancing takes place at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., every Monday, 8-10 p.m. Instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** leads beginners 8-9 p.m. and intermediates, 9-10 p.m. **Lindsay** at Bloor JCC, 924-6211 or **Marco** (905) 771-0363.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Chanukah luncheon Monday, Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m. with entertainment by **Lenka Lichtenberg**. Information regarding future programs will be forthcoming shortly. North York Board of Education programs include exercise 9:45 a.m. and yoga 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, and line dancing 10 a.m. Wednesdays. For information on all programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Dec. 1, an Israeli movie will be shown. On Saturday, Dec. 3, there's a Chanukah party with live music, Israeli food and lots of fun. Members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the board room. Next meeting is Nov. 25. **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dance, Nov. 26, clubhouse, members free; Sunday dance with live band Nov. 27, Community Centre; movie *Silk Stockings* Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m., clubhouse, members free; Windsor Casino trip, Dec. 12-13; *Crazy For You*, Wednesday, Dec. 14, Royal Alexandra Theatre, members $39, includes transportation; New Year's Eve dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 31, members $30, non-members $35; *Showboat*, Wednesday, Jan. 11, members $50, limited seats. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for the Miami trip Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. **Libby**, 782-2059 for details. Tickets on sale for Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 3, with entertainment by **Phil Gold** and refreshments including latkes. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Come with **Young at Heart Seniors** to Sherry Frontenac, ocean front in Miami Beach, $1,950. People under 79 get a rebate from package deal. **Helen**, 635-6343.

An eight-week nutrition and weight reduction program begins Wednesday, Nov. 30, 10-11:30 a.m., **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. $30 members, $40 non-members. **Dolores Green**, 785-2500, ext. 2267.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting *The Man Who Couldn't Lose*, a documentary portrait of musician and artist **Marcus Adeney**, with commentary by director/producer **Cayle Chernin**. Monday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m. Members no charge, non-members $1. **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

LLI also presents a new Poetry Lovers Group, which meets every Tuesday, 1 p.m. Bring poetry you would like to share, yours or your favorites. Newcomers welcome. **Melissa**, 225-2112.

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Etrog, an Israeli cultural group for Hebrew speaking adults, is having a Chanukah celebration with traditional refreshments and great entertainment, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m., members $6, non-members $7. **Anna**, 225-2112.

Israeli folkdancing with **Marco Ben-Shimon** is held every Wednesday, 3 p.m. **Norma** or **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Imitation of Life* will be screened Sunday, Nov. 27, 2:30 p.m., members free, non-members $1.

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Guests became "partners in healing" at the annual fashion show recently sponsored by the Women's division of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation at Richmond Hill Country Club. From left are Renee Solursh, national president, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation; committee members Anita Sherman, Bertha Sokol; Toronto Women's division co-chairs Carolyn Hays and Camille Rasminsky; committee members Miriam Muller, Sally Dale; Judy Gordon, director of public relations, Shaare Zedek Toronto office.

About People

CANADIAN PRESIDENT NATE

Marlene Myerson, education director at Temple Emanu-El, has been elected the first Canadian president of the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE), an 850-member international association for Reform educators. Myerson has been associated with the temple's three-day-a-week school since 1981. She will be installed in December during the NATE Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. by Temple Emanu-El's **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**.

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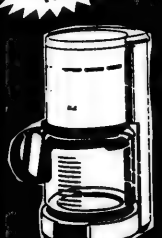

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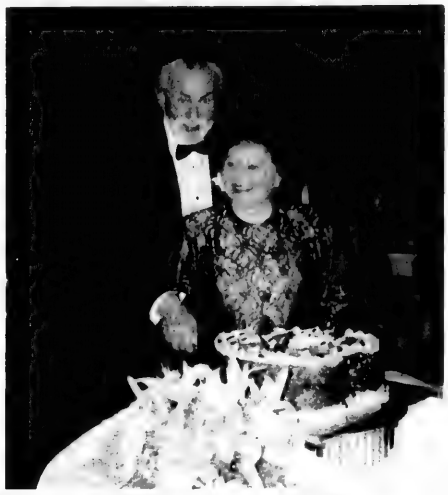

Erna and Joe Peretz at their wedding in 1944 (left) and at their 50th anniversary.

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Orphaned and alone, on Nov. 5, 1944, Erna Zweig and Jos (Joe) Peretz stood hand in hand under a borrowed tallit and exchanged wedding vows.

A few neighbors and strangers stood with them in the small Antwerp synagogue, the only one spared by the Nazis because its location between row houses made it easy to overlook.

Around them, German bombs exploded in an effort to destroy the port. Erna and Joe vowed that if they lived to see their 50th anniversary, they would make it a grand celebration.

On Nov. 5, 1994, they once again stood together hand in hand, living out their dream — this time under a chupah in the chapel at Temple Sinai.

They were surrounded by their daughter Kitty and her husband Dr. Paul Tepperman, grandchildren Aimee and Marni, with her husband Jason Appel, and 68 friends.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson officiated as they renewed their wedding vows. "Again I declare that you are more holy and precious to me as my wife then you were as my bride 50 years ago," Joe said.

Throughout the emotion-filled evening, the couple's gratitude dwarfed their sadness of the events of the past.

They met as teenagers at Zionist youth groups. At 21, Joe was sent to a slave-labor camp in northern France to make charcoal for the German army. Before leaving, he gave Erna his bar mitzvah ring and promised to someday replace it with a wedding band. But as the horror stories filtered back, Erna feared Joe would never come back.

Born in Krąkow, Erna's family came to Belgium when she was 4. She was not at home when the Gestapo came for her family. A gentile friend whose niece had died gave Erna the dead woman's papers. Wearing a big cross, she was hired as a nanny in France using the name Josie Sailly.

When the slave-labor camp was cleared out for transfer to Auschwitz in January 1944, Joe escaped when his guard looked away.

After Belgium was liberated in October 1944, Joe and Josie, as Erna was now called, returned to Antwerp, found each other, and hoped and prayed their families would return.

Joe and Josie, who came to Canada in 1953, expressed their gratitude to the righteous gentiles who helped them survive. There were more than 30,000 Jews in Belgium at the beginning of the war. Only a handful survived. Joe's sister Lily, who was born in England and held a British birth certificate, was the only other survivor in both families.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Josie and Joe told one miraculous story of survival after another. Joe has written a book of his memoirs which he hopes will be published.

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From coast to coast

Hebrew U Friends turns 50

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University has been celebrating throughout 1994 in honor of its 50th anniversary.

In Montreal, the birthplace of the organization, a Midor L'Dor (From Generation to Generation) party was held in May.

"We have had major events, dinners, fundraisers and celebrations across Canada," said the organization's president Stephen Lipper from his Montreal office.

One highlight was the tribute to Canadian Friends held at the university's board of governors' meeting last June in Jerusalem, he said.

The 13-chapter organization, which has regional offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, is one of 22 such organizations affiliated with the university. It was founded in 1944 by the late Allan Bronfman to raise awareness and financial support.

Edward Bronfman, who now lives in Toronto and sits on the national executive of the Hebrew University, has childhood memories of his father spending "just about every Sunday afternoon sitting in the sunroom doing Hebrew University business."

Allan Bronfman also brought the university's message to communities as distant as Australia and Japan, combining business trips with what amounted to an unofficial ambassadorship for the university.

"While our main direction will always remain fundraising on behalf of the university, this year's academic and social events have really been to raise the awareness of the Canadian community [regarding] what Canada has done on behalf of the Hebrew University," said Yoel Nesson, national executive director of the Canadian organization.

Canadian support for the university dates back to 1925, when the Menorah Society at the University of Manitoba helped sponsor a trip for Professor Guthrie Perry and Max Steinkopf to attend the opening of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. The two men subsequently reported on their visit at well-attended meetings held at the large Central Congregational Church.

"You can't walk down the hallways of the Hebrew University without seeing Canadian names," noted Nesson. "The Canadian presence is very pronounced."

Among those names is the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies, co-sponsored by Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto along with the government of Canada. Canada Hall, a building on the Givat Ram campus, was one of a number of Hebrew University projects of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada.

UJA set to involve rabbis

TORONTO — United Jewish Appeal will be involving Toronto rabbis from all denominations in next year's campaign.

Orthodox, Conservative and Reform religious leaders will help plan and execute the annual fundraising effort.

It is the first time a Canadian UJA has created an all-encompassing partnership with the rabbinic community. Campaign '95 co-chair Wendy Eisen called the integration of rabbis "an innovative concept for Toronto.

"We want to strengthen the 'Jewish' in United Jewish Appeal," she said.

UJA campaign director Mark Gryfe hopes to create a Judaic component in a "non-threatening, non-intrusive fashion." He would like campaign cabinets to recognize rabbis as their "scholars in residence."

Beth Tzedec Congregation's Conservative Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl is enthusiastic about teaching campaign volunteers, "[being] not just a speech writer."

Beth Tikvah's Rabbi Wayne Allen, also Conservative, expects he and his colleagues will provide a Jewish perspective on treating others with respect and dignity. Participating rabbis are getting to know their UJA co-workers. Some, like Rabbi Mark Dratch from the Orthodox Shaarei Shomayim synagogue; Rabbi Moshe Stern, who heads the Orthodox Vaad Harabanim; Rabbi Dow Marmur from Holy Blossom Temple; and Rabbi Philip Scheim of the Conservative Beth David Synagogue, have formed an organizing committee.

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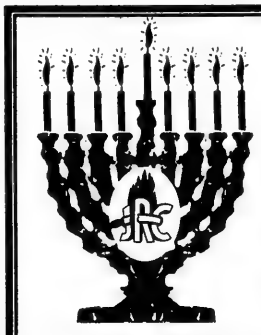

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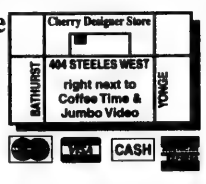


From coast to coast

Heimish exhibit reveals Canada's rich Yiddish past

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A love letter from his father in Canada to his mother in Europe dated 1928 and outlining arrangements for their marriage as soon as she steps off the boat is one of the prize possessions of Rabbi Edward Goldfarb of Shaarei Beth El Congregation in Oakville.

It is one of a fascinating array of items on view in One Hundred Years of Yiddish Canada until March 31 at the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum.

This is a heimish exhibit, giving due recognition to events in the lives of ordinary Jews as well as to a historical overview of how Yiddish came to Canada.

On display is a naturalization certificate of a Mr. Warshafsky, a plate reserved for meat dishes on the White Star liner which brought many Jews to Canada, a Yiddish typewriter belonging to Yiddish poet Moshe Shaffir, and a Yiddish version of Snakes and Ladders.

"We wanted to give the exhibit an authentic local flavor," said curator Dorion Liebgott. One display case reveals the items found in a Jewish kitchen, a rebeizen (grater) vying for attention with a plaster mock-up of a carp about to go under the knife.

Magnificent photos, some of them never on public view before, of life in Poland at the turn of the century, are given a place of honor.

A series of pictures give an absolutely rivetting picture of life in Stazcov before World War I. They show among other things a blind beggar, musicians, water carriers, yeshivah bochers and a bearded rav. The pictures, taken by his father, were loaned by Simcha Rotenberg of Toronto.

The rich life of the shtetl is captured as well in vibrant photographs loaned by Philip and Laura Caplan and by Ruth Warren Hyman and her sisters.

A closely written account book in Yiddish, circa 1933, kept by merchant Isaac Selick of Hillsboro, New Brunswick, has a thumbprint on each page.

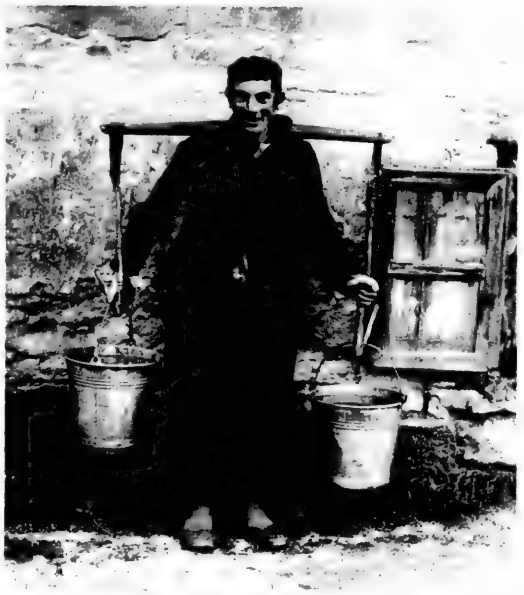
The rich contribution of Yiddish writers to the literature of Canada is not overlooked, the personal writing desk of Montreal poet J.I. Segal, and the original manuscripts of other writers, are displayed.

Early Toronto scenes include the Mandel Dairy on Baldwin Street, where a Yiddish sign still exists in the window, and the Rutherford Drug Store at Spadina and Nassau which later became Halperns and is now Wong's Pharmacy, a cultural transformation in miniature.

Wooden blocks of type belonging to Joseph Heller who is shown as he still lives today at his old printing shop on Spadina Avenue south of College Street are on display.

A large spittoon from the Kiever Synagogue in Kensington is above a sign translated into English reading: "Please, we ask you to sit down on a seat and not to walk around during service. Also, no smoking in the synagogue and no spitting on the floor."

A 10-foot hand painted cotton banner circa 1920 from Kensington reading "Mama's Yiddisha kitchen," an early example of "Yinglish", is loaned by Dave Pinkus.



A water carrier, one of three generations who did this work in Poland prior to World War I. A mikveh is in the background. [Photo loaned to the exhibit by Simcha Rotenberg]

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McLeod favors Canada-Israel free trade

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod called for a free trade agreement between Canada and Israel during her first visit to the Jewish state last week.

"The advantages of a trade agreement between our countries are obvious," said McLeod, addressing the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv. The Liberal leader said that without such an agreement both countries are at a trading disadvantage.

"In order to qualify for duty-free treatment into Israel, Canadian companies must first send goods to the United States, adding 40 per cent of the product's value. As long as the U.S. has a trade agreement with Israel and Canada doesn't, value added in the United States is value lost to Canada," she said.

McLeod said she was confident that the issue of free trade would be raised this week during Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's meeting with Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Lyn McLeod

McLeod stopped short of calling for an end to Canada's restrictive policy on arms trade with Israel. "This is a federal matter which I would prefer not to comment on," she told *The CJN*.

The Canadian policy — now under review — prohibits sale or purchase of defense equipment to or from Israel, because the country is considered to be in "a region of conflict."

Israeli leaders, including Rabin, have sharply criticized the policy. Ontario Premier Bob Rae called for an end to the Canadian restrictions during his visit to Israel last year.

"I see trade opportunities between Ontario and Israel in construction, microelectronics, environmental technologies, and biotechnology," said McLeod. "Ontario building materials could find a good market in Israel, which is in the midst of a construction boom."

The Liberal leader said she also hoped an Ontario company might be involved in designing the subway system planned for Tel Aviv, and raised this possibility during her meeting with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo.

McLeod, who was on a private visit, was accompanied by Liberal MPPs Monte Kwinter (Wilson Heights) and Joseph Cordiano (Lawrence).

After touring the Golan Heights, the Liberal leader said she could "appreciate the strategic importance of the Golan to the security of Israel.

"I believe Canadian peacekeeping troops are prepared to continue playing a role in the region if an agreement is reached between Israel and Syria," she added.

McLeod said she was struck by the strong Canadian presence in Israel, citing the Canada Centre in the border town of Metulla.

"The mayor of Metulla told me that his dream is to turn the sounds of war into the sounds of children laughing. The Canada Centre has helped do that. It has changed the nature of life in that community, and constitutes an impressive Canadian contribution to the peace process."

During her visit, McLeod met with Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, Deputy Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky, Members of Knesset, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, as well as Milo.

She also laid a wreath at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, met with Canadian students studying at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and visited an immigrant absorption centre. During a visit to the Gaza Strip, she met with the member of the Palestinian Authority responsible for justice, Freih Abu Meidan.

Israel stays on sidelines following Gaza riots

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — While Palestinian leaders attempted over the weekend to calm tensions in the wake of bloody rioting in the Gaza Strip last Friday that left 15 dead, Israeli officials offered restrained reactions, careful to avoid any appearance of interference.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said flatly that Israel would not intervene in what he described as a matter best left for the Palestinians to work out for themselves.

"I propose we leave it to the Palestinians to deal with their internal matters," he told Army Radio from the United States, where he was on an official visit, as well as to address the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Denver.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres echoed that view. "The current struggle between the (PLO) and Hamas and the Islamic Jihad is an internal Palestinian issue," he told Army Radio. "We must be very cautious and not create the impression that Israel is involved."

Peres instead stressed the economic problems facing Gaza, noting that pledges of financial support from foreign donor nations have failed to materialize. As a result, he said, the Palestinian leadership has been hampered in its attempts to improve the lot of the average Gazan.

At its weekly meeting Sunday, the cabinet was briefed on last Friday's violence in Gaza, the worst outbreak of Palestinian infighting since the start of self-rule in May.

The street battles, which left 15 Palestinians dead and injured some 250, was sparked by clashes between the Palestinian police and followers of rejectionist fundamentalist movements who had gathered outside Gaza City's main mosque. Each side has blamed the other for starting the fighting.

The cabinet on Sunday was also briefed by the Israel Defence Force Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, about a Saturday night terrorist attack near the Israeli settlement of Netzarim in Gaza, where an Israeli soldier was killed — the fourth in less than two weeks at the site.

Barak told ministers about a demonstration by some 300 Hamas supporters who overtook an Army checkpoint near Netzarim and raised a Palestinian flag after destroying the post.

Following standing orders, the soldiers fled the checkpoint under a hail of stones thrown by the demonstrators.

Staff-Sgt. Gil Sadon, 26, of Tel Aviv, was later killed at the site, when a speeding car with Gaza license plates opened fire on the Army post. It was the same post where, on Nov. 11, a terrorist rode up on a bicycle and exploded a bomb that claimed the lives of three other Israeli soldiers.

Sadon was buried in Tel Aviv on Sunday.

Barak criticized the Palestinian police for not doing enough to prevent the rioting at the post, but Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet said ensuring the safety of Israeli civilians in Gaza was not the Palestinians' responsibility.

Peres and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid expressed support for the IDF's decision to order the soldiers to abandon their post temporarily. Peres, who is acting prime minister while Rabin is in the United States, said the evacuation prevented large-scale bloodshed.

The Likud party caucus in the Knesset, meanwhile, said that responsibility for the events at the Netzarim Army post lies with the Israeli government.

Moshe Katsav, Likud caucus chairman, said that further implementation of the self-rule accord should be suspended until PLO leader Yasser Arafat got full control of the situation in Gaza.

The leader of the right-wing Tsomet Party, Rafael Eitan, called the standing IDF orders that required soldiers to flee the outpost at Netzarim an "incomparable disgrace."

Arafat, who held meetings with his aides in Gaza over the weekend to discuss the situation in the wake of the rioting, later announced that he would appoint an official committee to look into the causes of the violence.

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Jewish women to lobby at UN conference

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of Jewish women from around the world convened in Jerusalem earlier this month for a conference to discuss the status of women and plan strategies for next year's United Nations Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing.

Representatives from 26 countries, including Canada, the United States, Australia, Hong Kong and Eastern Europe attended workshops and shared insights. But their primary goal was to lay the foundations for a strong Jewish lobby at the Beijing conference next September.

Representing Canada were Toronto's Helen Marr, president of the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW); Sharon Wolchok, president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada; Miriam Ferstman of the ICJW; and Liberal MP from Windsor Shaughnessy Cohen.

At previous UN world conferences on women, delegates from countries hostile to Israel have initiated anti-Zionist resolutions or walked out during speeches by Israeli delegates.

At the 1975 conference in Mexico, a resolution was brought forward equating Zionism with racism.

"What we asked (of the participants) is that whoever will be able to represent the Jewish attitude or opinion be prepared for any manifestation of anti-Israel or anti-Semitic attacks," said Dr. Mina Westman, chair of the Council of Women's Organizations in Israel.

Westman, who will serve in the official Israeli delegation to Beijing, believed that the attitudes of Arab and Muslim participants toward the Israeli and Jewish delegates may not have changed much, despite the ongoing Middle East peace process.

She said a Foreign Ministry official had informed the conference in Jerusalem that Jordanian delegates were considering an anti-Israel resolution.

But she was nonetheless hopeful there would be a change of attitude at the Beijing conference.

"Definitely the atmosphere is better. And who knows, we've got 10 months to go," she said.

The Jerusalem conference also gave delegates a chance to compare notes on the status of women in each other's countries.

A number of resolutions were adopted at the conclusion of the conference. They included welcoming the peace process and urging the inclusion of women in all levels of peace negotiations; demanding that governments implement and fund policies to combat violence against women; and calling on men and women alike to create a mutual commitment to work against discrimination.

Lea Rabin (left) with Dr. Mina Westman, president of the CWO, and Helen Marr, president ICJW.

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PLO, Hamas to blame Israel for riots

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JEUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority (PA) and Islamic fundamentalists will both try to blame Israel for last Friday's rioting and shooting in the Gaza Strip, to avoid revenge attacks against each other, Israeli Arabs mediating between the two sides say.

The two sides have not yet agreed on who should head an inquiry committee to determine what happened last Friday in Gaza City, where 15 Palestinians were killed and over 200 wounded in street battles, said Hamas activists who participated in meetings with the mediators.

The bloody clash between Palestinian police and Islamic activists in Gaza spilled over into riots against Israeli troops on Saturday, with demonstrations across the Gaza Strip.

The clashes with Israeli troops left three Palestinians dead and nine wounded.

Preventive Security police in Gaza said they had arrested some 20 suspected collaborators with Israel in connection with Friday's violence, Palestinian sources reported.

Gaza police, who released several Islamic Jihad members on Sunday, would not confirm the arrests, but said collaborators were suspected of involvement.

The PA and the fundamentalists have agreed that a committee headed by Gaza lawyer Fayez Abu Rahme will decide on steps to restore peace and public order. But there has been no agreement on who should head a judicial inquiry committee to examine the riot itself.

In the mediated talks between Hamas and Arafat, each side was adamant that it did not start the riot, so any inquiry that assigns blame to one side or the other is likely to be rejected.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Walid Sadek, a member of the Israeli-Arab mediation team, said after meeting with Hamas spokesman Dr. Mahmud Zahar that "there is a sharp dispute over who was responsible. Hamas wants Arafat to bend towards it and says collaborators [with Israel] are to blame."

A Hamas supporter attending the meeting with the mediators said the Islamic fundamentalists believe "the Israelis are responsible because they always put the Palestinian Authority under pressure."

He said there are no direct talks now with Arafat because Hamas feels it is more important to restore calm in the streets.

"What is important now is to see what happens in the streets. The feeling of all the people is that the police attacked people at prayer," the supporter said.

At a Hamas memorial meeting on Sunday, one young speaker said, "The Palestinian police did what the Jews never did."

Diverting blame toward Israel would serve the immediate political interests of the Islamic and PLO leadership without contradicting eyewitness accounts of the rioting. The police claim that shots were fired at them, and Hamas claims its people did not carry guns.

Sadek said the Israeli Arab team is trying to find a different formula for assigning responsibility that would satisfy both sides without blaming Israel. "We don't have one yet, but with the help of the richness of the Arabic language, we'll find a way."

Rabin slams Golan Heights lobbyists

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DENVER — Shortly before his visit this week to Washington, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin attacked lobbying efforts under way on Capitol Hill by Israelis opposed to any withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"They are causing long-term damage to the State of Israel," Rabin said, referring to Israelis rallying American opinion against the possible deployment of U.S. troops on the Golan Heights in the event of an Israeli-Syrian peace accord.

Rabin made those remarks last week at a news conference following his address to the General Assembly (GA) of the Council of Jewish Federations here Nov. 17.

In English-language remarks to reporters, Rabin took a low-key position against the lobbying effort, pointing to the 1,000 American soldiers already stationed in the Sinai as part of a multinational force observing compliance with the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Those soldiers do not constitute "a peacekeeping force like in Somalia or Sarajevo," he said.

But responding in Hebrew to an Israeli journalist, the prime minister lashed out at the ongoing efforts on Capitol Hill as encouraging American isolationism.

"Imagine if that atmosphere prevailed during the Gulf War," he said. "The face of the Middle East would be different from end to end."

A United States unwilling to do on the Golan what it has been doing in the Sinai for 15 years "will be a different America with negative implications for the future of the Middle East."

Rabin also spoke out against the lobbying effort in private remarks to major donors to the United Jewish Appeal.

His remarks came against the backdrop of a new, potentially more hostile environment in Washington that is taking shape as Republicans start to spell out their agenda for the incoming Congress that they will dominate.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), the powerful conservative who is slated to chair the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the CNN program *Evans and Novak* on Saturday that he is opposed to sending American troops to the Golan.

He criticized the whole effort at peace between Israel and Syria. "This whole peace process over there is a fraud," Helms said. "Syria doesn't want peace. They want the Golan Heights. They want access to the pocketbooks of the American taxpayers."

At the GA, Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu dissociated himself from the current lobbying efforts in Washington.

Addressing the CJF meeting the day after Rabin, Netanyahu said that lobbying on Israeli issues should take place in the Knesset, not on Capitol Hill.

And in subsequent remarks to journalists, he said that the Israelis spearheading the effort in Washington "are not members of the Likud."

"If I wanted to launch a lobbying effort on the Golan," Netanyahu said, "I would have plenty of excellent talent. But I don't want to do so."

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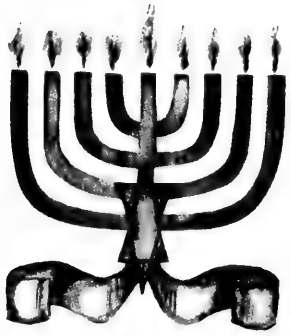

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Reconstructionist movement at a crossroads after 40 years

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DANA POINT, Calif. — Forty years after five Reconstructionist Jews had their first organized meeting, and 20 years after the first rabbis were ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the movement is at a crossroads.

Reconstructionism — what it is and how it is different from Judaism's other liberal movements — is often not clear to its own members, as well as to the rest of the Jewish world.

The confusion was the source of many jokes and of the theme for the recent conference of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, the movement's congregational arm, held at the Dana Point Resort here Nov. 10-13.

Canadians were represented in the persons of Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker of Toronto's Congregation Darchei Noam; Rabbi Ron Aigen of Dorshei Emet Congregation in Montreal and members of the Ottawa chavura, which claims 100 families.

Edna Edelberg of Toronto was named vice-president for Canada of the Reconstructionist movement.

Titled "Spirit, Intellect, Community: The Reconstructionist Search," the conference, which attracted about 300 people, centered on defining the Reconstructionist integration of those three pillars of Jewish life.

It began with roundtable discussions on explaining and understanding the movement.

Part of the confusion stems from the fact that "people like soundbites and easy answers, but Reconstructionism is not about that. It's about taking your own practice and belief system seriously," said Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, executive vice president of the federation.

Members often come to Reconstructionist congregations with little idea of what Reconstructionism is, said conference participants.

The movement now has 78 affiliates, more than triple the number of member congregations it had in 1980, and many of the congregations have themselves enjoyed explosive growth in membership.

That growth brings with it administrative and some financial problems for Reconstructionist organizations, which are still structured to serve a tiny movement.

It also brings with it philosophical and educational challenges for a movement that has been intimate, and now must make the transition to the different dynamic of a larger organization.

Most members of Judaism's youngest movement have backgrounds in other movements, or come from no synagogue affiliation at all, according to the movement's members.

And those things which have set Reconstructionism apart from Judaism's other movements — an emphasis on study, openness and creativity in liturgy and ritual, the ordination of women and acceptance of gay and lesbian Jews — have become less defining as many non-Reconstructionist liberal congregations integrate similar approaches.

What's more, new members are often Jewishly uneducated, according to Jane Susswein, newly installed president of the federation.

Reconstructionist theology and philosophy, as articulated by founder Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan and his followers, is profoundly different from Judaism's other movements. In practice, Reconstructionist Jews are often as observant, or even more observant, than Conservative Jews — but for different reasons.

Reconstructionists see Torah not as a divinely inspired or even historically accurate document, but as a collection of myths reflecting the spiritual experience and searching of the Jewish people.

Reconstructionists' decisions about issues ranging from the kashrut policy of a synagogue to whether same-sex unions may be religiously sanctified are made after studying Jewish sources. The decisions are informed — but not dictated — by tradition.

Torah "has a vote but not a veto," according to Kaplan's theology.

That plays out as "eat kosher but think treif," according to Rabbi Arnold Rachlis, spiritual leader of University Synagogue in Irvine, Calif., who led a workshop on spirituality.

It means "be a traditional Jew when it doesn't conflict with ethics, like on the women's issue, and to think to the very fullest limits," Rabbi Rachlis said.

The Reconstructionist movement tries to negotiate a unique path between the individual autonomy at the heart of Reform Judaism and the obedience to Jewish law espoused by Conservative Judaism, if not Conservative Jews.

In Reconstructionism, community has primacy.

Kaplan espoused "belonging" as the vehicle for Jewish participation, rather than behaving or believing. This stands as a stark contrast with traditional Judaism, which focuses first on behavior, or the performance of mitzvot, then belief, and finally, membership, as the measures of Jewish commitment.

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JCC talks heat up

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Adding another twist to the picture is a statement by the BJC board that it will resign on Nov. 30, when its mandate lapses. The interim board was appointed by Richter & Partners pending a final restructuring of the JCC into three distinct corporate entities – the BJC, the Bloor JCC and the Valley JCC.

Although re-opening the theatre and compensating the unsecured creditors has been the subject of recent negotiations, sources told *The CJN* that proposals to rescue the JCC might still go awry.

"If there's a successful resolution of the problem, it will probably be on the basis that third party creditors will be paid in full. But that will depend on the rescue attempt succeeding," said Lorie Waisberg, lawyer for the Federation. "Reopening the theatre is one of the issues on the table."

BJC spokesman Howard English said the BJC views plans for an independent theatre as "a recipe for confusion and financial problems."

As to the compensation for unsecured creditors, Waisberg said "it's fair to say the Federation hasn't changed its position that it doesn't have the financial resources to pay all these [creditors]. There are people in the community with financial resources."

The parties are also discussing ways to replenish the $2.4-million endowment fund established by Posluns to support the theatre, said Robert Harlang, Richter's representative on JCC matters.

Harlang said the latest round of talks took place after Richter & Partners filed court documents several weeks ago requesting authorization to sell two of the JCC's properties, its Bloor and Bathurst branches. (A members' group at the Bloor JCC will take control of that facility while a new corporation will run the Bathurst facility.)

Posluns appeared in court raising concerns over the disposition of the endowment fund. Ontario Court Justice John Farley suggested that Posluns, the Federation and Richter attempt to resolve their differences, Harlang said.

"Several meetings (followed) and a tentative agreement was in place, but there are differences of opinion over the actual (implementation)," he said. "It involves a difference of opinion over how the $2.4-million endowment fund would be replenished. They were trying to settle on a way to raise the funds."

Harlang said termination and compensation packages for ex-employees would be calculated according to formulas set out in the Employment Standards Act.

Altogether, about $2 million is owing to unsecured creditors, such as ex-employees and tradesmen, and to Revenue Canada for unremitted payroll deductions, he said.

Separate arrangements are being discussed with secured creditors like the Bank of Montreal and Honeywell. The bank is owed $9.1 million in principal and $900,000 in interest and other charges.

Proposals forwarded to the bank would see it paid $9.1 million over several years. The bank has not received any payment of either principal or interest since the summer of 1993, Harlang said.

Although negotiations over the BJC's future have been ongoing, no one from the BJC has taken part in those meetings, English said. In a statement issued by the BJC, the board stated the BJC can be a viable institution if it gets "complete control over all the programs and all the property at 4588 Bathurst St. The theatre building and related programs are integral components of the BJC.

"The board supports the use of the theatre building by communal groups, outside parties and theatrical productions, as long as overall authority rests with the BJC."

Meanwhile, the former JCC branches continue to take steps towards institutional autonomy. Approximately 3,500 members took the BJC up on its offer to re-register before a Nov. 1 deadline, English said. That is about half the regular athletic or program members at the Bathurst branch of the JCC.

English said the BJC is satisfied with those numbers since the reregistration program lasted only a few weeks and many health club members have left the country for the winter.

The Bloor JCC, which is currently being operated by an independent management company, has seen its children's programs " filled to capacity. The place is alive with programming activities," said centre spokesman Mark Sarner. "There's no question that the restructuring has had a big impact in attracting families and children."

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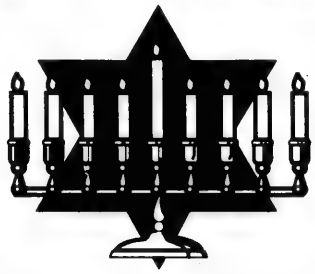

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Israel: a land of investment

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When questioned about a possible new mutual fund, Allan Feld, vice-president of Israel's Evergreen Capital Markets Ltd., carefully frames his answer.

"We are exploring the opportunity to see how Canadians can participate in our money management services," Feld says.

Feld has nothing but good news to report about Israel's economic climate to potential investors. He was on his first visit back to Toronto since making aliyah five months ago.

Evergreen Capital Markets is a subsidiary of Evergreen Canada-Israel Investment Ltd., a firm founded by Jacob Burak in 1987. Beginning with $3 million (US), the parent company now boasts $120 million (US) — a 25 per cent annual return for the original investors.

Today, Israel is looking more and more like a land of opportunity. Domestic and foreign investors, as well as firms like Evergreen who are getting in on the bottom floor, stand to make a fortune.

Evergreen Capital Markets is a full service investment bank that specializes in corporate finance and money management.

Feld says Evergreen has the led the way in private placements — finding investors prior to a firm going public — for Israeli companies. In fact, in the last two years, Evergreen has done close to $50 million (US) in business.

"We are bringing North American standards to raising money in Israel," he says.

Five months ago Evergreen introduced what Feld calls the firm's strategic alliance area. Essentially, it matches Israeli firms and products — frequently founded, made and designed by Soviet olim — with established Canadian companies.

Feld says that while Israel's entrepreneurs are R&D experts, most lack the business experience needed to market and export a product.

"Right now, no one is focusing on establishing relations between Canada and Israel on a professional basis," Feld says. Evergreen is not limiting itself to the Canadian market.

The vast majority of the parent firm's initial investors were Canadian, hence the name Evergreen.

Feld points out that strategic alliances between the countries make sense from a statistical standpoint. Based on 1993 figures, Israel spent three per cent of its GDP on R&D; Canada spent 1.4 per cent. "The gap is enormous," he says.

Money management, the firm's $38-million second area of expertise, holds three mutual funds for Israel's institutional investors and some portfolios.

Citing a variety of reasons, Feld notes that the 40 per cent drop in this area since the beginning of the year means investors will find Israel's market relatively cheap.

Feld predicts the best buys will be found on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE). Some Israeli companies are listed in New York (mostly hi-tech firms) and some on the TASE (some hi-tech and everything else).

He says the peace process process will continue to entice monetary investments and tourists to Israel; and immigration is predicted to continue at a rate of 70,000 to 80,000 per year. As a result, basic necessity, infrastructure and tourism stocks will soar.

Through all this good news, Feld says potential investors will need the services of investment firms who, like Evergreen, know the Israeli money markets.

Feld cautions people on investing directly since company research reports are not available in Israel.

Ehud Amir, a former manager of investment for Menorah Insurance Company, Israel's fourth largest insurance firm, has recently joined Evergreen. Amir has put together a team of six people responsible for detailed analyses of companies.

Evergreen's North American services in Israel should entice Canadian investors to mutual fund investment, but Canada's own market is seeing recent substantial setbacks.

In the Nov. 17 issue of *The Financial Post*, it was reported that mutual fund redemptions outpaced new sales again in October as investors poured almost $1 billion net into Canada Savings Bonds, guaranteed income certificates and other shorter-term investments.

Feld replies, "Canadians are moving money out of mutuals because they don't like the returns in North America. We are seeing more interest in emerging markets and Canadians will become interested in the Israel.

"Israel offers the growth of an emerging market but like any other developed country, Israel has R&D expenditure, exports per capita and GDP per capita. These are all good indications of a developing country."

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Business & Finance

Bond Executive Offices helps lower start-up costs

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Andrea Bricks and Eva Stal set up their real estate company, Palomine Properties Ltd., they minimized their start-up costs by renting space in an executive office suite and sharing a receptionist and other services with several independent businesses.

Bricks and Stal told *The CJN* they weren't happy with the space — it was so shabby they had to take their clients to restaurants — and began looking for another executive suite. When they couldn't find one that met their standards they started their own, Bond Executive Offices Inc.

Bond, located at 1370 Don Mills Rd., just north of Lawrence Avenue, opened in 1990. Stal and Bricks took over the third floor of a new building and converted the 12,000-plus sq.ft. space into a facility to meet the needs of independent businesses.

The space was divided into 39 offices, two meeting rooms, a conference room with audio-visual facilities, two kitchens, a mini-gym with exercise equipment and a shower, and a large reception area.

The women also set up flexible leases or service agreements, which they said were better suited to fledgling businesses. Space at Bond can be leased yearly, monthly, part time — even hours. Suites, furnished or unfurnished, range in size from 130 to 300 square feet. The executive office package starts at $500 per month of full-time use and includes mail, phone and fax services.

The company also offers a package with personalized answering and paging service as well as an office mailing address.

Stal and Bricks rented executive suites for five years before they established Bond so they knew what they wanted, Bricks said. "We knew what was wrong. We took the wrongs and tried to make it right."

Bond includes many complimentary services such as coffee, "unlimited, reasonable use" of the boardroom or meeting room, free parking, and use of a hi-tech telephone in the service agreement, because Stal and Bricks said they resented being charged for every little thing when they were in the first office.

> 'Everyone wanted to nickel and dime me'

Hugh Ritchie, a tenant at Bond, said the complimentary services swayed him in favor of setting up the Canadian branch of A.V. Qualite, an international engineering firm, at Bond. "Everybody else wanted to nickel and dime me," he said.

Norman Lowe, a tenant at Bond for four years, sold his Bay Street advertising firm and has been working as independent consultant in marketing and communications. He said working out of Bond saves him a lot of money. "[Bond] gives you a first class image at a fraction of the price," he said.

Marcia Cardamore runs an employment consulting firm with four employees out of Bond. She told *The CJN* she set up her office there because she did not want to be bogged down with running an office; she wanted to focus her attention on her business.

Stal and Bricks also wanted to concentrate on running their Palomine business. They initially hired a manager to run Bond, but the suites did not take off in the first year. It was the start of the recession, Bricks said. "We were not bombarded with inquiries. We had to go after the business."

They replaced the first manager with her cousin, Shari Bricks-Young, and the business soon turned around. Both Stal and Bricks have become more active in running the company.

Today Bond has 70 clients and a 90 per cent occupancy rate. The company has been so successful that several commercial building owners have approached the three women about setting up in other locations.

With the trend in downsizing, many people are starting their own businesses and are in need of executive suites, Bricks said, adding that technological advances are making it possible for companies like Bond to offer an increasing array of services.

"We see this business has wonderful potential," she said. "We're going into a new era of communications and high technology in the business world and we want to be at the front of the line."

Edie Kleinstein Glazer, vice-president of Greater Golf Properties, accepts her award as North York Chamber of Commerce' Woman of the Year from the Honorable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, at the annual Business Executive Dinner held in the Prince Hotel.

Kleinstein Glazer recognized for business achievement

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

NORTH YORK — Edie Kleinstein Glazer, vice-president of Greater Gulf Properties, is the North York Chamber of Commerce (NYCC) Woman of the Year.

During the NYCC annual Business Excellence Awards Dinner at the Prince Hotel, Glazer accepted an etched crystal plaque in recognition of her achievement.

Glazer attended York Mills Collegiate and graduated from York University. Greater Gulf Properties, which was founded by her father, Joseph Kleinstein, has been based in North York for the past 20 years.

Glazer juggles family, corporate and community commitments with caring, competence and enthusiasm.

She keeps in close touch with her daughter Romi, a student at the University of Western Ontario, and she is always open to discussing the concerns of Elise, who goes to York Mills Collegiate.

In association with her husband Mike and brother Art Kleinstein (it's a family business) Glazer has built Greater Gulf into a successful property development and management company.

As office administrator, marketing and design consultant, she is alert to needs within the company and in the field, and helps meet the challenge of today's fickle economy with a resourcefulness and staying power which keep her firm viable and profitable.

And she gives full measure to the community. In keeping with her own work ethic, she appreciates the prime goal of ORT, the Organization for Educational Research and Technology, which funds schools in 60 countries, all devoted to teaching students self-sufficiency.

She is currently national president of Women's Canadian ORT which, she affirms, provides relevant education for the 21st century.

"I've been lucky," she says. "I want to give something back!"

Together with other Women's Canadian ORT members and Ontario Men's ORT, she is exploring with the North York Board of Education the possibility of initiating the ORT approach to pedagogy within the public school system.

Glazer has also volunteered with Israel Bonds and has supported many other community efforts.

Also honored at the awards dinner were Peter Oliver, Man of the Year; Cosimo Pusateri, Entrepreneur of the Year; Bayview Village, Company of the Year, Quality; International Verifact, Company of the Year, Creativity; Tectrol Inc., Award of Excellence.

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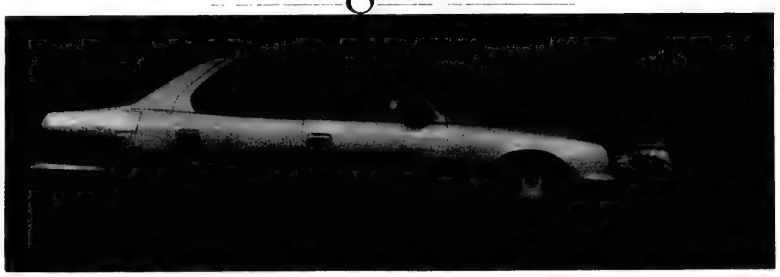

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Friendly face greeted immigrants

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When people think of immigrants to America, they conjure up Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and families anxious to be a part of the "goldene medina."

Immigrants to Canada, however, likely remember Halifax's Pier 21, used to absorb over a million new Canadians from 1928 to 1971.

Among those who came through Pier 21 were thousands of Jews, including survivors from Poland, Russia, Germany and other countries ravaged by Hitler's terror.

As well, Pier 21 was a temporary home and meeting place for servicemen and women during World War II.

For decades, Jewish immigrants and military personnel were greeted by a Halifax volunteer, Sadie Fineberg.

Fineberg's children, Elliot and Leonard, and Helen Freedman, now a Toronto resident, remember their mother's dedication to Pier 21, first as a volunteer for Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) and later as an unpaid official representative of the City of Halifax.

Elliot Fineberg remembers going with his father, the late philanthropist and businessman Morris Fineberg, "to drag her home at all hours of the night.

"Many a time," he remembers, "there would be a Jewish family stranded there. Maybe they had to wait to take a train the next day. Anyway, my mother would call home and tell us to bring down salami and rye bread for them to eat."

Sometimes, the children remember, people would stay in their home overnight, or for several nights, waiting for trains, their papers, or for health problems.

"Our house was like a hotel," Elliot recalls, remembering stays by Canadian chess champion Abe Yanofsky, then in the navy, and not-yet-famous comedians Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster.

During the war, Sadie Fineberg, partly through her beloved B'nai Brith chapter, prepared food for the soldiers. Daughter Helen says she also worked with convalescing soldiers and veterans at Camp Hill Hospital.

A 1954 issue of *Chatelaine* describes her as good-humored, well-spoken and full of energy, with a pocket bulging with facial tissue ("to wipe the kids' noses") and a loaf of garlic bread "in case they're hungry," she explained.

Today's liberated women often denigrate the volunteer work done by their mothers and grandmothers. But read this tribute to her by Halifax *Mail-Star* columnist Peter Duffy, himself an immigrant, although not through Pier 21.

"I kind of wish she'd been around when I came ashore. Not for the tissues or the bread, but a friendly face would've meant a lot to someone alone like me."

Or this excerpt from a letter from an immigrant in 1964, thanking her for her "kind and gentle help and guidance ... how lucky we were having you around in a strange place, helping us with all the formalities of new arrivals in our new country."

Pier 21 is closed now, but not forgotten. The Pier 21 society is trying to preserve it "not only as a memorial to trans-Atlantic immigration, but also as a focus for the celebration of multiculturalism."

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Ukraine is a beautiful country filled with astonishingly friendly people, but if you intend to travel there by car, be sure to take along a canister of gasoline in the trunk as well as someone who can repair the engine in case it needs servicing.

There are no service areas and almost no toilet facilities, highway signs, car repair facilities, telephones or supermarkets along the roads in most of Ukraine, according to Miriam Weiner, the New Jersey-based professional genealogist who goes there three or four times a year, for six to eight weeks at a time.

"If you're going there to experience a place where your ancestors lived, you're going to get more of your ancestor's experience than you bargained for," she says. "Many places look just like they did 100 years ago, with horses and wagons on the streets and people taking water from the well."

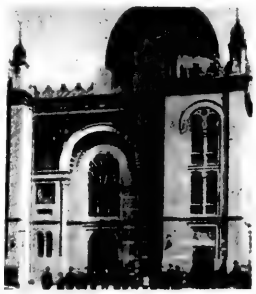
With an uncertain political situation, rampant inflation, a growing crime rate, and regular shortages of consumer goods and some foods, present-day Ukraine may not seem the best spot for a relaxing two-week vacation. North American travellers invariably report that the country, with its poorly developed infrastructure, is not entirely amenable to tourists.

Hotels, for example, are often unable to supply hot water, there are no air conditioners to relieve the sweltering heat of summer, and it is difficult or impossible to find replacement eyeglasses, medical prescriptions or even camera batteries.

Nonetheless, "some areas are extremely picturesque," says Weiner. "I particularly like western Ukraine. The best times to be there are May and June or September and October, when the leaves turn color."

Three years ago, a wealthy North American businessman paid Weiner to visit his ancestral town in Moldova and research his family tree. Following the successful completion of that mission, she received so many similar requests that she has purchased her own apartment in Mogilev Podolsky. Situated on the border between Ukraine and Moldova, the town is central to Lviv, Odessa, Kiev and Kishinev, all cities that once possessed thriving Jewish communities.

The only Jewish genealogist to travel to Ukraine, Moldova, Poland and Belarus on a regular basis, Weiner used to offer "Routes to Roots" group tours. Two years ago, she took a group of American Jewish genealogists on an unprecedented hands-on research trip through several Ukrainian archives, an event that was amply covered on Ukrainian television.



The great synagogue of Chernovtsy in the Ukraine was destroyed during the Holocaust

On that trip, involving 28 researchers, Weiner arranged eight separate cars, drivers and translators so group members could travel from Lviv in eight separate directions. However, she says she felt uncomfortable being unable to accompany all of them at once — "I couldn't take care of them all myself" is how she puts it — so she decided to retire from the group tour business.

Now the well-known co-author of the *Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy* conducts visits to ancestral shtetlach on behalf of dozens of clients each year, bringing back archival family documents (sometimes by the hundreds), maps showing the locations of family homesteads and various Jewish sites, a self-produced video showing the town and some of its remaining Jews, a photo album filled with snapshots and postcards, and other assorted souvenirs. In some cases, she has also brought back names and photographs of her clients' previously unknown relatives.

Currently compiling a trio of pioneering reference books listing Jewish materials available in archives in Poland, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and Lithuania, Weiner says she continues to be surprised at the amount of material which has survived the Holocaust and has been inaccessible for so many years to the Western world.

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Features

The rockin' tunes of The Watchmen

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Readers place your hands on your buzzers and get ready for this week's edition of *Reach for the Top*.

What do the Guess Who, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, the Crash Test Dummies and the Watchmen all have in common?

Time's up. If you guessed they're all bands who hail from Winnipeg, give yourself 15 points and a crack at the bonus round.

For an additional 15 points, which of the bands are currently on a cross-Canada tour in support of a record that has sold more than 50,000 copies domestically?

If you answered, the Watchmen, pat yourselves on the back and credit yourselves for being up on the ever-changing world of pop music.

The Watchmen — Joey Serlin, Danny Greaves, Sammy Kohn and Ken Tizzard — do not quite yet fit in the pantheon of Canadian rock legends as do their prairie predecessors, but the group is making a name for itself as a hard-working, straight-ahead rock band that dishes up its music with some of the rough edges left on.

Sounding a little like a collision between 54-40 and the Tragically Hip, the band was in Toronto recently to play the Phoenix during their latest cross-Canada tour. They've been on the road since June and have played practically every town and truck stop of note since then.

In late February, they plan to tour Europe.

"In order to maintain our longevity, we have to start spreading the word geographically," said Serlin, 24, the band's guitarist. "We want to test the waters in other countries and develop new fans. We're pretty realistic. We want to make a living doing what we love. It's a pretty sweet deal, being your own boss."

If Serlin sounds more level-headed than your average rocker, he is. Unlike some of their more notorious rock counterparts, the Watchmen have yet to trash any hotel rooms or spark any concert riots.

As Greaves, the band's vocalist, points out, "I wouldn't want to throw a TV out of a window. I'd rather put it in the jeep."

The Watchmen are, from left, Joey Serlin, Ken Tizzard, Sammy Kohn and Danny Greaves. [Allen Yee photo]

Although they first started playing together in their university days, Serlin, Kohn and Greaves have known each other since kindergarten. Tizzard joined the group recently after the previous bass player left the band.

Serlin, Kohn, 24, and Greaves, 23, attended Ramah elementary school in Winnipeg's south end. They all had stints playing and singing in Chai, the city's Jewish folklore ensemble.

So how does the lilting *Erev Shel Shoshanim* change into the jarring *Boneyard Tree?* "Music is music," Serlin explains. "There are all kinds. I learned a lot in Chai, a lot of chords that aren't rock chords."

They all credit the folk group with helping in their musical development.

Kohn, who played in Chai for three years, said the Mideastern musical influence came to the surface in his percussion intro to the song *Middle East*, on their new gold record, *In the Trees*. The song, he explained, is named for a restaurant in Boston and is about a woman the band met there.

Kohn admits the intro is "knicked from a Chai song, *Donkey Dopka*. One summer at Folklorama (the equivalent to Toronto's Caravan) I must have played it 300 times. It's been ingrained into our minds."

With the future looking bright and with the Watchmen developing a fan base, the band expects to expand their musical horizons for their next album. People shouldn't pigeonhole the band as alternative or hard rock, Greaves explains. Fans might be treated to the band's mellower side in their next album.

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Food

Chanukah festivities can have an Israeli theme

By LESLIE MICHLIN BORDEN

Special to The CJN

Jewish people throughout the world remember the miracle of Chanukah by serving foods made with oil. Eastern European Jews make potato latkes, pancakes fried in oil. Sephardi Jews, especially those from North Africa, offer a variety of fried doughnut-like cakes. These cakes are called soufganiot in Israel.

For a change, organize one evening's festivities around a meal with an Israeli theme. Start with an appetizer platter of fresh vegetables and pita bread triangles for dipping into a bowl of hummus, pureed garbanzo beans seasoned with garlic, lemon juice and cumin.

For the entree, have your guests fill pita bread halves with spicy Middle Eastern meatballs. Top the meatballs with baba ghanoush, a mixture of cooked eggplant and hummus. Include an assortment of Israeli salads such as tabouli (a delightful combination of parsley, tomatoes and bulgar wheat), wilted cucumbers and a flavorful lentil dish garnished with mint and other tasty herbs as the accompanying side dishes.

For dessert, prepare the Israeli jelly doughnuts. Making them can be part of the party activities. Have each person shape and fill his or her own doughnut. Provide an assortment of jams and jellies for an authentic Israeli touch. Let the doughnuts rise while everyone eats dinner. Then fry and serve them hot.

HUMMUS

3 cloves garlic, peeled
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
2 15-ounce cans garbanzo beans, drained
⅓ cup tahini paste
½ cup olive oil
½ cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup water
A few dashes of kosher hot pepper sauce
½ tsp. paprika
1 tsp. cumin

Place garlic, salt, and garbanzos in food processor. Process until mixture is almost pureed. Add tahini paste and process again. With the machine running, add the olive oil, lemon juice and water in a thin stream. Scrape the sides of the container. Add the remaining ingredients and process again. Adjust the seasoning. Serve as a dip with cut vegetables and pita bread triangles.

Makes about 1 quart.

SPICY MEATBALLS

1 lb. extra lean ground beef
Or 1 pound 100 per cent white meat turkey breast
1 cup onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped
1 tsp. salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1 tsp. dried dill

Place all ingredients in food processor. Process until well combined. Divide the meat mixture into 16 pieces. Wet your hands with cold water and shape each piece into a ball.

Spray a fry pan with a non-stick coating with a vegetable oil spray. Place the prepared meatballs in the pan. Cook over medium high heat to brown the meat, turning the meatballs frequently so they keep their shape. If you used turkey, add some water to the pan. Cook about 15 minutes, or until all the pink color is gone and all the water has evaporated. If you like the onions more well done, continue another 30 minutes in a 350-degree oven.

To serve, cut pita bread in half. Open the pocket and place 2 meatballs inside. Add baba ghanoush. Eat at once.

Makes 16 meatballs.

BABA GHANOUSH

2 large eggplants, cooked (grilled, broiled, or baked)
1 cup hummus
2 tbsp. chopped parsley

Peel the blackened skin from the eggplants. Place the eggplants in a colander and let them drain.

In a medium mixing bowl, mash the eggplant with a fork. Slowly beat in the hummus until the mixture reaches the consistency of a smooth cream. Use to fill pita sandwiches, along with spicy meatballs.

Makes 3 cups.

TABOULI

½ cup bulgar wheat
Boiling water
6 green onions
1 large bunch parsley
Several sprigs of fresh mint, if available (or 1 teaspoon dried)
3 large ripe tomatoes
Dressing:
5 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2½ tbsp. olive oil
2½ tbsp. water
Salt and pepper to taste
⅛ tsp. allspice
⅛ tsp. cinnamon

Place the bulgar wheat in a small bowl and cover with boiling water. Let stand for 30 minutes. Drain thoroughly.

In the meantime, chop all the vegetables or process them in a food processor. Don't let them get mushy. The pieces should not be too finely chopped. Place them in a large bowl. Add the drained bulgar and the dressing. Let the salad stand for several hours before serving.

Makes 8 servings.

ISRAELI-STYLE WILTED CUCUMBERS

2 large cucumbers, peeled and sliced thinly
2 tsp. salt
¼ cup chopped parsley
2 tsp. chopped dill
½ cup white vinegar
½ tsp. sugar or to taste (or sugar substitute)

Layer the cucumber slices into a large colander. Lightly salt each layer. Cover them with an 8-inch pie pan, held down by something heavy, like a bag of dried beans. This makes the cucumbers wilt. Place this over a bowl to catch the liquid. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Remove from the refrigerator. Rinse in cold water. Place in a bowl and toss with the remaining ingredients. Add water if the dressing doesn't cover the cucumbers. Chill at least 1 hour.

Makes 8 servings.

LENTIL SALAD

1 cup brown lentils
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. dried basil
1 clove garlic
1 cup celery, coarsely chopped
1 small red onion, chopped
Vinaigrette Dressing
Fresh mint for garnish
Fresh herbs, such as basil or dill, for garnish

Place the lentils in a large pot. Cover them completely with cold water. Add the bay leaf, salt, basil and one of the garlic cloves. Cover, bring to a boil, and reduce the heat. Simmer one-half hour. Then add the celery and onion. Continue cooking until the lentils are tender, adding additional water if necessary.

Drain the lentils. Discard the bay leaf and garlic. Season with Vinaigrette Dressing. Toss well. Let the salad stand for 2 hours before serving. Garnish with fresh mint and other fresh herbs.

Makes 8 servings.

VINAIGRETTE DRESSING

⅓ cup olive oil
⅓ cup kosher red wine vinegar
⅓ cup water
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
Fresh ground pepper
½ tsp. dried mustard
½ tsp. paprika
2 tbsp. fresh parsley, oregano, basil or any other herbs, in any combination, chopped

Place all ingredients in a glass jar with a lid that fits tightly. Shake well. Let stand for 1 hour before using so the flavors can blend.

Makes 1 cup.

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Arts

Book profiles dancer's life

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — About 300 friends and relatives of journalist Diane Solway recently helped her launch her first book, *A Dance Against Time: The Brief, Brilliant Life of a Joffrey Dancer*.

Though now, after 13 years, she is a confirmed New Yorker, Solway felt more than at home, as she was surrounded by her parents, Elaine and Herb Solway, and a host of relatives who are active in the performing arts scene here and who backed her ambition to be a writer.

Her mother, now remarried, is on the board of the National Ballet of Canada school, and vice-president of the Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. Her father, also remarried, is a senior partner of the law firm Goodman and Goodman and a former chair of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and the Board of Jewish Education.

Among the guests were her great aunts, the renowned photographer Sylvia Schwartz and bookstore owner Ruth Schwartz, and her grandmother, Sophie Bassin, who used to take her to ballet lessons, and was chair of the UJA women's division for several years.

Diane Solway

A Dance Against Time, published in hardcover by Pocket Books, ($30), is the story of leading Joffrey ballet dancer Eddie Stierle, son of a working class Texas family, who died of AIDS at age 23, but managed to attend the premiere of a new ballet he choreographed, just three days before he died.

An editor at the publishing house asked her to do the book after she wrote a piece on Stierle for the *New York Times* arts review. She first turned the idea down but later relented. Solway is now doing a biography of famed dancer Rudolf Nureyev.

It is no accident that Solway, whose chiseled profile suggests she should be on stage dancing herself, was attracted to write about ballet performers after she realized she wanted to write for a living, not dance.

Her first big break came when, after graduation from the Columbia School of Journalism in New York, a piece she freelanced on the life and times of ballet corps members landed on the cover of the *New York Times* arts review section.

She never looked back after that, working as a staffer at *M Magazine*, *Elle* and *Town and Country*, besides freelancing. Her husband, David Resnicow, a New Yorker, is a fundraiser for cultural foundations. His father, Herb Resnicow, decided to become a writer at age 65, and now, at age 70, is turning out best-selling mysteries.

Though she loves New York's cultural attractions, Solway says she and her husband may move to Toronto and raise a family. "For one thing," she said, "we won't have to pay $80 an hour to play indoor tennis."

Book's success 'amazes' author

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Israeli author Nathan Shaham is amazed that his 1987 novel *The Rosendorf Quartet* has become a best-seller, won prestigious literary prizes and been translated into several languages including Chinese and Russian.

Shaham gave separate English and Hebrew readings from the novel recently, at the Harbourfront International Festival of Authors in Toronto.

"I never tried to have this book published abroad," said the Tel Aviv-born writer, who has lived on Kibbutz Bet Alfa, south of Lake Kinneret, for nearly 50 of his 69 years.

Set in Palestine in the mid-1930s, *The Rosendorf Quartet* describes the formation of a string quartet consisting of four German Jews who have emigrated to the nascent Jewish homeland. The book is narrated by each of the four in turn, as well as by a fifth character, a writer who befriends the quartet and wants to write a novel about the interrelationships of its members.

Critics have hailed the book as an "extraordinary literary fugue" and compared its author to such eminent figures as Thomas Mann, who possessed a similar preoccupation with and sensitivity to art and music.

The Rosendorf Quartet has won Israel's prestigious Bialik Prize for literature as well as the 1992 U.S. National Jewish Book Award — whose other recipients have included Saul Bellow, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Philip Roth and Cynthia Ozick. Shaham seems grateful for the attention but admits he does not like prizes.

He likewise seems somewhat indifferent to the financial rewards that come with having penned a bestseller. "Living on Bet Alfa, I never had to think about the commercial side of my writing. I was lucky that I sell very well and the kibbutz is happy about the royalties. But maybe if I didn't sell so well, I'd be uneasy to see other people working so hard around me."

Shaham, who was Israel's cultural attache in New York for three and a half years and is also the director of Sifriot Poalim Publishers, seems most interested in changing society for the better — and in writing more books. He said that he, along with Amos Oz and David Grossman and other Israeli writers, play a significant role in Israel's political development.

In a private interview before his readings, Shaham gave *The CJN* exclusive information about his latest project. "You're one of the few people in the world who know what I'm writing now," he said. "I'm writing about a house in Tel-Aviv that was built in 1920, and about all the people who lived in the house and what happened to them over a period of almost 80 years.

"It's a survey of 10 or more families. The common denominator is not time or a person — it's a place, the house in Tel-Aviv where I was born."

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Arts

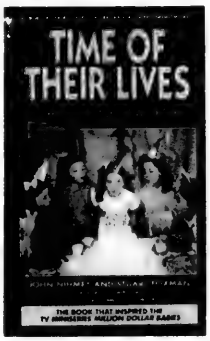
Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

The Man Behind the Miniseries: *Million Dollar Babies*, a four-hour TV miniseries scheduled to air in two parts on the CBS and CBC networks this week, is based on a book co-authored by Stuart Foxman, a 33-year-old communications consultant based in Thornhill, north of Toronto.

Foxman and John Nihmey wrote *Time of Their Lives: The Dionne Tragedy* while the two worked at an Ottawa communications firm eight years ago. The book, which tells the story of the famous quintuplets from their parents' point of view, was written as a novel, though an authors' forward makes the claim it was based on actual events. Since it has sold more than 5,000 copies, it is considered a Canadian bestseller.

Years ago, Foxman and Nihmey sold film rights of the book to Cinar Films of Montreal, which produced *Million Dollar Babies* with Bernard Zukerman Productions of Toronto. The $8-million production, which stars Beau Bridges and Kate Nelligan, is the first Canadian miniseries ever to be pre-sold to a U.S. network for simultaneous airing.



Born in the northern Ontario town of Corbeil in 1934, the five Dionne sisters were the first quintuplets to survive birth. They were taken from their parents as infants, made wards of the Ontario government, and made the focal point of a diverse tourist and marketing industry that eventually reaped more than $500 million.

"Everybody else before us glossed over the fact that this family was split up by the government of Ontario," says Foxman. "Eventually there was legislation passed that established a board of guardians and effectively took the children away from their parents. We saw the story first and foremost as a family torn apart, with parents trying to regain their children."

Foxman grew up in the Montreal suburb of Dollard des Ormeaux and attended Talmud Torah and Herzliah High School. He is a member of the board of ORT, the Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training.

This month, Seal Books of Toronto has reissued *Time of Their Lives* in a smart-looking paperback ($6.99) with a neon-pink cover. "A lot more people are going to see the miniseries than read the book," acknowledges Foxman, who is currently at work on another book project. "But I hope that some of them will want to read the book, too."

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Holy Blossom Artists: Some 20 paintings by Ellen Manel-Derrick, Ofra Nadel and Eileen Nussbaum are on display in the Philip Smith Foyer of the Holy Blossom Synagogue, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, until mid-December.

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Give Cold The Boot: That's what art-to-wear entrepreneur Marci Lipman is asking Toronto residents to do. From now until Dec. 15, all five Toronto-area Marci Lipman stores are collecting "gently used" men's, women's and children's winter boots on behalf of Family Residence, the largest family shelter in Canada.

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Meanwhile, another Toronto singing group — Lachan, the Toronto Jewish Chamber Choir — seeks experienced singers. Its director is Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner. To audition, call Faye Kellerstein, (416) 633-6558.

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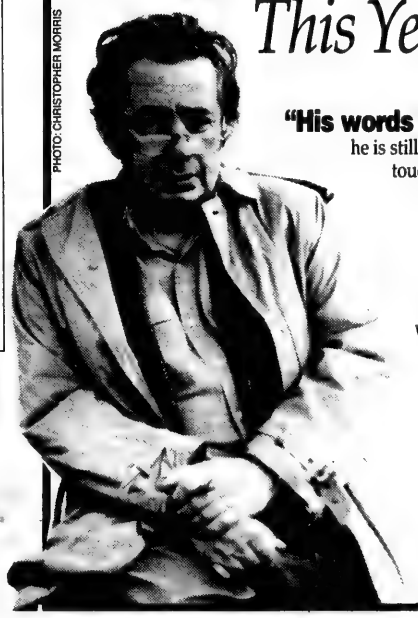
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English-Hebrew dictionary E to G

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Good news for bibliophiles is the publication of the second volume (E-G) of a transliterated English-Hebrew dictionary by David Mendel Harduf and Eleanor Harduf.

This easy-on-the-eyes, soft-cover dictionary with wide margins and lots of white space is printed on wood free ivory linen embossed paper and was typeset in Israel.

As for the first volume, 200 copies of this 334-page edition have been printed and are available from Harduf Books, 11 Plum Treeway, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3J1, 663-5467.

With its excellent design, its guide to abbreviations, and its pronunciation key, it well exemplifies the proverb quoted on its cover: "A word clearly spoken is like a pattern of golden apples on a silver mosaic."

The pronunciation key covers vowels and diphthongs; there is also a guide for consonants.

The dictionary entries are transliterated; that is, the Hebrew words are also written out phoneticallly in English letters to aid in pronunciation. Unlike some dictionaries, which use the full-range academic system of transliteration, Harduf's is simplified.

Schools and universities in Canada, the United States, Israel, England, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand have ordered the dictionaries.

E, e – אִי (הָאוֹת הַחֲמִישִׁית בָּאָלֶפְבֵּית הָאַנְגְּלִי)

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each adj, prep, adv – כָּל־ ; כָּל אֶחָד ; לְכָל אֶחָד

kol-; kol echad; lechol echad

eager adj – רוֹצֶה מְאֹד ; כָּמֵהַּ

Books
By Bernard Baskin

Jewish Wisdom, by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin (Morrow, $39.95).

This is a splendid book. The author, a prolific writer and student of the Jewish tradition, has compiled a rich and valuable anthology that enshrines the values, wisdom and moral teachings of Judaism. It presents the ethical judgements, insights and historical lessons of yesterday as a guide to some of the vexing problems and dilemmas of our own time.

This mammoth volume of over 600 pages is a worthy sequel to the author's recent and popular *Jewish Literacy*.

The hundreds of brief statements, maxims, legends, parables, anecdotes and gems of sagacity are drawn from the Bible, Talmud, Midrash, Responsa and Zohar — as well as from Yiddish, chassidic and modern literature. There are also contributions from non-Jews.

The selections are organized into eight segments and 91 subdivisions, and range over the entire spiritual and historical Jewish landscape: sex, parents and children, God, Holocaust, old age, prayer, anti-Semitism, Zionism, love, marriage, divorce, honesty and speech.

What is especially noteworthy are the author's provocative and thoughtful commentaries that render the material fresh and relevant.

The following selections are typical of the diversity of the subject matter.

- Although the Talmud permitted polygamy, none of the almost 2,000 sages cited had more than one wife. One rabbi spoke of the problems that polygamy can create. "A man had two wives, a young one and an old one. The young wife pulled out his white hair and the old one pulled out his black hair. In the end, the poor man was left with no hair at all."
- Rodney Dangerfield, a contemporary comic confided: "We sleep in separate rooms, we have dinner apart, we take separate vacations — we're doing everything we can to keep our marriage together."
- Israeli buses try to encourage people to offer their seats to the elderly and the following sentences from Leviticus is posted: "You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old. You shall fear your God."
- There is a poignant instance of poetic metaphor in the Talmud in regard to a scholar who has lost his intellectual abilities. "Show respect to an old man who has forgotten his learning through no fault of his own, for we have learned that the fragments of the old tablets were kept alongside the new tablets in the Ark of the Covenant."
- In a statement registering his profound mistrust of messiahs and messianic movements that arose during his lifetime, a first century rabbi taught, "If there is a sapling in your hand when they say to you, 'Behold, the Messiah has come!' complete planting the sapling, and then go and welcome the Messiah."
- Isaac Bashevis Singer was fond of the following story. "In the 1920s, a Jewish traveller returned from Warsaw to a small Jewish shtetl in Poland and told his friend of the wonders he had seen: 'I met a Jew who had grown up in a yeshivah and knew large sections of the Talmud by heart. I met a Jew who was an atheist. I met a Jew who owned a large clothing store with hundreds of employees and I met a Jew who was an ardent communist.' 'So what's so strange?' the friend asks. 'There must be a million Jews in Warsaw.' 'You don't understand,' the man answers. 'It was all the same Jew.' "

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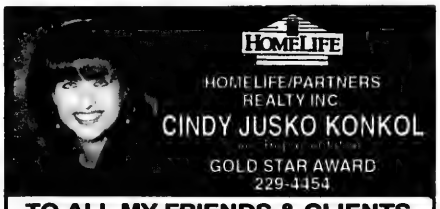

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Chanukah Greetings

Chanukiyot are delicious

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Chanukah guests at the Bresver home can always look forward to seeing — or tasting — an innovative chanukiah.

This year Bunni and David Bresver, along with their teenage children Alison and Adam, will host a buffet dinner for two dozen people. The centrepiece (and dessert) will be a large "chanukiah" fashioned from 61 cinnamon buns by Bunni and her mother Magda Lofsky.

After Lofsky made a double recipe of sweet yeast dough, the pair designed a free-form chanukiah using two baking sheets, one for the base, another for the top.

In years past, Bresver, a psychologist, has made decorative chanukiyot from challah or gingerbread.

Although Alison, 15, and Adam, 13, didn't work on the cinnamon buns, their creativity is evident in chanukiyot from previous years.

Both teens agree that their all-time favorite is the "peace dove," a white plasticine-and-feather creation which Adam dreamed up two years ago. It originally held a small twig in its mouth to symbolize the olive branch of peace.

"I like it because it's sort of significant," says Alison.

The Bresvers have made their own chanukiyot regularly for the past five or six years, and have kept all their creations. They also have a number of the storebought variety, enough so that each family among their guests is able to recite the blessings over its own chanukiah.

From left: Alison, David, Bunni and Adam Bresver pose in their kitchen with some of their chanukiyot. At right are two home-made "peace doves." The cinnamon-bun chanukiah takes up most of the counterspace. [Frances Kraft photo]

One Bresver chanukiah is decorative rather than functional: a silver-painted metre-high structure formed mainly from paper-towel rolls. The children and two of their friends put it together a few years ago in the Bresvers' basement, then spray-painted it in the garage. In place of candles, the family uses yellow or white tissue paper to resemble flames in each paper-towel roll opening.

At the Bresvers' synagogue, Temple Emanu-El, there is an annual chanukiah event to display the chanukiyot created by families.

On the Shabbat that falls during Chanukah, families parade around the sanctuary with their chanukiyot as part of the Friday night service, and the chanukiyot remain on display throughout Shabbat.

"We've had some extraordinary creations," says Temple Emanu-El's director of education Marlene Myerson. One year there was a chanukiah incorporating hand-sewn dolls whose costumes represented different countries in which Jews live, she recalls. Pop cans and macaroni have been among the other materials used.

"It really adds a wonderful family dimension to Chanukah preparations," says Myerson.

The (female) ties that bind

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Being a woman myself, and the mother of three daughters, it should surprise no one that I am interested in women's issues.

Of course, sometimes you have to get straight just what "women's issues" means.

Is it a women's issue how one relates to teenage children, if those children happen to be female?

I always assumed that once my children got to be teenagers, our relationship would be adult and loving, filled with mutual respect. We would have long talks, when they would confide their deepest, most serious concerns and thoughts, and I would gently pass on wisdom accumulated over the years to their ever-receptive ears.

Now, don't ask me where I got this idea of a mother-teenager relationship.

When I was a teenager, I was convinced my mother was hopelessly out-of-date about clothes, dating (not that I did much of that as a teenager, to my chagrin), current events, makeup, educational topics and a few more things I could think of if I had the time.

Like all parents, I determined that things would be different with my offspring.

That's not quite the way things have worked out.

Now let me point out my kids are terrific — they are intelligent, compassionate, committed, strong-minded, independent thinkers. And they do indeed want to confide in me.

What they don't want is advice — because I am so hopelessly out of date about, well, you name it.

In other columns, I have referred to being overwhelmed by the religious faith and certainty of my oldest daughter. Well, my younger ones are the same.

This has to be one of the most important ties that binds us to each other.

To accept in these politically correct days that our role as Jewish women is not primarily in the synagogue but rests in the home, the school and in our personal lives can be difficult.

To recognize the yoke of Judaism binds and affects us as we go about our day's activities, from making time to daven Mincha in the middle of the afternoon to bringing our own meal to an office dinner and dressing in halachically acceptable fashion, is equally difficult.

It sets us apart in a very real way from the rest of the world.

But what I like so much about my daughters is their realization that this does not make us intrinsically superior to other Jews. We are all part of the same family, bound by the same history, the same responsibility for each other, the same destiny.

The generations often differ in how they see their role as Jews. Sometimes the parents are more observant, sometimes the children are, sometimes one is alienated and the other still feels a tie.

That is exactly what happened in the years before the Maccabees rebelled, before the miracle of the oil.

Some Jews became completely assimilated into the Syrian-Greek culture. Some, as most of us try to do now, tried to balance the fine line between adherence to a Jewish lifestyle and accepting the best of the outside world. And some resolutely turned their faces away from the outside.

It was the women, according to tradition, who maintained allegience to religious practice, even at the cost of their lives. And it is still women who make (or buy) the latkes and the sufganiot, make sure that the Chanukah menorah is lit, that the family, those who observe and those who don't, those who are of one generation and those of the others, get together and sing the Chanukah songs. They recognize, above all, that the members of the family, like the members of the Jewish people as a whole, are an incredible unity.

May the warmth and beauty of the Chanukah candles light the corners of your homes and hearts this year, and every year.

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Lights of Chanukah survived horrors of Bergen Belsen

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

Chanukah. Eight days and nights. The family gathers hastily around the menorah. Matches are struck, the candles lit. *Haneiros Hallalu* and *Ma'oz Tsur* chanted in joy. Then, with perhaps more haste, the group disperses, each to his or her own pursuits. The candles flicker on, lonely, but not for long. So ends the daily ritual.

I heard a story many years ago that mesmerized me. It forces me to linger after everyone has dispersed and stare at the little flames. I stare. I think. I ponder. I cry. And I pray. I pray that my soul shall once again be penetrated with the lessons of hope and faith that the story so beautifully teaches us. I pray that I shall never ever forget how to have the light of emunah, faith in HaShem, despite the darkness that often envelops us — sometimes as individuals, sometimes collectively as a nation.

Let me share the sad, but beautiful and awesome story with you.

One year in Bergen Belsen on the eve of Chanukah, a selection took place. Early in the morning three German commandants, meticulously dressed in their uniforms and in unusually high spirits, entered the men's barracks. The men were ordered to stand at the foot of their three-tiered bunk beds.

The selection began. There was no roll call, no head count. One of the commandants merely lifted his white-gloved finger and pointed in the direction of a pale face, while his mouth pronounced the death sentence with a single word: "Komme!" (Come).

The men selected were marched outside. SS men with rubber truncheons and iron prods awaited them. They kicked, beat and tortured the innocent victims. When the tortured bodies no longer responded, the revolver was used.

The random selection went on in the barracks and the brutal massacre continued outside until sundown. When the Nazi angels of death, yemach shemam vezichram, departed, they left behind heaps of twisted and tortured bodies.

Then Chanukah came to Bergen Belsen. It was time to kindle the Chanukah lights. There was no menorah, and no oil or candle. All that belonged to the past. Instead, a wooden clog, the shoe of one of the inmates, became the chanukiah; threads pulled from a concentration camp uniform, a wick; and black camp shoe polish, oil.

Not far from the bodies, the living skeletons gathered to participate in the candle lighting. Rabbi Israel Spira, the Bluzhover Rebbe, lit the first light and chanted the first two blessings in his pleasant voice, though the festive melody was filled with sorrow and pain. When he was about to recite the third blessing of the Shehechianu, he stopped, turned his head and looked around as though searching for something.

But immediately, he turned his face back to the quivering small light and in a strong, reassuring, comforting voice, chanted the third brachah: "Blessed are You, O Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, and preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season."

Passion remained in camps

Among the people present was a Mr. Zamietchkowski, one of the leaders of the Warsaw Bund. He was a clever, sincere person with a passion for discussing matters of religion and faith. That passion had not abated in the camps. He never missed an opportunity to engage in such a conversation.

As soon as the rebbe had finished the kindling ceremony, Zamietchkowski elbowed his way to the rabbi and said, "Rabbi Spira, I know you to be a clever and an honest man. I can understand your need to light Chanukah candles in these wretched times. I can even understand the historical note of the second blessing, 'Who performed miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.' But the fact that you recited the third blessing is beyond me.

"How could you thank G-d and bless Him for keeping us alive and reaching this season? How can you utter those words when hundreds of dead bodies are literally lying in the shadows of the Chanukah light; when thousands of Jewish skeletons are walking around camp, and millions more being massacred? For this you are thankful to G-d? For this you praise Him? This you call 'keeping us alive'?"

"Zalmeitchknowski, you are prefectly right," responded the rebbe. "When I reached the third blessing, I also hesitated and asked myself what I should do with this brachah. I turned my head to enquire of the other distinguished rabbis who are standing near me, if indeed I might recite this brachah. But just then I noticed the throng of living Jews, their faces expressing faith and devotion, and concentration as they were listening intently to the kindling of the lights. I said to myself, if the Almighty has such a nation which at times like these, when, during the kindling of the lights, they see in front of them the corpses of their beloved fathers, brothers and sons, and death is peering at them from every corner; if despite all that they can stand in throngs listening devotedly to the Chanukah blessings; if, indeed I was blessed to see such a pure and holy nation with so much faith and fervor, then I am under an even more special obligation to receive the third brachah."

Some years after the liberation, Rabbi Spira received regards from Zamietchkowski. He told the messenger to tell Israel Spira that the answer he gave him that dark Chanukah night in Bergen Belsen had stayed with him, and was a source of inspiration to him during hard and troubled times.

In merit of the light of the Torah and mitzvot we perform in ever-growing numbers each and every year since the Holocaust, may HaShem shine down upon us His light and bounty of blessing and salvation, performing miracles in our times, as in days of old, bringing the time of the Geula shleimah (the ultimate redemption) speedily, and in our days. Amen. Happy Chanukah.

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Chanukah is a family affair

By FRED WEINBERG
Special to The CJN

Chanukah is a fun holiday with lights and latkes, gifts and games especially for the children.

The Chanukah lights proclaim the miracle that occurred at the time of the Maccabees, recalling the victory over the Syrian Greek army of Antiochus IV in 165 BCE.

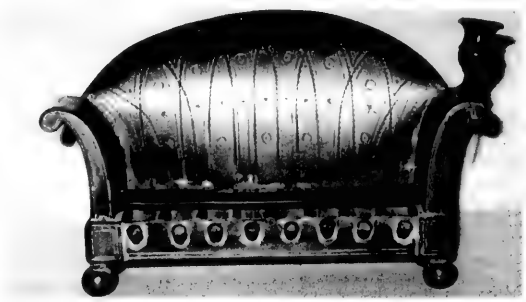
Chanukah celebrates the eight-day re-dedication ceremonies in the Temple of Jerusalem, which began on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, and it commemorates the miracle in which the single remaining pure and sealed flask of oil (a one-day supply) burned for an entire eight days.

Potato latkes fried in oil are the traditional dish, a reminder of the miracle.

The whole family is involved in the celebration including the children, particularly in lighting the chanukiah starting with one light on the first night and concluding with eight for the last day.

The design of the chanukiah and its composition varied through the ages and was determined by the artistic style of the country where the Jews lived at a given time. And chanukiahs are found to be made from many materials, from early stone or earthenware to the more modern brass or silver.

Gifts are given traditionally only to children during Chanukah and consist of Chanukah gelt (coins), probably for use in the dreidel and other games. However, because of the strong environmental influences in North America, a general exchange of presents takes place among many families. The intention is for Jewish children not to feel deprived in relation to their friends and neighbors during the gift-giving and festivities of the season.



Bench type Chanukah menorah of pewter from Bohemia 1840. It is an exact copy of a Biedermeier style of sofa. The "bench" lifts to reveal the oil containers. Wicks would go into the spouts and the candle holder on the right for the Shamash. [From the collection of Fred Weinberg]

In central Europe the long winter nights were considered fit only for Torah study. On Chanukah however, fun and games were allowed and the most popular, especially with children, was the dreidel, a game with a top of carved wood or lead with the Hebrew letters nun, gimel, hey, and shin on the four surfaces, standing for nes gadol hayah sham — a great miracle occurred there. According to the way the top falls after being spun, the spinner wins all or half of the stakes, or must make an additional contribution.

Toronto currently has an important collection of close to 50 Chanukah lamps on display at the Beth Tzedec congregation, part of the legacy of antique Judaica acquired from the renowned Jewish historian Dr. Cecil Roth, whose practice it was to add at least one Chanukah menorah to his collection every year.

Most of the lamps in the collection have a back panel and are made of various metals: brass, copper, silver or pewter. The motifs vary with the country of origin. The lamps were originally hung outside the house, but for security reasons, they eventually evolved into a bench type that sat on the windowsill or on the table inside the Jewish home.

Early Polish or Russian Chanukah lamps are rare because of the many massacres that were prepetrated against Eastern European Jewry, with their loss of life and destruction of possessions. However, in Italy and other Western European countries there are examples of 16th century memorahs. One in the Roth collection bears the coat of arms of a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church in thanks for favors to the Italian Jewish community.

In Israel, large electric Chanukah menorahs are kindled on top of major public buildings and high places such as Mount Zion.

Essentially though, Chanukah remains very much a children's celebration and hence the traditional Yiddish song:

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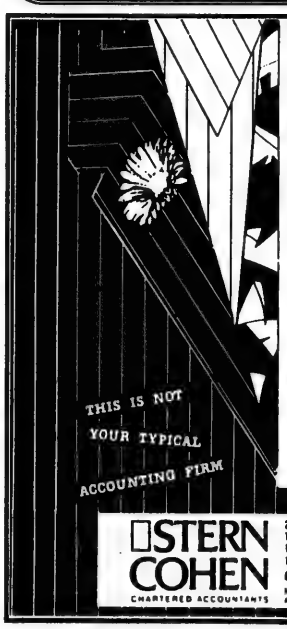
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Syrian Jewry: Bravery in the past...

By MICHAEL A. ZIMMERMAN
Special to The CJN

Chanukah celebrates a spiritual victory that took place in Israel nearly 2,200 years ago, one that has inspired generations of Jews and gentiles.

A few faithful Jews were victorious over their assimilationist brethren and over the Hellenist Syrians of the Greek-founded Seleucid Empire.

The guerilla war, fought initially for religious freedom and later for national liberation, erupted after the Seleucids forbade the observances of Judaism, defiled the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, desecrated the Sabbath and burned Torah scrolls. Jews were forced to worship idols and eat forbidden foods or be tortured to death.

The object of the Hellenist Syrian Seleucids was not religious conversion but rather the utter suppression of Judaism. The Temple, symbolic centre of the Jewish nation and focus of the people, was turned into "the abomination of desolation" (I Maccabees 1:54). Pagan rites involving prostitution were carried out within the sacred enclosures.

Jews were outraged and roused to action.

The freeing of Jerusalem and the cleansing and rededication of the Temple were the primary goals of the Jews in their war of liberation. The central motif of Chanukah today is celebration of the inspiring political-military victory, after four years of warfare, in which Jerusalem's heart, the Holy Temple, was liberated and reconsecrated.

The leaders of the uprising are referred to as both Maccabees and Hasmoneans. The word maccabee comes from the Hebrew makevet (hammer). It was initially applied to Judah, the war's first leader, and then to all five fighting Hasmonean brothers: Judah, Eleazer, Jochanan, Jonathan and Simeon. Maccabee is also an acronym of the Hebrew battle cry: Who is like Thee among the powers, O Lord?

In the strategic sense, the Seleucids sought a quick decision while the Maccabees wanted a protracted campaign to tire the invader. Tactically the Seleucids preferred slow action because of their superiority in formation combat, while the Jews preferred fast action to utilize tactical skill, knowledge of terrain, intelligence from local villagers and use of surprise.

Military discipline

Compared to most irregulars in history, the Hasmoneans displayed exemplary military discipline and unity of action in tactics and strategy.

The forces available to the Hasmoneans were small. At the beginning, they had no long-term plan, military training or weapons. In the first battles, they benefitted by capturing weapons.

That the Hasmoneans chose the way of freedom was against logical odds, and that they did so out of devotion to religious values serves as an example to us all.

The bravery of the two brothers Judah and Eleazer is legendary. In one battle, at Beth Horon, Judah pursued and slew the Syrian commander, Seron, in personal combat and thereafter used his golden sword in battle.

An address to his troops by Judah, as recorded in I Maccabees 3:18-22, epitomizes the attitude and belief of the zealot warrior: "Victory in war does not depend upon the size of the force, but strength comes from heaven. They will come against us full of violence and lawlessness, to destroy us and our wives and children, and to plunder us, but we are fighting for our lives and our laws. He Himself [God] will crush them before us, and you must not be afraid of them."

In modern Israel, Chanukah symbolizes the victory of the few over the many and the courage of Jews to assert themselves as a people. Each year a marathon torch relay race sets out from Modi'in, where the Maccabean revolt broke out. Runners carry the torch to Jerusalem where the president of Israel lights the Chanukah lights with the flame from Modi'in.

The Jewish religion was tried, tempered and strengthened by its fierce encounter with the despotic Seleucid Empire of Hellenized Syrians 22 centuries ago. The Maccabees aroused Judaism, strengthened it and prepared the Jewish people for the ordeals to come against the Romans and in exile; and for the rebirth in our own time.

Author Michael A. Zimmerman, a Chicago-area management consultant and speaker, worked as a political analyst in Israel.

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... freedom in the present

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

In 1987 Lalum Murad tried to escape from Syria. The Jewish tailor from Damascus was caught slipping across the Turkish border. He spent the next nine months in prison, five of them in solitary confinement.

In 1990, Moshe Araz, a Jewish entrepreneur from Damascus, went on a business trip to Turkey. There he telephoned relatives in Israel and learned that his sister was to be married in Tel Aviv that very evening.

"Please come to the wedding," his mother pleaded. But Araz did not go. He could not forget the words of the Syrian officer upon his departure from Damascus.

"If you go anywhere else but Turkey," he warned, "we'll find you and we'll kill you."

Today Araz and Murad work side by side in a small factory in Tel Aviv. They are among some 1,300 Syrian Jews who have been brought to Israel over the last two years in a secret operation that culminated last month with the arrival of the community's Chief Rabbi Avraham Hamra.

They are part of an exodus of 3,800 Jews — virtually the entire Syrian Jewish population — that began in April 1992 when Syrian President Hafez al-Assad started granting exit permits to Jews, stipulating that they could use them to travel anywhere but Israel.

The majority went to the United States. Those who wanted to go to Israel waited until their relatives had left Syria so as not to endanger them. Today 230 Jews remain in Damascus, all with permits to leave.

With their families safely out of Syria, many of the new immigrants talk openly for the first time about their former lives.

"The hardest thing about being a Jew in Syria was having to keep your mouth shut no matter what they said to you," recounts 40-year-old Jida Shkefaty. "If people told you, 'all the Jews should be killed,' you couldn't say anything. You had to keep quiet. For 40 years I kept quiet. After awhile it makes you sick inside."

Shkefaty tried to escape when he was 17. But he lost his way. The beating he got by the Syrian police left him deaf in one ear.

Murad recalls the months he spent in solitary confinement after his family's aborted escape bid. "I couldn't tell day from night. I was in a cell 50 metres underground. The guards beat me and gave me electric shocks."

Painful decision

Murad's wife and elderly parents were also jailed. "My father's health has never been the same," he says.

Araz recalls the painful decision to miss his sister's wedding in Tel Aviv in 1987. "My mother begged me to come. I could have flown from Turkey to Israel in just over an hour. But my wife and children were in Syria. I was afraid to endanger them."

For Jews who did not try to escape, life in Syria was relatively tolerable — some even say "good" — for the last 20 years since Assad came to power. Jews were able to travel abroad as long as they did not go to Israel, and as long as they left family members behind.

"There was a marked improvement in 1975," says Dr. Fouad Baghdadi, who had a thriving medical practice in Damascus. "We were able to make a good living, and travelled abroad often. I remember the climate of hatred and fear that reigned during my childhood. When Israel became a state in 1948, I was terrified. There was violence and rioting in Damascus. But for the last 20 years life in Syria has been very good for Jews."

"We had no special problems," concurs Dr. Moshe Suad. "We travelled to Europe and the U.S. We took holidays on the beach. I had two homes and two private medical clinics."

If in Syria many Jews led affluent lives, in Israel they are struggling to get by.

Baghdadi, who ran the medical clinic in the Jewish quarter of Damascus, is still looking for work after a year in Israel. "It's a hard beginning," he says.

After 15 months in the country, Suad has found a half-time position in a local medical clinic. "It's not easy to support a wife and five children on a part-time salary," he says.

Most immigrants have bought their own apartments, supplementing a government mortgage with their own savings . They have congregated mainly in two neighborhoods south of Tel Aviv: Bat Yam, which already boasts several Syrian synagogues; and Holon, which has a mayor of Syrian Jewish origin. (Mayor Motti Sasson's father, Shlomo Sasson, was the leader of the Aleppo Jewish community in the 1940s.)

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Israel: a dream, a disappointment

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In the last two years, nearly 600 immigrants from Syria have settled in Holon, including, most recently, former Chief Rabbi Hamra and his family.

"Living together gives us the sense of community that we had in the Jewish quarter of Damascus," says Araz, a Holon resident.

For many, being in Israel is both the realization of a lifelong dream — and a disappointment.

"Since childhood I dreamed of coming to Eretz Israel," says Suad. "But I never knew how hard it would be."

The sharp drop in the standard of living and the difficulty of finding work have tempered the initial excitement of arriving in Israel.

"Sometimes my children ask me why we left Syria," says Suad. "They don't know how bad life used to be for a Jew in Syria. I decided to leave while we had the chance. The government could change. If the Muslim Brotherhood comes to power, Syria could become another Iran."

And as good as life was in recent years, Suad admits that there was always tension beneath the surface.

Baghdadi thinks the sacrifices he is making to live in Israel are worth it. "The truth is that I personally had a better life in Syria," he says.

"But my children will have a better future in Israel. All my life I felt as though I didn't belong in Syria, as though I was a stranger, an enemy. I never want my children to experience that feeling. Here in Israel they will feel they belong. They will be equal citizens in their own country."

"We had a good life in Syria," says Araz. "But we'll make a better life here. This is our country."

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Despite centuries of persecution, the Jews of Ethiopia succeeded in asserting and defending their Jewish values. At the same time they were unaware of the existence of the festival of Chanukah and its significance to the Jewish people. Each Chanukah, Ethiopian children in schools learn how to celebrate this festival of lights, which symbolizes the struggle to preserve the Jewish faith. [WZPS photo]

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Israeli artist creates striking Chanukah menorah for contest

Following a world-wide call for entries to its competition for exceptional designs for a Chanukah menorah (chanukiah), Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies chose Israeli artist, Janet Berg as the winner of the first international biennial Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Prize for Jewish ceremonial art. The $10,000 first prize is the world's largest award for Judaic art.

The winner was chosen from some 200 submissions from around the world, including the United States, Canada, South America, Europe and Israel. An exhibition displaying the winner and 25 finalists opened Sunday, Oct. 2 and will be on until the end of February 1995 at the Spertus Museum in Chicago.

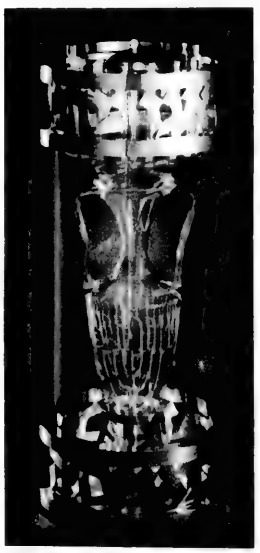
"The Spertus Prize was designed to stimulate debate about the criteria for making quality ceremonial Judaic art and to foster greater appreciation for all Judaic art forms," says Spertus Museum director Dr. Morris Fred.

"The winner of this inaugural prize meets our highest expectations," adds curator Olga Weiss. "It is a very intricate and unusual piece. In addition to its artistry, the menorah, in its form, closely adheres to Jewish ritual requirements."

Berg's cylindrical glass and metal design was determined the winner by a notable panel of judges, including: Evelyn M. Cohen, professor of art history, Stern College, Yeshiva University; Tom L. Freudenheim, assistant secretary for museums, Smithsonian Institution and chair, National Foundation for Jewish Culture; Joseph Gutmann, professor emeritus of art history, Wayne State University, Detroit; and Richard Hunt, Chicago sculptor.

Judges chose the winner based on both esthetic and utilitarian criteria. Berg's striking and original design is representative of the miracle of the Temple menorah, holding vials of oil that burn continuously for eight days.

"This chanukiah serves as a vehicle which allows us to participate in the past," says a statement by the artist. "Perhaps the most significent contribution of this chanukiah," adds Berg, "is that it allows us to recreate the miracle; if not extinguished by us, it will burn for eight days. Every element in it serves to bring us new knowledge which deepens our understanding of the Chanukah ritual, the Chanukah story, and consequently, of Judaism itself."



Janet Berg won the Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Prize for her chanukiah.

Berg is a self-taught goldsmith, who mixes lost techniques from turn-of-the-century jewelers' manuals and medieval and ancient manuscripts with state-of-the-art developments in gold technology, to realize the metal's artistic potential. Berg has taught at Israel's Bezalel Academy of Art and Design. She works out of her private studio in Jerusalem.

In addition to Berg, four entries were chosen by the jury to receive honorable mention awards: Bella Feldman, Berkeley, California; Naomi Glassman and Zohar Jolles, Upper Galilee, Israel; Einat Leader Goss, Jerusalem, Israel; and Mark Weisbeck, Buffalo, New York. Each honorable mention is awarded $1,000.

Next prize to be given Passover 1996

The Chanukah menorah has a place in Jewish history dating back to 165 BCE, when the Maccabees defeated the Syrians who had defiled the Temple; they found enough oil for the Temple menorah to last only one day, but the oil burned for eight.

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2/ There was a brave woman named Hannah, who stood before Antiochus, and refused to bow down to his statues. She watched as one by one her sons were killed for not bowing down either. She died of grief after her last son was killed. The rabbis say her soul went straight to Heaven.

3/ When Mattathias got angry at the soldiers, he pulled down the idols, and he cried, "Whoever is for the Lord, follow me." The initials for the Hebrew words for this form Maccabee.

4/ One the 25th day of Kislev, 165 BCE, the Maccabees found only a small pitcher of holy oil in the ruins of the temple. You know that the wick burned brightly for eight days, and so we celebrate this wonderful holiday of faith, hope and freedom, for eight days.

5/ We eat latkes because they are fried in oil which reminds us of the cruse or jar of oil that lasted for eight days. I bet you eat latkes because they taste good!

6/ The candles are shown off in your window so everyone who passes by can learn about the great miracle of Chanukah. The Chanukah light was not to be used for any regular use such as reading, but the shammash was added in case someone needed the light for normal use.

7/ A candle is put in its holder on the right side of the menorah, and lit by the shammash. A candle is added each night from right to left, and lit by the shammash, from left to right.

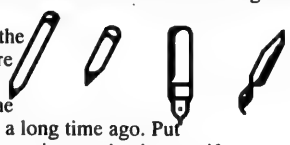
8/ When the Jewish people were studying Torah, they had someone watch out for Antiochus's soldiers. The lookout shouted a warming, and the students would play their games and spin the dreidel until the soldiers went away. Look for the letters nun, gimel, hay and shin on your dreidel. They stand for Nes Gadol Hayah Sham or A Great Miracle Happened There.

Arts & Crafts

You need imagination, things you find around the house, and also an adult to supervise some of these projects.

1) Get a potato and an apple and carefully with a plastic knife cut a design into them. Dip the apple and potato in paint and you'll make beautiful cards to give as presents, or decorations for your window.

2) Design a banner for your window showing the Chanukah story. Can you find things that are around the house to add on to the banner?



3) Make your own coins out of clay and use the Chanukah symbols just like the Maccabees did a long time ago. Put a hole in the coin before it dries and hand it on a string or give it as a gift.

4) You can make a chanukiah with a piece of wood and some screws. Ask a parent to help you glue the screws onto the wood.

5) Choose your favorite Chanukah characters and make paper maché puppets, paper bag puppets, or finger puppets using washable markers on your fingers, or an old glove or stocking. You can ask a friend to join you as you let your puppets act out the story of Chanukah.

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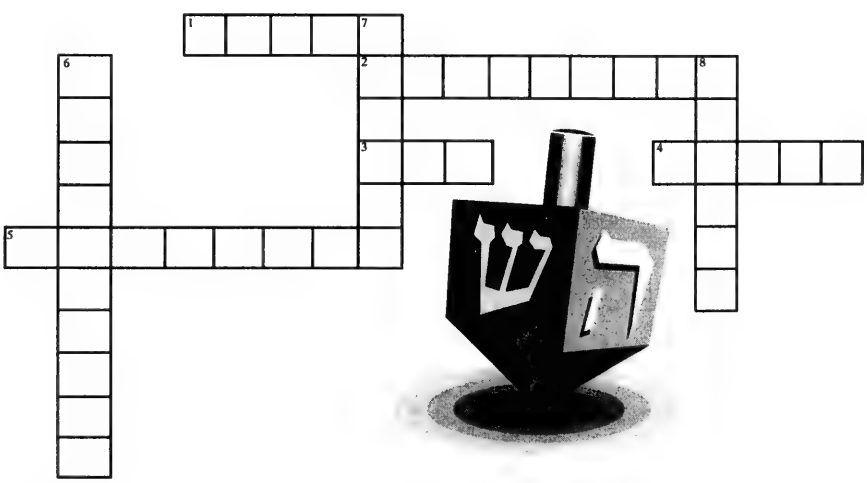

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1. Known as "The Hammer."
2. A cruel leader.
3. A miracle.
4. Great or big
5. It lasts 8 days

Down

6. He said "No'" to Antiochus.
7. Her sons were killed
8. Hello, goodbye and peace.

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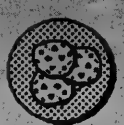
CHANUKAH

Tasty Treats

You've got the decorations, you know the story, but you need some good food to make it a perfect holiday.

POTATO LATKES
6 medium potatoes
1 onion
1/4 cup of matzah meal
2 eggs
a pinch of salt and pepper
approx. 1/4 cup of oil for frying
With adult supervision, you grate by hand or in a food processor the potatoes and onion. Add everything except the oil and mix it well. Heat the oil in a frying pan. When it is hot then add a spoonful of the mixture.
You'll know it is ready when it is crispy and when the smell brings your family into the kitchen asking for just one latke!

GREAT COOKIES
1 cup of butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups of sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp orange extract
3 eggs
3 3/4 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp baking soda



Mix the ingredients adding a few drops of food coloring. Roll out the batter and then use cookie cutters in the shape of dreidels or chanukiahs. Bake your cookie shapes for 7-9 minutes at 350 degrees and then enjoy!

Have a Happy Chanukah!

The next children's column will come out at Pesach. If you'd like to send me a short story, poem, joke, or word search, mail it to Linda Ander, care of CJNews for Kids, 10 Gateway Blvd. Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont.

EASY READING

Do you have a special Chanukah book? Here are just a few of the wonderful books you can find at the library or in children's bookstores.

1) **All the Lights in the Night by Arthur Levine. Pictures by James E. Ransome.**
In this sad but hopeful story, you travel from the shtetl of Drahitchen, Russia, with two brothers who are trying to get to Israel. They have their grandmother's lamp, and great faith to help them.
Ages 6-11

2) **The Chanukah Guest, by Eric Kimmel. Pictures by Giora Carmi.**
Blind Bubba Brayna makes a big mistake when she thinks that she's serving latkes to the Rabbi and he turns out to be a bear. A funny story for ages 3 and up.

3) **Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah. Compiled by Wendy Wax. Pictures by John Speirs.** If you want one book that has many good songs, wonderful takes and games, you'll like this book for ages 4-9.

4) **Jeremy's Dreidel by Ellie Gellman.** Pictures by Judith Friedman
Jeremy makes a special dreidel for his father who is blind. For ages 5-8.

5) **Latkes and Applesauce by Fran Manushkin. Pictures by Robin Spowart.** A poor village family joyfully celebrate Chanukah with little to eat. This simple, sweet story is about good deeds and strong faith.
For ages 4-9

6) **The Power of Light by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Pictures by Irene Lieblich.**
In the Power of Light you'll meet 14 year-old David and 13-year-old Rebecca. Their escape out of the ruins of Warsaw shows us what faith, love and courage can do. For mature children 7 to 12.
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It's time for a good book

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

With Chanukah coming so early this year, it's possible that we don't have to talk about curling up with a good book in front of a fire while the snow swirls outside.

Or maybe we do — there are definite indications that this will be an early, hard winter. There are also definite indications that this will be a late, mild winter.

Whatever it is, here is some excellent reading to take your mind off the sleet, ice and whatever else is coming.

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The Lidek Revolution, by James Stark (Creative Bound, 1993), is a fascinating, disturbing Canadian novel that is thankfully free of the pretentiousness that marks so many of its genre.

A hand-held, totally accurate lie detector quickly becomes part of everyday life throughout the world. Its implications for politicians, religious functionaries, and interpersonal relationships may at first blush appear benign and even humorous, (it's nice to see politicians caught in their never-ending circle of lies and evasions) but quickly become tragic, terrifying or destructive.

Another worthwhile Canadian work of fiction is *Everything in Winnipeg Begins in a Car* by Martin Waxman (Black Moss Press, 1994).

This selection of short stories deal with the short, not very happy life of Winnipegger Paul Samuels. Another in the never-ending line of "Jewish angst" works, this one shows humor and insight.

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The teachings and philosophies of the Chassidic master Rabbi Nachman of Breslov appear in a pocket-size (although hardcover) book *The Empty Chair*, published by Jewish Lights in 1994.

Each page has just one or two aphorisms, surprising relevant in today's world. They deal with faith, truth, people's relationship with G-d in simple, deceptively straightforward terms.

Some examples — When you feel yourself getting angry, stop. Imagine yourself as having already exploded and you now feel wasted. For that's what happens when you get angry: your soul leaves you. Do this and your anger is sure to dissolve...Better to be a fool who believes everything than a skeptic who believes nothing — not even the truth.

A similar book is a Shambhala Pocket Classic *The Way of the Jewish Mystics*, edited by Perle Besserman. It is full of parables and short teachings from such diverse thinkers as the Baal Shem Tov, Martin Buber, Isaac Luria and chassidic rebbes.

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It seems surprising, if one begins to think about it, that there has not been more written about the Biblical story of Ruth by women, since, after all, the protaganists are women.

That is changed with the recent publication of *Reading Ruth; comtemporary women reclaim a sacred story* edited by Judith Kates and Gail Twersky Reimer (Ballantine Books, 1994).

Articles, poems, personal narratives and works of fiction by writers, poets, women rabbis, professors give unique perspectives on Ruth, from the religious, to the sociological, to the literary.

* * *

The success of Steven Spielberg's *Raiders of the Lost Ark* was a tribute not just to Spielberg and Harrison Ford but to the eternal fascination with archeology.

Charles Pellegrino has written a fascinating account of archeology and its relation to the Bible, *Return to Sodom and Gomorrah; Bible stories from archaelogists* (Random House, 1994).

Archeological examination of such topics as the story of Eve, the parting of the Red Sea, ancient civilizations of Babylon and Egypt, the Ark of the Covenant and the destroyed cities of Sodom are explained in clear and exciting prose.

Maps, diagrams and photographs are used very effectively.

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In *Jewish Renewal; a path to healing and transformation* (Grosset/Putnam, 1994), author Michael Lerner charges that modern American Judaism is so enfused with the materialism of the society around it that many Jews have abandoned it as a source of comfort and spirituality.

In this decidedly liberal approach to Judaism, he discusses such topics as homophobia, feminism, and Zionism as they relate to Biblical sources.

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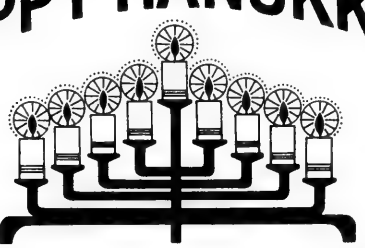

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Jewish music man appeals to kids of all ages

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Toronto-born, internationally renowned Paul Zim, singer, entertainer and recording artist, known to many as the Jewish Music Man, has just released a fun-filled sing-along cassette and compact disc, *Zimmy Zim's Zoo And Noah's Ark, Too*, just in time for Chanukah gift buying. It features Zim, a children's chorus and a lively band.

Zim told *The CJN*, "My tape is great for the kids." It tells the story of Noah and introduces many animals, with the message that animals and people can get along together. Through action and play, kids participate.

He adds that the tape appeals to children of all ages and parents and teachers love it too.

The tape is in Hebrew and English. Zim's imaginative music combines Jewish liturgy and exciting original melodies, which serve to introduce young children to the concept of the Righteous Man, Noah, tell the story of the great flood and introduce family and zoo animals.

Songs like *Monkey See, Monkey Do*, lend themselves to ongoing participation.

Communication is another theme

The second side of *Zimmy* features the rainbow and its message of respecting all of G-d's creations. Communication is another theme and songs include *G-d's Creatures* and favorites such as *Shalom Chaverim* — till we meet again.

"Children will learn new Hebrew words while they are enjoying these lovely and very stimulating songs," says Zim.

The story format of each song and a lyric sheet help make this a creative learning tool.

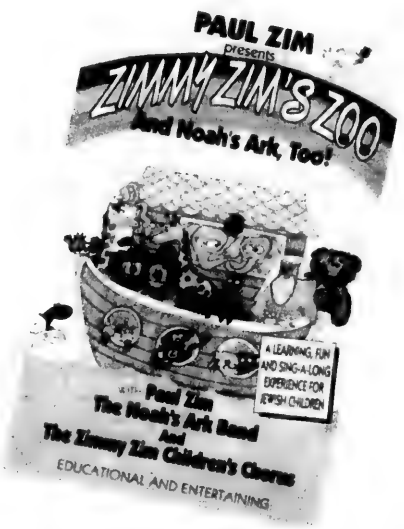
Zim says that "a family that sings together has a truly fantastic time" and what better time is there to sing together than at Chanukah.

Zim also has a tape called *Chanukah Miracle* and he recently released a sing-along for moms and pops — and grandparents too, *Sweet Singing Lullabies*, which he has dedicated "to the new age of fatherhood."

During his career, Zim has released recordings of music from the Holocaust, Shabbat songs, Yiddish compilations, Passover, other Chanukah collections, chassidic and cantorial selections and even a Jewish disco album.

For preschoolers, *The Kooky Cookie Kids — Sing-Along* is a fun-filled tape with songs that include everything from *Grandma and Grandpa* to cookies and dolls.

Zimmy Zim's Zoo and other Paul Zim tapes and CDs are available at Judaica shops.



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Ukrainian teen wows audience in first Hallelujah Festival

By JANICE DITCHEK
Special to The CJN

Diana Fuchsman, 17, from Vinnitsa, Ukraine, second place winner of the Hallelujah Israel Song Contest in Jerusalem. [JDC photo]

In any other setting, it might not have seemed so extraordinary. A petite, dark-haired 17-year-old stood onstage ready to perform in a Jewish musical contest.

She held a menorah of brightly glowing candles as she sang. Ten judges and an audience of 800 sat in awe as she mesmerized the crowd with her original composition about Jewish history, titled *Haggadah* (legend). When the song was over, the audience showered her with roses and enthusiastic applause.

At the end of the evening, the young woman was chosen from among the participating youth as the first place winner.

On the surface, there was nothing outstanding about this event beyond the display of talent that had been shared. A group of young people performed in competition, and some won prizes. Such events take place in numerous synagogues, Jewish community centres and performing halls throughout the United States and Canada.

But this one did not. This performance was held last June in Moscow, a city in which such an openly staged Jewish cultural event would have been illegal, if at all conceivable, just a few short years ago.

The finalist, Diana Fuchsman, a resident of Vinnitsa in the western Ukraine, had come to Moscow to participate in the first American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee-sponsored Hallelujah Festival held in the former Soviet Union.

The festival originated with a request last spring from the Israel Hallelujah Festival to identify a student representative to participate in Israel's international Hallelujah contest in July. The Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) responded by creating a local program designed to meet this request while also benefiting the greatest number of people at home.

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Contest designed to strengthen Jewish identity among Soviets

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capitalize on the Soviet love of music. Patterned after the Israel festival, the contest served to strengthen Jewish identity by publicly connecting the Soviet Jewish community to its religious and cultural roots.

Thirteen competitors between the ages of 15 and 21 came from 12 different cities around the former Soviet Union including Kiev, Cherson, Kirvograd, Kishinev, Minsk, Riga, St. Petersburg and Moscow. Contest rules required that each song entry be an original composition, written by the youth about Judaism, and containing at least some Hebrew.

For the first time ever these youngsters had the opportunity to openly express their feelings about their Jewishness in their native tongue. At last, they, their families and neighbors were asked to participate publicly in a cultural event whose main goals were to affirm their sense of Jewish communal life, to share their pride in Israel and to celebrate Jewish song and culture.

For the hundreds of Jews in the audience, the Moscow Hallelujah Festival was truly a crowning event. Jewish song and dance had finally been moved out of darkened basements and onto the public stage in a downtown Moscow theatre. For Soviet Jews who had long lived in a society rich in cultural life yet devoid of religiosity, the merging of these two worlds was a powerful and emotional experience.

In conjunction with JDC and Israeli delegates, the judges worked together to select a student who would best represent Jewish culture in the former Soviet Union at the Hallelujah Festival finals in Israel. They chose Diana Fuchsman, winner of the Moscow festival.

Fuchsman placed second in the finals in Israel. She received the second place award both for the words and music to her song *Haggadah* and for her overall performance.

JDC's Music and Arts Centre, founded in 1991, has often been at the heart of programs that enrich Jewish communal life in the former Soviet Union. The past decades of forbidden religious affiliation had left the Jewish community without teachers and leaders. Cantor Vladimir Pliss, the Centre's director, is aware that the only way to bring people back into the Jewish world is to capture their hearts.

Accordingly, the community's passion for theatre, music and the arts is used as an entry point. As in the case of the Moscow Hallelujah Festival, the Centre follows JDC philosophy, creating programs that are sensitive to the local population and its specific needs.

The Moscow Hallelujah Festival will become an annual event of the Music and Arts Centre, providing a vehicle for hundreds of Jews to rekindle their connections to Judaism and to Israel.

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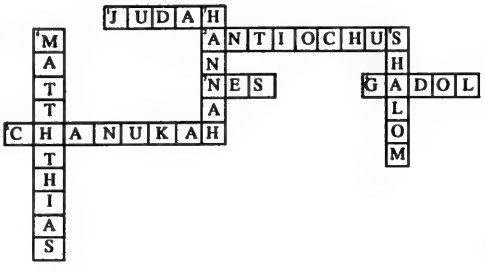

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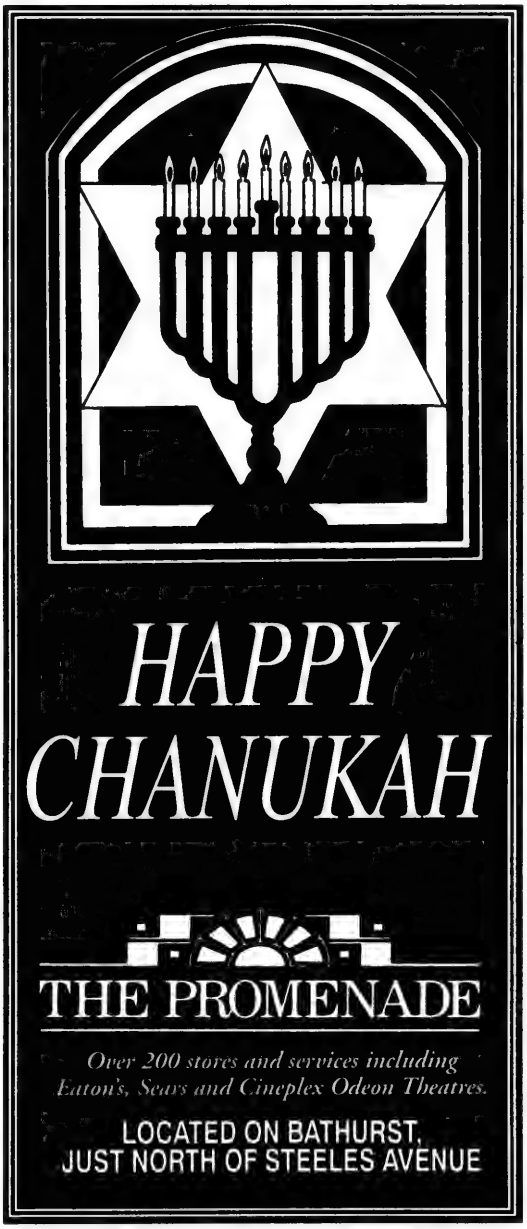
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Halifax composer uses bubbie for Sesame Street song

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

Sandy Greenberg's grandmother was the inspiration for a song that has catapulted the Halifax composer and songwriter into the national television limelight.

She kept thinking of the good times she had with her grandmother when she authored *Going to Grandma's*, which recently had its debut on the Canadian edition of *Sesame Street*.

The two-minute video, shot in Halifax, features Greenberg's voice and guitar, background musical accompaniment by members of Greenberg's Razzamatazz group, and pictures of Halifax grandmother Marianne Ferguson and her granddaughter Becky.

"Our musical group, Razzamatazz For Kids, was seen by a Montreal visitor in 1993," said Greenberg, born in Washington D.C., but a Halifax resident for the last 20 years.

"She suggested we submit our work to *Sesame Street*, but I was shy doing that and it took a while to get the courage. When I did, they asked for a further four-song demo tape and picked *Going to Grandmas*."

Greenberg was asked to make a few changes in the lyrics, "The song has a klezmer beat and the producers wanted something ethnic in the lyrics. They specifically asked for Jewish lyrics; so we changed some English words to Yiddish, like bubbie for grandma. There is a verse about lighting the Sabbath candles and they loved it."

The producers also asked Greenberg to find a grandmother and child for the video; a search of the Jewish community produced Marianne and Becky.

"Everyone I asked suggested them and they were perfect," said Greenberg. Additional ethnic content is a special cloth covering the challah served at Grandma's Sabbath dinner. It was made by Mrs. Ferguson's mother and has remained in the family."

Ferguson was excited to be in the video. "Many of my friends get tears in their eyes each time they watch the video because they see their own grandchildren in it," she said.

Greenberg and her husband, Tom Cormier, with Ronnie MacEachern as a regular fiddle accompanist, comprise Razzamatazz for Kids, which performs music for children. She and her group have just completed their first CD and cassette.

Greenberg, with partner Rose Vaughn, also operates Rosee and Sandy's Kids Entertainment Company, which does birthday, company and holiday parties, and face painting at community fairs.

Sandy Greenberg, Halifax composer, sings Going to Grandma's, to Halifax grandmother Marianne Ferguson and Lise Cormier, 8, and Dominic Cormier, 6, Greenberg's children. The song, in video form with Greenberg's voice, has appeared on Sesame Street. [Joel Jacobson photo]

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JDC's history linked with Jewish refugees

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Few organizations are as inextricably bound up with the story of Jewish refugees during this century as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The JDC was created in 1914 by a confluence of the American Jewish Relief Committee, the Orthodox Central Relief Committee and several American philanthropists. One year later, the People's Relief Committee stepped aboard.

JDC statistics give just a hint of its activities: $50,000 given in 1914 to save the Jews of Palestine from starvation; 110,000 Jews helped to leave Germany from 1933-1939; 224,000 meals supplied to DP camps in 1947; 440,000 Jews assisted in reaching Israel by the end of 1950; in 1989 over 2,400 meals a day provided to needy Romanian Jews; a yearly budget by 1993 of over $61 million.

The geography it covers is like a roll call of Jewish history — Israel, the Soviet bloc, Germany, Turkey, Ethiopia, the countries that used to be Yugoslavia.

The JDC has its roots at the beginning of World War I. The war's turmoil, and the redrawing of national boundaries, left many Jews uprooted and in dire poverty.

Until 1924, the JDC concentrated on relief programs and health and child care facilities in Poland and Russia, as well as supporting religious, cultural and educational institutions.

In the Soviet Union, until it was forced to leave in 1938, the JDC (as it prefers to be called now, although many still know it affectionately as "the Joint") tried to establish agricultural settlements for Jews in Ukraine and the Crimea.

Ironically, some of its best-known activities in the last 20 years have been once more in the Soviet Union and the CIS, including soup kitchens, educational institutions, camps and the rebuilding of synagogues.

The story of the JDC during World War II reads like a spy thriller.

Negotiations with Eichmann

Together with representatives of different other agencies, such as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the Jewish Agency, the JDC negotiated with Adolph Eichmann to exchange Jews for large sums of money, the so-called "Jews for Bread" exchange. Thousands of Jews were rescued or, at least, saved from death in Poland, Hungary, France, Turkey.

In the best secret agent fashion, representatives of the JDC parachuted behind enemy lines to offer assistance and to collect information which they passed on to Allied countries. Most of it, it appears, was either disbelieved, or, more often, disregarded.

After the war, the JDC helped displaced Jews in DP camps and in those far-flung locales where Jews had found refuge, such as Shanghai. Many remember their first clothes, or milk for their children, coming from "the Joint."

The secret agent work did not end with the war. JDC representatives smuggled Jews into Mandate Palestine with Mossad and Bricha workers. This was done without the approval of the JDC board members, many of whom did not support the idea of a Zionist state.

With the establishment of Israel, JDC resumed its relief efforts, working with the handicapped and the elderly and resettlling immigrants.

It also turned its attention to those Jews remaining in North Africa and the Middle East. It provided food and assistance to Gondor province in Ethiopia, and helped with the airlifts from Yemen, Operation Moses and Operation Solomon, which secretly brought Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Recently, the JDC has turned its attention to the trouble spots of Bosnia and Rwanda. It is here that Canadians have helped play a role.

Daniel Fine, director of political liason and international affairs for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, told *The CJN* his organization, together with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has organized three non-sectarian airlifts of pharmaceuticals and winter clothing to the former Yugoslavia.

The region and the Toronto Federation also organized the Rwandan Relief Fund, which raised money to help victims of the Rwandan civil war.

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Latkes, latkes everywhere...

If you're like me you've always celebrated Chanukah with a hearty dose of anything and everything that's fried. Everyone else thinks that this is the Festival of Lights. I call it the Carnival of Clogged Arteries.

My metabolism, that part of my body that laughs hysterically every time I get onto a scale, thinks my zaftig figure has had enough doughnuts. It stores every gram of fat that makes it's way to my stomach.

So, after years of fighting the battle of the bulge, I've come to terms with the fact that the eight days of eating all the latkes smothered in apple sauce and sour cream that I want are gone forever. (I never really had days like that, I just like to pretend.)

Ok, for tradition's sake, I guess a few latkes and other Chanukah stuff won't be too bad for me. I just have to get rid of some of the calories.

The compromise that I've come up with is to put my favorite recipes on a diet and come up with some "new" recipes that use different ingredients and have a lower fat content. I refuse to sacrifice taste for my waist so I had to get creative.

I have to tell you that I surprised myself. These dishes are really good. Ok, so it's not exactly the same as chowing down on half a dozen cookies covered in frosting or stuffing myself with chocolate coins but it sure is close.

RICOTTA LATKES

15 to 16 oz kosher part skim ricotta or
drained low fat cottage cheese
4 large eggs
6 Tbsp. flour
2 Tbsp. margarine, melted
1 to 2 Tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. vanilla

Put all the batter ingredients in a food processor (steel blade) or blender. Process in batches if necessary. Process until the batter is smooth, like a thick cream. (This batter will be thinner than most pancake batters.) Spray griddle with cooking spray (you can add a little margarine or butter if you want). Heat griddle to medium heat. Spoon 1½ to 2 Tbsp. of the batter onto the griddle. When a few bubbles start to appear and the bottom of the latke is golden turn over (the latke will not rise). Cook briefly on the second side and serve with jam, applesauce, vanilla yogurt or a cinnamon sugar mixture. Makes 20 to 25 3-inch pancakes.

RICE-CHEESE LATKES

2 cups cooked white or brown rice
3 oz. shredded kosher cheese, cheddar, mozzarella, etc.
3 large eggs, separated
3 Tbsp. flour
pinch of salt
pinch of black pepper
1/8 tsp. kosher cream of tartar
4 to 6 Tbsp. kosher margarine or oil for frying

In a medium bowl, mix together the rice, cheese, egg yolks, flour, salt and pepper. In another bowl, beat the egg whites with the cream of tartar until they are stiff but not dry. Fold the beaten whites into the rice cheese mixture until combined. In a large skillet heat about 2 tbsp. of oil. Spoon 2 to 3 tbsp. of the batter onto the skillet for each latke and flatten it slightly with the back of the spoon. Fry the latkes, turning once until they are golden brown on both sides. Repeat with the remaining batter, adding oil to the skillet as needed. Serve hot. Makes 15 to 18 small latkes.

UJA, UIA help JDC

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They are also planning to try to help Jews in Belgrade, hard hit by United Nations sanctions against Serbia, Fine said.

Jack Silverstone, counsel for national Canadian Jewish Congress, said that while Congress is "not in the relief business," it has cooperated on a number of relief issues, such as hurricane relief in Jamaica.

Both Ontario region and national Congress liase with JDC on behalf of Cuban Jewry, particularly supplying their Passover needs.

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A Theology Of Social Action

by Rabbi Dow Marmur

One of the fundamental changes that is taking place in Jewish life is that Jewish law, *halachah*, has become inoperative for most Jews. Thus, according to their own self-definition, only 10 percent of American Jews describe themselves as Orthodox. And it is only Orthodox Jews who still claim that Jewish law is operative in their lives. The figures in Israel are not much higher for Orthodox allegiance and, of course, the State of Israel is not run according to Jewish law.

Halachah has power over few Jews nowadays. Many more – for example Conservative Jews in the United States and Reform Jews in Britain – pay lip service to it. They use it selectively and whimsically in a way Canadian sociologist of religion Reginald Bibby has described as religion à la carte.

Had *halachah* been operative today, the terms of reference for Social Action in contemporary Judaism would have been clear. For Jewish law governs all aspects of Jewish life, not only that which is often described as *beyn adam lamakom*, "between humanity and God," but also *beyn adam lechavero*, "between one human being and another." There are, therefore, definite laws in traditional Judaism about how we should treat each other, individually and collectively. But once that law ceased to be binding, we lost the basis and have been left with no clear formula for action.

Yet we still have the need. Judaism can never be abstract theory. It must always be practical action.

Judaism is a Religion of Practical Action

Therefore, though *halachah* may no longer be an acceptable norm for most Jews, *mitzvah* is. *Mitzvah*, "commandment," implies an action commanded by God. And God is affirmed by many more Jews than is Jewish law. Though only 10 percent of all Jews describe themselves as Orthodox, many more believe in God. Hence the need to do something to express this faith, even if Jews are irritated by the demands of the legalistic framework of Judaism. They want not only to be Jews but also to do Jewish things, although they are not prepared to view such actions as legally binding. Even Orthodox thinker Rabbi Irving Greenberg alludes to this when he speaks of a "voluntary covenant" after the *Shoah*.

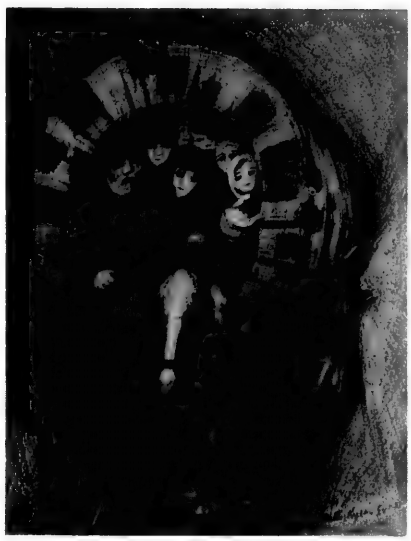
Distinction Between Halachah and Mitzvah

The distinction between *halachah* and *mitzvah* is important for another reason: it enables non-Orthodox Jews to affirm revelation without falling into the trap of legalism. By seeking to express God's commandment, *mitzvah*, we can be true to our tradition and yet free of the constraints of a system of law, *halachah*, and thus have a basis for non-Orthodox observance.

For a long time, Jews found it difficult to do "Jewish things" in the realm of *beyn adam lamakom*, "between humanity and God," because that implied ritual. In fact, a major reason Reform Judaism developed was in answer to the need of many Jews to shed those rituals that separated them from the rest of the population. Such rituals were often described as "ceremonial" and not infrequently linked with hypocrisy and mindlessness. By contrast, actions to be performed *beyn adam lechavero*, "between people," were deemed authentic, primary and sincere: they were ethical.

There arose thus a sharpened division between the ritual/ceremonial and ethics, often expressed as Social Action. And ethics was considered superior to ritual. Did not the Hebrew prophets, the supreme exponents of ethics, castigate the priests, the practitioners of ritual? Did not, in later times, the Pharisees, the heirs of the biblical prophetic tradition, stand against the Sadducees, the conservative exponents of the priestly party? Should not we Jews emulate the prophets and the Pharisees?

There was, of course, a more tangible reason why Reform Jews wanted to concentrate on ethics and ignore ritual. In the same way as ritual separated Jews from gentiles, ethics would bind Jew to gentile. Whereas emphasis on ritual belonged to the world of the ghetto, where Jews lived apart, the stress on ethics belonged to the age of emancipation, when Jews sought integration in society. And Reform Judaism was the expression of integrationist, emancipated Judaism. By minimizing ritual and maximizing ethics, Reform could present Judaism as a worthy partner in influencing, perhaps even shaping, the new society. Reform congregations were proud when their rabbi appeared beside the archbishop and the cardinal on behalf of homeless mothers or against the exploitation of children, advocating food for the hungry or opposing oppression in some far-away land. This stressed ethics and integration. Social Action became the tangible expression of Reform Judaism, particularly in North America.



"UNTITLED" BY NATHAN KAPLAN, MONTREAL

Orthodoxy Feared Interfaith Social Action Would Speed Assimilation

It also came to distinguish Reform from Orthodox and, to a large extent, Conservative Judaism. Internally, the differences were noticeable in how Reform Jews prayed or ate or celebrated, but the outside world was only dimly aware of those differences. Externally the differences were reflected in the Reform involvement in Social Action and the absence of others in this work. Although *halachah* provides for Social Action, and Orthodox Jews as adherents of *halachah* are commanded to practise it, another element entered into Orthodoxy. It was always there but it was more prominent when juxtaposed with the spirit of emancipation: the making of boundaries. In contrast to Reform, Orthodoxy feared the outside world and wished to separate itself from it, because it stressed the danger of assimilation. Therefore, it kept away from undue involvement with the non-Jewish world. Ethical conduct and Social Action were stressed as long as they were carried out from Jew to Jew – not from Jew to gentile. That is why Orthodox communities remain strong in their support for one another, but largely indifferent to the outside world.

In many ways, modern anti-Semitism has vindicated this approach and many Jews, who would describe themselves as secular, have taken it up. They see themselves as ethical persons with a deep social conscience, but they are not prepared to waste it on potentially hostile gentiles. Working in the Jewish community and for Israel are the primary manifestations of *mitzvah* among the secularists.

Many of them are likely to be members of Reform congregations for a host of irrelevant reasons. Civil religion is a primary force in contemporary Jewish life. With many other Jews, members of Reform congregations have become not only economically affluent, but philosophically bourgeois and middle-class in every sense. We know the middle classes love philanthropy, which they identify as ethical conduct, but are suspicious of Social Action because it smacks of leftist politics. They also suspect Social Action because it is collectivist, whereas individualism is central to the way of life of most of our members. They want their help to go to specifically designated individuals and groups, not anonymously to the common good. Hence the need for plaques, people honoured at events and all the other artificial structures that pander to bourgeois individualism and dominate Jewish life in the United States and elsewhere.

A Theology of Social Action

Now we can understand why the impulse to Social Action, once so prominent in Reform Judaism, has weakened in recent decades. We have many secular

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Rabbi Dow Marmur has written what is in my view a most wide-ranging and scholarly assessment of the scope of Social Action for universal as well as Jewish causes and the importance of such activity for synagogues in today's world. He takes the position that there is a theology of Social Action which makes it inherently a religious activity, despite the fact that it is viewed by many, if not most members of the Jewish community, as a purely secular activity. Since *Halachah* he maintains, is no longer operative for most Jews, Social Action is taking its place as *Mitzvah*, even if no longer as "Commandment".

In the "Continuity Debate" Uri Rosenzweig, a long time community worker in Western Canada, puts his finger on what he perceives to be undue emphasis by community leadership on the diminishing *quantity* of Jewish practice in Canada, and overlooks the importance of the *quality* of Jewish life now being practiced. Creating more institutions and building more buildings without undertaking a thoroughgoing analysis of exactly what we are teaching our children on *why* to be Jewish rather than *how* to be Jewish will not stop the relentless drift toward intermarriage and assimilation.

Next we present a scholarly essay by Dr. Nelson Daniels on the history of proselytism by Jews, giving us a view of this question that is largely unknown to most of us. He ends with a plea that our community should become more involved in this activity, as a possible response to the diminishing number of Jews in the world.

Dr. Stephen Stern has sent us a warning of what he perceives as the dangers of unrestricted immigration. He explains why he feels that immigration today comes from many areas of the world, not only from Europe, and therefore brings in its train increased multiculturalism. He says: "unrestricted multiculturalism is a double-edged sword and should not be viewed with innocence."

Professor Stuart Schoenfeld has recently returned from Israel where he witnessed two seemingly minor incidents which his trained eye as a sociologist, beamed a light into the fog of uncertainty surrounding the doubtful new alignments within Israel, and between Israel and the surrounding Arab states where peace happily is beginning to break "out all over".

Shel Krakofsky and Kenneth Sherman have decided to present two poems in memory of Adele Wiseman, in cherished memory of her contribution to Jewish and Yiddish culture in Canada.

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Jews in our midst, and we are mostly middle-class. The former makes for isolationism and the latter for disdain for the masses. The combination puts brakes on Social Action and intensifies our work for Israel, which simultaneously meets the needs for philanthropy and isolationism. That is why we must try harder. Instead of being overwhelmed by isolationism in our midst, we must seek to counteract it. To do so, we not only need enthusiasm and tenacity, but a theoretical basis, a theology of Social Action.

As it cannot be Jewish law, what could it be? What are the theoretical foundations of Social Action in contemporary Reform Judaism? Let me offer only two arguments. The one I shall call historic and the other mystical, for I believe both are competing to fill the vacuum created by the end of legalism in Jewish life.

The historic reason for Social Action is best expressed in the many statements in Scripture about how to behave well to the downtrodden, whoever and wherever they may be – because we were slaves in Egypt. Whereas psychology may suggest that the downtrodden oppress others when they get a chance to do so, our theology insists that, because we have suffered, we must ease the suffering of others when we are given the means. Such action cannot be a matter of discretion. It is a question of duty. It is not charity but justice. Jewish power, to be authentic, must be exercised with the memory of powerlessness, because our memory as Jews is the key to our morality as Jews.

This, then, is the first reason why we must be in the forefront of Social Action: we have been on the other side, so we know what it is like. Now that we have "arrived," we are duty-bound to help others. In this scheme of things, as members of the middle class we have assumed additional responsibilities to be open to the world, not to have found more reasons for shutting it out.

The second reason for Social Action in this post-halachic age is mystical. In the Jewish mystical tradition much is made of the idea that the world is incomplete and our task as human beings is to complete it. This complex and difficult notion is often described as *tikkun olam*, "mending the world." Whatever it may mean theologically and philosophically, it offers a helpful metaphor for Social Action. We are doing things, performing *mitzvot*, as a way of helping to make the world a better place, of mending it. We have been created by God for this task. God has revealed the divine will to humanity through the people of Israel to tell us how to do it. When we are doing what our Creator revealed to us, we are working towards the redemption of the world.

Creation, revelation and redemption are the three categories of Jewish theology. Social Action is their practical manifestation and thus our contribution to the redemption of the as-yet-unredeemed, but divinely created, world. As in mysticism, each *mitzvah* has a practical and psychological value and assumes cosmic significance. And although it is not for any of us to eradicate all evil in the world, each of us, as the late Abraham Joshua Heschel has urged us, can remove some evils. And if enough of us help to remove evils, evil will disappear and the world will be mended.

Here the historical and the mystical dimensions converge, since the purpose of history is also redemption – freedom for our people – which is only possible when freedom has been achieved by all peoples. The promise given to our ancestors can, ultimately, only be fulfilled when the world has been perfected. The two reasons for Social Action are not alternatives but complementary.

Even this brief and inadequate excursion into mysticism offers a spiritually compelling reason for Social Action, although the historical argument may be more easily accessible and less complicated and abstract. It removes, of course, all considerations of expediency and, almost by definition, does not require any external reward. *S'char mitzvah – mitzvah*, our sages taught, the reward of a *mitzvah* is doing the *mitzvah*. It can be performed whether you believe it to be legally binding or "merely" morally compelling; whether you are a mystic or just someone who wants to be helpful. Once you accept its presupposition, all other reasons become unnecessary. It is also irrelevant to ask questions about who the recipient is – Jew or gentile, someone congenial or not – because the act makes the world a better place, even if it does not make the doer feel better. It is not even relevant to ask if your single action is going to solve the problem. If it alleviates it, however slightly, you are justified in doing it, because helping to bring the world towards redemption is always of value. It is, ultimately, a qualitative and not a quantitative act.

Social Action a Unifying Force For Jews

Social Action can become the unifying force in the Jewish world today. Those who hold different theological views, and those who reject theology altogether, can join forces in acts of love and giving affirming the human as being of infinite value, equality and uniqueness. Even if we are not in a position to explain or eradicate evil, we probably can remove some evils and thus help to "mend the world."

Perhaps the leaders of Canadian Jewry, who so audibly lament the alienation of some of our best people, would improve things by resolute action. This would show that we are concerned for society and can unite to further its welfare, not only in the face of anti-Semitism and in response to the danger to the State of Israel, but also on intrinsic merits. An intensified social-action programme would have wide and beneficial ramifications, besides being a real test of our emancipation. It is part of the programme for Jewish continuity.

The call to Social Action does not go against our commitment to our own community and the State of Israel. On the contrary, fighting evils does not preclude the evils that befall our own people, and championing the cause of justice always includes justice for Jews. To make a strong case, we must begin with ourselves and aim at making the Jewish community a model and an example, not a martyr. As Rabbi Irving Greenberg puts it, "after Auschwitz, martyrdom is morally offensive. The command is to live and to testify... how to use the power is the new *halacha*, but denial or endangering the power is considered the unforgivable sin."

The fact that we have left the ghetto does not absolve us from responsibility to fellow Jews, but it extends our obligations far beyond our own circles As Martin Buber put it: "To begin with oneself, but not to end with oneself; to start from oneself, but not to aim at oneself; to comprehend oneself, but not to be preoccupied with oneself."

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The (Continuing) Continuity Debate

by Uri Rosenzweig

Some time ago, the great Jewish philosopher and historian, Simon Rawidowicz, suggested that we are "the ever-dying people," noting that throughout our history every Jewish generation feared it was the last link in the chain of the Jewish people. I have no doubt that 2000 years from now, if there are only two Jews left on this earth of ours, (God forbid) the debate about Jewish continuity will continue.

I'm neither a statistician nor a social scientist, but I am deeply troubled by the article by Professor Jim Torczyner and Shari Brotman in the August 1994 issue of *Viewpoints*, "Jewish Continuity in Canada." It seems that in both their detailed analysis of the 1991 Canadian Census and their findings compared to 1981, "the Jewish community in Canada is larger, stronger and has more children," they equate Jewish quantity with the quality of Jewish life. Furthermore, they note that "rapidly developing communities have fewer institutional resources" to cope effectively with such growth and they imply that somehow this accounts for the high rate of intermarriage. They cite Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton as such communities and I will demonstrate further on that their conclusion about Edmonton (which I'm most familiar with) is fallacious.

Jewish Continuity Not Only About Numbers

We must be clear that when we discuss "Jewish Continuity" we are not merely talking about numbers, which are important, but about the *quality* of Jewish life. As long as the planet Earth exists then some of its inhabitants will undoubtedly be Jewish – by religion or ethnicity – to use the Census study definition. It's even been suggested that should other planets be colonized or found to contain some form of human life, there will be Jews asking other Jews whether they had put on *t'fillin* that morning or for a UJA contribution. As Dennis Prager wrote about a decade ago, "The purpose of Jewish life is not that Jews survive, but that they lead Jewish lives, be a light unto the nations and repair the world under God's rule."

Similarly, the Toronto Task Force Report on Jewish Continuity noted; "Jewish continuity is not simply about whether our grandchildren will be Jewish or whether existing organizations will be able to continue paying their bills and delivering their services. The question is whether being Jewish will continue to be important to Jews; or whether it will become a peripheral and ultimately meaningless part of their lives."

There is nothing in the Torczyner-Brotman statistics to demonstrate the number of Jews, by ethnicity, religion or both, who consider being Jewish important. Indeed, one can claim to be Jewish by religion and not even belong to a congregation or attend services.

With regard to rapidly developing communities and high rates of intermarriage, Torczyner\Brotman state: "Rapidly developing communities have fewer institutional resources. Existing resources become strained in attempting to identify new members and respond to their needs. Often persons who move to cities with small Jewish populations and few institutional resources do not prioritize their communal affiliation. At best there is a considerable time lag before rapidly expanding communities can establish a more elaborate institutional framework. Thus, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton have very high rates of intermarriage and have experienced rapid growth within a relatively short historical period."

Edmonton Institutional Resources

So let's look at Edmonton's institutional resources. There are three congregations, two synagogues with the third housed in the Jewish community Centre, a Talmud Torah Day School, a new day school that opened a year ago, a Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre in its own building, a Jewish Community Centre, a Funeral Chapel, Chabad House, a Kollel, Camp B'nai Brith that serves both Calgary and Edmonton, a Jewish Family Services agency, UJA and a Federation. In addition to all these institutions, agencies and their numerous activities, nearly every Jewish national organization has its local counterpart. If this is not an elaborate enough "institutional framework" for a community of about 6000, I don't know what is. Yet, Edmonton has one of the highest rates of intermarriage in Canada, second only to Vancouver. How Torczyner-Brotman can reconcile their conclusions with these facts is beyond me, because most of these institutions and groups have existed for 10 years and longer and Edmonton's intermarriage rates have always been among the highest.

Prerequisites in the Continuity Battle

In my view there are a number of prerequisites that all communities must examine and adopt to prepare themselves for winning the continuity battle. The first is that just like the business world we must engage ourselves increasingly in research and development projects. Second, instead of merely pouring increased community funds into providing more of the same programs and services, we must develop innovative approaches and fashion new instruments of survival based on our research. Third, we must give the concept of *Klal Yisrael* real meaning so that it becomes a key component of Jewish communal life at the local level.

The Need For Research and Development

Certainly the phenomenon that exists in Edmonton, (as it may elsewhere) the abundance of Jewish institutional and organizational life as compared to the high rate of intermarriage and assimilation, suggests the need for more intensive research than merely comparing Census figures. Unfortunately the Edmonton Federation's involvement in social planning has been negligible. Certainly, ours is a community that could use the talents and expertise of Torczyner and Brotman because there are a lot more questions than answers regarding the future of this community. For example, formal Jewish education is considered the greatest bulwark against intermarriage and assimilation. The Edmonton Talmud Torah Elementary Day School was started in 1912, among the first in Canada. It has had the advantage of financial support by both the government and now by the Edmonton Public School board for its secular education. It's estimated that some 85% of eligible children attend the school. It is now embarked on a campaign to build a new school to extend to the Jr. High level. In addition, there is a new ultra-orthodox day school that opened last year. So why is assimilation and intermarriage so high?

Similarly, on a national scale there have been missed opportunities for meaningful research. One such example has been the March of the Living. I know of no teen who was not impressed and moved by their participation in this unique experience based on their written recollections. How meaningful it would have been had we placed their recordings in a time capsule and revisited these participants as young adults or adults to assess the continuing impact of those experiences.

Need for Innovative Programs

It is only on the basis of extensive research that we should embark on new innovative programs. I won't discuss this at length except to note one area where I believe the organized Jewish community has been negligent. We are rapidly moving into the electronic age with information highways and networking in various forms. Electronic media, which may seem too impersonal by some, will eventually become the most important communications vehicle in our society. If the Jewish community ignores this form of communication it shall have increasing difficulty in reaching out to its various publics with the message of Jewish continuity.

As Rabbi Abraham Heschel once noted, "The modern Jew is a messenger who forgets his message." That message must respond to the simple question, "Why be Jewish?" Our schools and rabbis and teachers show us *how* to be Jewish, but not *why*? We must develop an effective response to *why* to convince those drifting toward intermarriage and

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The Case For Jewish Proselytism

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The rapidly rising Moslem population of North America now equals the number of Jews, and aggressive proselytising has made Islam the fastest growing religion in North America. Jewish assimilation and low birth rate will only worsen this reality, and soon U.S. congressmen and Canadian M.P.'s will be courting the Moslem vote and ignoring the dwindling Jewish vote. There will be much less reason for North American politicians to support Jewish causes or maintain a close friendship with Israel – but if we numbered 10 or 15 million, instead of our present 5.5 million, politicians would go out of their way to avoid alienating the Jewish vote.

There are two solutions to this demographic time bomb: more Jewish babies or an influx of serious converts. Since only the very Orthodox are making more Jewish babies, proselytising, **as practised for centuries by our ancestors**, is the route to go. The pagan world of Greeks, Romans, and pre-Islamic Arabs was surprisingly tolerant of this Jewish activism, as long as due homage was paid to the ruling Emperor, King, Sheikh, Chief, etc. It was only with the recent supremacy of Christianity (in 320 CE) and Islam (in 670 CE) that Jewish proselytising ceased, because these frequently intolerant religions decreed severe punishment, even death, for the Jewish missionary and the convert. For nearly fifteen hundred years Jews have lived in Christian and Muslim societies who often made conversion to Judaism a capital offence – both for the convert and for the Jews involved in the conversion. It was only for this reason that Jews adopted their policy of discouraging conversion. **Judaism desires converts, and when Jews were free to do so they actively encouraged would-be converts.**

Missionary Role Natural to Devout Jews

That there were active Jewish religious missionaries twenty-two centuries ago might come as a surprise to those who have thought of missionaries as being exclusively Christian. The missionary role came naturally to devout Jews, especially during Hellenistic times, when Jewish life was convulsed by Messianic expectation. Jews believed they had a special part to play in the imminent redemption of all mankind. They had the absolute conviction, drawn from the Bible, that God had specifically chosen them to serve as "a light for the nations" in order to unite all people around the Torah. This mission was even given by several Rabbinical teachers as justification for the destruction of the Temple and the Dispersion in 70 C.E. of the Jewish people by the Romans. In the Talmud, Rabbi Eleazar ben Pedat went so far as to claim that the exile of the Jews from Israel, the most destructive event in ancient Jewish history, had one constructive purpose: "The Holy One, praised by He, exiled Israel among the nations for the purpose of gaining converts" (Pesachim 87B). In fact, of several dozen statements in the Talmud concerning converts and seeking converts, all but four are highly positive. The Avot de Rabbi Nathan, an early rabbinical work, encouraged Jews to emulate Abraham, who alone with his wife Sarah, spread the monotheist ideal: "Every Jew should endeavour to actively bring men under the wing of God's presence even as Abraham did." The model of Abraham was used not only to encourage Jews to seek converts, but also to encourage potential Gentile converts: "If a man wishes to convert to Judaism, but says, 'I am too old to convert.' let him learn from Abraham, who, when he was ninety-nine years old, entered God's covenant" (Tanhuma B, Lekh Lekha 40). Some rabbis went so far as to proclaim that converts were the greatest of Jews: "Said Resh Lakish: the convert is dearer than the Jews who stood before Mount Sinai. Why? Because had the Jews not seen the thunder and lightning and the mountains quaking and the sounds of the horn, they would not have accepted the Torah. But the convert, who saw none of these things, came, surrendered, and accepted on himself the kingdom of heaven. Could any be dearer than he?" (Tanhuma B, Lekh Lekha 6).

In espousing these beliefs about Jews seeking converts, the rabbis were faithfully reflecting the Hebrew Bible's attitude. The prophet Isaiah dreamed of the day when all the nations of the world would declare: "Come, let us go up to the Mount of the Lord, to the House of the God of Jacob: that he may instruct us in His ways and that we may walk in His path. For out of Zion shall go the Torah, and the word of God from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3).

Judaism bestowed its highest honour upon a convert. Jewish belief holds that the Messiah will be a descendant of Ruth (ancestress of King David), a woman who converted to Judaism and for whom a book of the Bible was named.

Judaism's Wish to Seek Converts Recorded in Many Sources

That Jews attempted to implement Judaism's wish to seek converts is recorded in non-Jewish and Jewish sources. The New Testament states that in the Roman Empire the Jews would "sail the sea and cross whole counties to win one convert" (Matthew 23:15). Judaism had become so popular among segments of the Roman intelligentsia that Juvenal, the great Roman writer, wrote a satire about Roman fathers who eat no pork, observe the Sabbath, worship only the heavenly God, and whose sons undergo circumcision, despise Roman laws, and study the Jew's Torah. The Jewish historian Josephus wrote in the first century: "The masses have long since shown a keen desire to adopt our religious observances; and there is not one city, Greek or barbarian, nor a single nation, to which our customs of abstaining from work on the seventh day has not spread, and the fasts of lighting of (Sabbath) lamps and many of our prohibitions in the matter of food are not observed" (Contra Apion 2:39).

A vigorous movement for the Jewish religion was carried out in the Greco-Roman world by numerous unprofessional evangelists. These were dedicated zealots, both men and women. They roamed through all the Mediterranean countries, preaching, teaching, and proselytising everywhere – in Rome, Greece, Syria, Antioch, Asia Minor, North Africa, Carthage, Cyrenaica, and in other places where substantial Jewish colonies had already long been established.

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In Rome as everywhere the Jewish missionaries not only won over full proselytes, but they also attracted many thousands of semiproselytes or sympathisers of the Jewish religion, who were called Metuens – "devout persons." Although the Metuens observed the Sabbath as a day of rest, attended the synagogue, and listened to the expositions there on the principles of the Torah by the rabbis, yet they were not quite ready to go all the way and become converts. Their Judaism was one of degree. An effective discouragement to full conversion was the Rabbinical insistence that every male proselyte had first to submit to the rite of circumcision, a most painful ordeal for adults before anaesthesia. This explains why so many more women than men became full proselytes.

The numerous Jewish settlements in the Diaspora served as bases of operation for the Jewish missionary movement, which brought large increases in the Jewish population in every land. As evidence, we have the testimony of the Roman geographer Strabo (c. 63 C.B.E. - 24 C.E.): "It is not easy to find any place in the habitable world that has not yet received this nation and in which it has not made its power felt."

But the "power" of which Strabo spoke lay principally in the domain of the Jewish religious beliefs and ethical practices. The Greco-Roman slave system was fast disintegrating because of its social evils, cruelties, and economic senselessness. Everywhere, the average thoughtful Roman beheld widespread public corruption and inequities, the ready use of violence, and the resort to plunder and war which were all part of the state policy of their rulers. The "superior" civilizations first of the Greeks and then the Romans, each of whom considered themselves the "master race," had become rotten with cynicism and immorality. Many Romans, those of the nobility included, were attracted by the egalitarian, gentle, humane features of the Jewish religion and community life. Slaves, especially, were susceptible to the Jewish missionary appeal because they were readily accepted as proselytes and were well treated by the Jews.

The unknown Egyptian Jewish women evangelist of the third century B.C.E. who comprised the Third Sibylline Oracle, expresses the universal goal of all Jewish missionaries in Hellenistic times when she announced: "The children of Israel shall mark out the path of life to all mortals, for they are the interpreters of God, exalted by Him and bearing a great joy to all mankind!" The mission of Israel to the Gentiles in Greco-Roman times was aided by extensive Jewish literature written in Greek and employing Greek ideas and the familiar Greek terminology and literary allusions. Most influential among these writings in gaining converts were The Wisdom of Solomon, the Book of Ecclesiasticus by Jesus ben Sirach, the Fourth book of Maccabees, the Sibylline Oracles, and the writings of the philosopher – rabbi of Alexandria, Philo, and the Jewish historian Josephus. Pursuing their missionary ends, these writers extolled the principles and practices of Judaism. Conversely, they tried to lay bare what they regarded to be the fallacies and the moral limitations of the Greco-Roman religion, which, charged Philo, were full of lies and inventions. For that reason, he noted, many Gentiles "became sincere worshippers of the truth and gave themselves up to the practice of the purest piety."

Ascendancy of Christian Church Made Conversion a Capital Offense

The Jewish missionary movement, so successful for several centuries in winning converts, both full proselytes and "sympathizers," continued until Christian missionaries entered the field as competitors. With the ascendancy of the Church and the establishment of Christianity as the state religion by

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Emperor Constantine (in the fourth century CE), the situation was altered radically. Conversion to Judaism became a crime, soon a capital one, for both the convert and the Jews involved in the conversion. The Jews were driven out of the missionary field entirely in the territories of the Roman Empire and shifted their proselytizing to other regions. In Arabia, for example, they made numerous converts. When Mohammed came upon the religious scene in the seventh century, he found in that region a number of powerful tribes who had been converted to the Jewish religion centuries before by the already Jews of Yemen. And during the eighth century, another great missionary triumph was scored by the Jews in the vast Khazar kingdom (in the Volga and Don region of Russia), when its ruler, Bulan, together with many of his people, embraced Judaism. They built many synagogues, learned Hebrew and studied Rabbinical literature under the tutelage of teachers imported from the older Jewish centres.

While it is true that many individual Gentiles even after that time became proselytes, it proved dangerous for any Jew known to have had a hand in converting them. Often, whole communities would be punished for one Christian's conversion to Judaism. For example, in 1012, a German priest, Vicilinus of Mainz, became a Jew and then wrote essays in which he used the Bible to demonstrate the continuing validity of Judaism. Within a few months Emperor Henry II expelled the entire Jewish population of Mainz. A decree issued in 1235 by the Church Council of Tarragona, in Spain, ruled that any Jew trying to convert a Christian was to be killed and his property and money taken away. In addition, the entire Jewish community to which he belonged was to pay a costly fine. Similar stringent steps were taken in other countries throughout Christendom, so that all Jewish missionary efforts finally ceased.

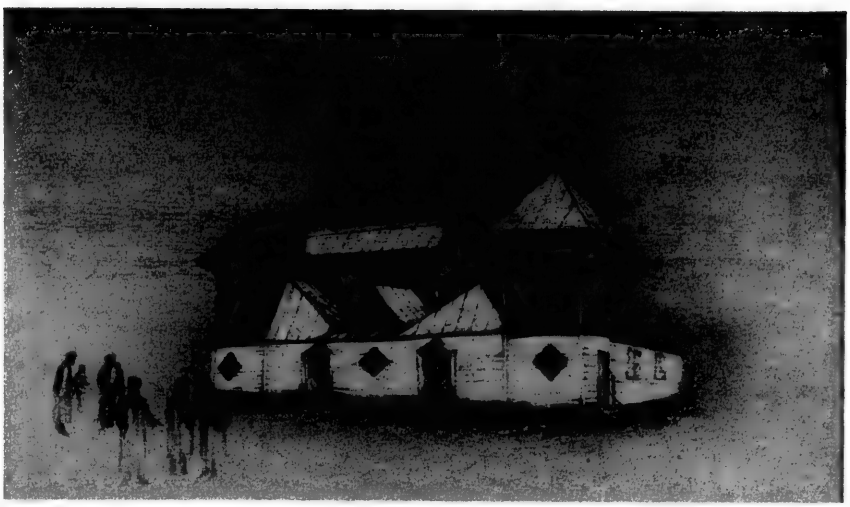
Jews Stopped Seeking Converts Only Because They Were Forced

The point cannot be overemphasized that Jews stopped seeking converts to Judaism only because they were forced to, and only then did vigorous discouragement of would-be converts become the official Jewish policy. In the words of rabbi Solomon Luria (1510-1573), perhaps the leading European Talmud scholar of the sixteenth century: "Under the present conditions, when we live in a country that is not ours, like slaves under the rod of a master, if a Jew encourages someone to become a proselyte he becomes a rebel against the government, subject to the death penalty... Therefore, I caution anyone against being a party to such activity when the law of the state forbids it, for he therefore forfeits his life."

Time Once Again To Seek Converts

Since these conditions no longer apply in North America (they still do in many Islamic countries), it is time to seek out once again those who would join our Kehilla and ensure the survival of Judaism and Israel. A steady vigorous influx of sincere converts would revitalize our largely jaded, assimilated North American community. Jews-by-choice, who come to our faith through study and knowledge will teach "born" Jews how to love the ethics, morality and message of our religion, which many of us have forgotten or ignored for so long. Our Yeshivas and seminaries must turn out a whole new class of specialized missionary rabbis, who will welcome into our ranks, once again, the likes of Hillel's teachers Shammai and Avtalyon, King David's great grandmother Ruth, the Roman aristocrat and great Torah commentator Unkelos, Flavius Clemens (nephew of Emperor Vespasian), Bodo-Eleazar (former court decon of Louis the Pious, 9th century), Andreas of Bari (former Bishop in Italy, c. 1100), Rabbi Akiva's grandfather, and Joseph's wife Asenath (who, though not born Jewish, raised such fine Jewish boys that we bless our sons every shabbat to be like her sons, Manasseh and Ephraim).

We must replenish the millions slaughtered over the centuries by Titus, Torquameda, Chmielnicki, and Hitler, and deny their ultimate victory. We must ensure our survival in order to continue to be "a light unto the nations."



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Immigration And Multiculturalism: A Dissenting View

by Stephen Stern

The issues of immigration and multiculturalism continue to be of considerable interest to Canadians generally and to Jews in particular. The recent killing of a Toronto police officer by an illegal immigrant and the release of a government study putatively demonstrating that immigrants to Canada are better educated and harder working than native born Canadians have only served to make this public debate more torrid.

Jews, for historically obvious reasons, are particularly sensitive to the increasingly heated polemics surrounding immigration today. Many are especially and understandably wary of those who are critical of Canada's much vaunted liberal immigration policies. Sergio Marchi and others have skillfully and eloquently outlined the usual arguments advocating the beneficial effects of immigration and multiculturalism. Many Jews agree profoundly with the minister's view that continued high levels of immigration are a social desideratum of the first rank. Many Jews do not.

The purpose of this essay is to outline the possible perils of our succumbing to the languidly romantic and naive view of seeing immigration as a purely bountiful blessing. This writer will argue that Canadians should resist the siren song of unrestricted multiculturalism because not only will it serve to tribalize and ghettoize Canada, but it may very well threaten those very foundations of Canadian society which have proved so agreeable to Jews who have immigrated here.

One prefatory comment concerning refugees is needed here. There is no one, on either side of the immigration debate, who does not vigorously defend the notion that canada should continue to be a haven for genuine refugees - that is, those who *legitimately* meet the criteria of the United Nations Convention. Undoubted refugees would, of course, include such groups as the Jews from the former Soviet Union, Vietnamese boat people, Haitians, and those Chinese fleeing the persecutions following the Tiannamen Square massacres. Frivolous refugee claims, such as the perhaps apocryphal one made by some Saudi Arabian women claiming discrimination on the basis that they were refused driving licences in their own country, trivialize those who are truly persecuted and should not warrant serious consideration.

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Opponents of Increased Immigration Not Fascist

In addition, it is unfortunately necessary to state unequivocally that men of good will and decency can take differing views of the entire immigration question. It seems to me that too many Canadians are too quick to label those who argue for reduced levels of immigration as crypto-fascists. It may be philosophically disputable for conservatives, such as Preston Manning, to argue that immigration levels should be reduced for economic reasons, but it is not, *ipso facto*, racist to so argue. It serves no useful purpose for those in the pro-immigration camp to label opponents of Canada's present policies as fascistic. To engage in such *ad hominem* attacks is not only illogical; it is simply indecorous.

Pro-immigration lobbyists frequently lament what they see as sensationalized press accounts about immigrants exhausting Canada's generous social safety nets including health care. they hint that these claims are not only fallacious, but are prompted by ill-concealed racism. What are we to make then of the recent decision by the government of Ontario to eliminate health care coverage for foreign students residing in Ontario, applicants for landed immigrant status, people with temporary provincial work permits, and all family members of the above? The Health Minister has declared that these people are, indeed, costing the provincial taxpayers millions of dollars. Are these claims factual or are they only the racist grumblings of the Minister? There are numerous examples of fraudulent use of the social welfare system. The most flagrant is, of course, the well documented case of the wife of a Somali warlord living on social assistance in the Toronto area. She has returned intermittently to visit her husband in Africa, reportedly traveling first class. To wish to reassess certain aspects of Canada's immigration policies in view of these events is, to repeat, not unethical, racist, or intellectually illegitimate.

Immigration and Multiculturalism Related

The issues of immigration and multiculturalism are intimately related. The undeniable benefits of Canada's ethnic mosaic have been adroitly articulated by numerous minority spokesmen. Interestingly, some Jewish intellectuals even advocate, not entirely without eloquence, that, in view of the sordid history of Christian and European anti-semitism, Canada's

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The End Of Nationalism In The Middle East?

by Stuart Schoenfeld

Unexpectedly, Joan and I were among the first Jewish tourists to visit Palestine. We made our brief visit to Jericho on July 25, only hours before President Clinton, King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin made history in Washington. We were on our way from Jerusalem to the Gallil, travelling in an eight person minivan with an Arab couple from Texas who were visiting her parents in Ramallah, a young man from Mississaugua and our tour guide.

Our guide, an old-fashioned (aging) labor Zionist, told us we would have a bonus to our tour and proceeded to take the Jordan valley road through Jericho. We drove past the Israeli checkpoint, and then past the Palestinian check point, cameras clicking.

On the outskirts of town we could see workers in the fields of date palms and banana plants, and a couple of shepherds with flocks. Jericho, an oasis cross-roads town of about 16,000, still bore the traces of Arafat's recent visit – wall paintings and posters of the chairman, often with a companion, and many PLO flags. We drove past the former refugee camp. "It still looks awful, just like I remember from my last visit," the Arab American woman said. "But at least now they have a chance."

It was already a hot summer's morning, and there was little visible activity in the town itself. We could see the restored synagogue off to the side of the road, quiet like the rest of the town; our guide didn't mention it. "You can see," he said, "over there Israeli police and Palestinian police making joint patrols." They looked like police everywhere, waiting for something to happen. Some were driving around at slow speed. Other patrols were parked by the side of the road, in the shade.

The "Temptation Restaurant"

"Up there," said our guide as we turned a corner in town, "you can see the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus was tempted." And sure enough, in our line of vision as we looked first up at the mountain, and then ahead at the road, we saw directly in front of us the English language sign of "The Temptation Restaurant." "I'd like to have a picture of that!" said the young man from Mississaugua. "Sure," said the guide, "we take a stop and you can take a picture."

He pulled over next to the restaurant, at the produce and souvenir store, the only open shop in the area, and exchanged friendly greetings in Arabic with the proprietor. Joan went to look at the pottery; the others bought refreshments, and the tour guide shopped for fruit. When the shopkeeper came to help Joan, she greeted him with "Shalom." He replied only with what she later described as a smile of surprise.

The refreshment area contained small posters advertising Israeli ice cream and candy bars. It was almost the first Hebrew I'd seen since we got into Jericho; one restaurant down the block still had "shalom" next to its Arabic and English equivalents. In the other direction, it was possible to see the famous excavation site of Tel Jericho, empty and quiet. Behind the shop and connected to it, the concrete walls of a four story building were newly erected and construction was continuing.

The proprietor was wrapping Joan's pottery when I went into the souvenir shop. "Would you take my picture outside?" she asked me. "You like to buy a head covering, just like Arafat's?" the proprietor asked, showing me a khaffiya. "I give you very good price." "No. Thank you," I said. The young man from Mississaugua tried one on. He actually looked quite handsome in it, like Mel Gibson playing Lawrence of Arabia, but in the end he too decided not to buy.

Outside, Joan positioned herself for her photo in front of the store window. It was decorated with several large pictures of Chairman (or was it now "President"?) Arafat. Above the window, an illuminated sign formerly advertised Coca-Cola in three languages. The corner with Hebrew letters had been smashed out. A few cars drove by, all with the blue license plates given to cars of Arabs in the West Bank. Once, a military vehicle, followed by three cars with Israeli licenses, drove by convoy style – fast, almost bumper to bumper.

The Boy With the Rock

After about a half an hour, we drove up the road of the Palestinian autonomous area. On the outskirts of a village just past Jericho, a boy of about bar mitzvah age was walking in the shade of the trees that line the road. He looked up in surprise at the Israeli tourist vehicle coming his way. He quickly bent over, picked up a stone and started to cock his arm. Then I saw him lower his arm and in a moment we were past him.

In five minutes we were past the checkpoint of the Palestinian police and back in the West Bank. In another half an hour we were over the green line, in the area of the kibbutzim just below the Kinneret. Later that evening, when I told Joan about the boy with the stone, she said, "I thought I heard something hit the back of the van."

The Eccentric Orthodox Jew

The next day, as I was riding the #4 Jerusalem bus, an aging but energetic man got on in the Bukharian Quarter, an ultra-orthodox neighborhood near Mea Shearim. He was talking loudly, to no one in particular, even as he paid his fare. He was, apparently, one of the crazy eccentrics found in Jerusalem, a city whose deep cultural divisions and intense self-consciousness seem to evoke dramatic self presentations.

He walked the length of the bus, until he reached the rear bench, proclaiming his message, mostly in Hebrew, but with some English mixed in. "Rabin, Clinton, Hussein – they're all jokers. They know it. Those momzerim." And so on from his seat at the rear, until he reached his destination and got off. No one spoke to him. Hardly anyone glanced at him. Most people gave no indication that they noticed.

Significance of the Two Incidents

The boy who is still stoning vehicles and the Jerusalemite unable to keep from talking to nobody in public may not be at the center of the Middle East conflict, but they express something about it that might be missed if attention is devoted only to more rational ways of looking at the situation.

Working groups of Palestinians and Israelis are negotiating the transfer of authority over education, health, social services, police and taxation. The Palestinian negotiators represent the interests of over a million and a half residents. They want to administer their own affairs, to ultimately have their own state, recognized as a nation among other nations. These are issues that are difficult. Disentangling two peoples who are so intertwined is a challenging task. It is, however, a rational task, subject to a reasonable resolution.

The boy with the stone represents another attitude that gets in the way of this kind of reasonableness, but one that has its own rationality. The Middle East is desert or near desert, a hostile environment that can't support much life. In the last century technology has made the land of Israel a greener, more nurturing place and advantage has been taken of the opportunities in international economy. Who knows if in the long run, the land and the economy will sustain the vastly increased number of Israelis and the vastly increased number of Palestinians? One doesn't have to be an Islamic fundamentalist to have anxiety about this, but this anxiety does fit into the outlook and emotions of fundamentalist Islam and are likely a part of its appeal.

The ultra-orthodox eccentric from the Bukharian Quarter troubled by the agreement with Jordan is expressing another kind of anxiety. The agreement with Jordan, unlike the agreement with the PLO, was approved in Israel by a large public consensus. So what was troubling the passenger on the #4 bus?

Sunday Shopping Between Israelis and Jordanians

Readers who know Ontario will understand a two word answer – "Saturday shopping." For the rest of the world, here is a longer explanation: The news was full of the diplomatic and economic implications of the agreement with Jordan. On a personal level, however, the question discussed among many Israelis was, "When will we be able to freely cross into Jordan?" This is an exhilarating prospect for people

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whose borders are closed and who have had to travel to other countries by air or by sea. There is travel to Egypt over land, but the welcome extended to Israelis has been limited and it is far away from Israeli population centers. Jordan, on the other hand, is not that far from Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beer Sheva and especially from Jerusalem, and its government gives every indication of wanting a warm, cooperative peace. While Jordan is reluctant to open its borders to day trips, they will come. And the day on which Israelis will have the free time to travel will be Shabbat.

Our ultra-orthodox bus passenger understands that the agreement with Jordan is a major step in turning the Middle East into a region where people cross borders back and forth as a matter of course. This may be far off, but it may come, and his future in this transition is problematic. For their part, Jordanian officials also understand that open borders will have personal life-style consequences and have expressed concern about unrestricted Jordanian travel to Israel. It's not in the interest of either Jordan or Israel if Jordanian men get in the habit of driving into Israel in pursuit of alcohol and women.

The Israeli newspapers this summer contain stories about two proposed new roads – one a major highway to go through the center of the country; the other, a road linking Amman, Aquaba, Eilat and Egypt (and perhaps eventually Saudi Arabia). Consider the impact of trucks carrying produce and manufactured goods easily following a ring of roads from Tel Aviv to the Gallil to Amman, to Aquaba – Eilat, and then back up through Beer Sheva to Tel Aviv. An integrated mixed economy using this transportation system is the strategic vision of the current governments in Jordan and Israel. Economic investment, access to the Mediterranean via Israel and a rising standard of living benefit Jordan; regional integration and a new spirit of cooperation with the world economy benefit Israel. This shared vision is a challenge to the peoples of the regions. The Middle East can evolve in the direction of Western Europe or it can remain a region of political violence, closed borders, poverty and limited economic potential.

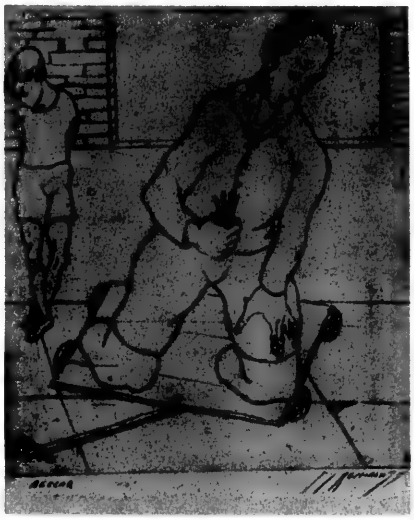
Will Middle East Become Like Western Europe?

This leaves our bus passenger, his devout co-religionists in Jerusalem, and the settlers on the hilltops of Judea and Samaria with the prospect of the Israeli majority straying even further from the straight paths of religious and national devotion, following even further the false prophets and golden calf of material comfort, even with the possibility that the Israeli majority may ultimately – circumstances allowing – opt decisively to be post-national, post-modern liberal humanists. If the Middle East becomes like western Europe, Arabs and Jews will work together in large-scale businesses, in the arts and sciences, in the universities and in the professions. They will read the same newspapers, watch the same TV shows and movies, buy the same clothes, visit each other, become friends, and develop mixed neighborhoods. Their children will fall in love and figure out ways to make mixed marriage an acceptable practice. If under circumstances of a warm peace in the region, Israelis are going to remain connected to their Jewish past, the custodians of that past are going to have to relate in different ways to the large part of Israeli society from whom they are now estranged.

There are consequences of open borders for the boy with the stone too. The current Palestinian autonomous area around Jericho is quite small. But even if it were extended to the entire West Bank, it would still be very small. If the roads are open, no place on the West Bank is more than a half hour drive from the Israeli border, or from the Jordanian border for that matter. What will happen to the boy with the stone if a modern highway system lays part of the infrastructure for a modern economy in the Middle East? What if most people just won't bother about driving through Jericho, Hebron, or Nablus if they can just as easily avoid them?

Transition to Western Europe a Slow Process

Of course the transition of the Middle East to western Europe is a slow process, a long way off, and may not happen at all. Islamic fundamentalists or governments unable to break out of established patterns may stop the peace process dead in its tracks or reverse the progress that is being made. A nascent Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinian common market could implode like Lebanon. Global over-population, depleted resources and nuclear proliferation may bring about a "new world disorder," in which the prosperous countries of the world might well decide that they no longer have the luxury of throwing their energy and foreign aid into a Middle East that is unable to stop fighting, although they will of course continue to sell weapons. If any of these possibilities come to pass, the tentative evolution towards a Middle East along the lines of western Europe will stop, and we will have to figure out how to live in a different future.



"BEGGAR" BY MOE REINBLATT, MONTREAL

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURALISM

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immigrants should be primarily from Asian and third world countries where anti-Jewish sentiments are rare. They further argue that Moslem immigrants are preferable to Europeans because Judaism has closer ties to Islam than to Christianity.

These assertions are curious indeed. It is undeniably true that, in the past, many European societies have been antagonistic to the Jews, and that some Moslem societies, especially during the remarkable Golden Age of the Iberian peninsula, have been uniquely hospitable to the Jews. But to recognize these historical verities ought not to blind us to contemporary realities. The indisputable truth at the moment is that the main source of anti-semitism is neither Christian nor European. Contrary perhaps to the conventional wisdom, most of the much maligned fundamentalist Christians sects are decidedly philo-semitic and pro-Israel. The Vatican, *mirabile visu*, has recently taken belated but unprecedented steps toward eradicating the last vestiges of anti-semitism within its ranks. We must come to terms with the fact Ernst Zundel and his neo-Nazi buffoons could not muster a corporal's guard of supporters in Canada.

Real Sources of Antisemitism Today

Let us be candid and recognize the real sources of anti-semitism today. In North America, the vicious demagogue Farakhan and his cohorts are drawing distressingly large African-American and African-Canadian audiences with their savage and venomous anti-Jewish tirades. This is a brand of multiculturalism which, to say the least, should be unwelcome in Canada.

Furthermore, on a global level, Islamic fundamentalism is undeniably the most potent and increasingly dangerous provenance of modern anti-semitism. One need only witness the predicament of the State of Israel since its inception and the perilous condition of Syrian or Iranian Jews to see the truth of this statement. Many responsible critics of this country's present policies are urging Canadians of all backgrounds to be profoundly wary of encouraging immigrants whose religion, for example, countenances sentences of death for those who write or speak critically of that religion. Similarly, I doubt whether the richness of our multiculturalism would be enhanced by such charming third world customs as the stoning of adulterers to death or the performing of the grisly and mutilating surgery that is euphemistically called female circumcision.

While it is true Asian anti-Jewish feeling is fortunately uncommon, Canadian Jews should not be unaware of the bizarre but definite presence of anti-semitism in Japan. This writer has yet to see an adequate explanation of this curious and apparently growing phenomenon.

None of the above statements should be interpreted, in any way, to mean that the author encourages a complete ban on immigration from Africa, Asia, or Islamic states, but that Canadians should be aware that unrestricted multiculturalism is a double edged sword and should not be viewed with innocence.

Denigration of Canada's Anglo-Saxon Heritage

Another and perhaps even more disconcerting tendency of some in the pro-immigration camp, is the increasing disdain and, indeed, denigration of Canada's Anglo-Saxon heritage. At the risk of offending the cultural relativists and others who worship at the shrine of political correctness, one must forthrightly ask why are the vast majority of the world's immigrants (of whatever colour, religion, or ethnicity) attracted primarily to such countries as the United states, Canada, and Australia? One can reasonably assume that most would argue that the foremost reasons would include such things as safety, economic opportunity, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of property, and the right to democratically elect one's own government. With equal candor, one is compelled to assert that these political and economic virtues are primarily and ultimately Anglo-Saxon in origin. No one can seriously deny that it is the British parliamentary system that is the foundation for many of our freedoms, and that it is the British judicial system with its principles of trial by jury and the presumption of innocence that protect those very freedoms that most of Canada's immigrants find so attractive. In fact, for these reasons, this writer passionately believes that it behooves every immigrant to Canada (and perhaps most of all, the relentlessly persecuted Jews who found safe haven here), to pay perpetual homage to our Anglo-Saxon patrimony. It is the indispensable social glue that permits the vibrancy and flowering of Canada's ethnic diversity. We minority groups, enjoying the sweet fruits of Canada's British heritage, must be constantly alert to the threat that *unrestricted* and *unlimited* multiculturalism does not become the Trojan horse which would undermine this glorious inheritance. These truths may be unpalatable to some, but it would be unseemly to deny them.

Canada should continue to welcome, in numbers consistent with its economic requirements, decent law-abiding people of all colours and ethnicity, but only if they agree to recognize and honour the principles of freedom, civility and toleration that have made this country so desirable in the first place.

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assimilation to remain within the fold. It will not be an easy task that can be addressed simply by sermonizing about the virtues and responsibilities of being Jewish.

Throughout our history, an ongoing succession of rabbis, scholars and philosophers fashioned new tools, new interpretations and ideas for Jewish survival in changing times; the Talmud, the philosophy of Maimonides, the interpretations of Rashi, the poetry of Halevi, Caro's Shulchan Aruch, the mysterious Cabala which gave rise to Chassidism. The evolvement of various branches of Judaism while causing rifts, nevertheless opened the way to accommodate varying needs and perceptions of Jews who may otherwise have taken the path to assimilation, and finally the Zionist idea that became a reality.

Thus, we must not only develop innovative programs and services but fashion new tools and instruments for survival in these and the challenging times ahead. But if these tasks are difficult, it will be impossible unless every community at the local level embraces the concept of *Klal Yisrael*.

Jewish Continuity and *Klal Yisrael*

Herman Wouk once observed that Jews are an army, but one does not ask whether all its soldiers will survive. One asks whether the army is getting stronger or weaker, whether its struggle is nearer or further from success.

We may in fact be an army, but we have too many "divisions" each marching in a different direction to its own tune. Dr. Norman Lamm, brilliant rabbi, philosopher, teacher and author noted a few years ago, "I never thought of the concept of *Klal Yisrael* as something that is sufficiently obvious to enjoy the status of a slogan."

The truth is that even in these challenging times, when the threat to Jewish continuity exists in various forms and to varying degrees, North American Jewry is heading down a path of increasing fragmentation leading to self-destruction, because the concept of *Klal Yisrael* is not universally honoured. We are more inclined to embrace that concept with regard to Israel and overseas Jewish needs than we are within our local communities.

Rabbi Lamm notes: "The common denominator of all of us must be our commitment to the highest order of Jewish integration – even in today's fragmented world. Accepting *Klal Yisrael* does not release us from the obligation to make serious and often painful choices. Whatever has the greatest impact on the unity and destiny of our people takes precedence over whatever has lesser consequences for the welfare and integrity of *Klal Yisrael*. We are sometimes depressed by the constant bickering, by the clash of interests, biases and preferences that often mark our Jewish meetings and deliberations. There is nothing wrong with that and there is no way to escape the fracas and fray that frequently accompany the setting of priorities. We should not fear confrontation and welcome diverse opinions. But the idea of *Klal Yisrael* establishes these caveats; a) that all participants acknowledge the primacy of *Klal Yisrael* over its individual parts, and that therefore we reject those views that would undo the unity of *Klal Yisrael* and b) that the tone of the discourse be civil, respectful, tolerant, sympathetic and even more – evince concern for the other position, the one we may consider only of secondary importance."

The Central Role of Federations

Similar to what has happened in the United States, Federations have become the dominant force in each of our organized Canadian Jewish communities. Not only are Federations the largest fund raisers and disbursers of communal funds, but they have shifted more of their resources to what they consider "community building" activities. Jewish continuity has now moved to the top of their agendas which gives Federations entry, directly or indirectly, into every facet of Jewish communal life.

The question is whether this self-determined Federation mandate will strengthen the cause of *Klal Yisrael*. The reverse could well be true if this expanded agenda creates greater friction with organizations and institutions who perceive this as Federation's intrusion on their respective turfs. Furthermore, should Federations recognise the need for an all-inclusive functional, communal embrace of *Klal Yisrael*, they will have to open themselves up to greater scrutiny and greater accountability to their respective constituencies. Federations may indeed be reluctant to do this, because it may be perceived as a threat to their entrenched policies, practices and leadership, as well as to changes in traditional funding patterns.

Conclusion

No matter what the demographics tell us or how we interpret them, no matter whether the Canadian Jewish community is shrinking or expanding, no matter how many task forces, committees or organizations examine the question of Jewish continuity, the truth is that the attachment of Jews to their Jewishness is diminishing with each new generation. We see it happening before our very eyes, within our own families and within our communities, large and small, to lesser or greater degrees.

The issue of Jewish continuity represents the ongoing confrontation between Jewish identity and modernity, and modernity is winning the battle. If Jewish communal "Decision Makers" hope eventually to stem the growing tide of assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish alienation, they can't conduct business as usual merely by ploughing more money into doing more of the same. They need to expand and intensify their research and development projects, develop strategies and action plans to take advantage of new and evolving communications technology, create new instruments of survival, and make the concept of *Klal Yisrael* our most potent weapon for unity in a house that has been divided for far too long.

POETRY

IN MEMORIAM: ADELE WISEMAN

1973. Graduate Studies.
Drafts of reviews,
fragments of attempted poetry
scattered on my kitchen table.

I spent days that spring
cracking the code of your novel,
deciphering Danile, the father loving
but blind,

his estranged daughter
charged with experience:
that heart-rending narrative
which brought a redemptive myth

to the cold streets of Winnipeg,
reprieving the darkness
with shards of light
that we too were cast in

the first time we met
under the sun-splintered shade
of towering maples
on Bernice Lever's backyard patio.

When I raised the penury of the artist
as if it were some holy banner,
you, pragmatic, countered
with the Chinese induction:

"Eat first – poetry second."
In profile, physique
and close-cropped hair
I likened you then to Gertrude Stein

for I was reading correspondents
into every tone and gesture,
preparing myself
for a life on the line.

Kenneth Sherman

YOUR ANSWER

I enter books as I enter days,
with respect and hope –
Adele Wiseman (1928-1992)

your voice ascended
from a temple
of broad western plain
to weave destiny with words

the wind has stilled

you stitched a Yiddish knapsack
to cold prairie skies
and instead of a Manitoba maple
you grew into a Canadian *sabra*
the warmth and succor
inside personal cactus
a true sister
to Queen Esther and Deborah
you dazzled your tribe
and neighbors with a pen that
turned stone into flaming light

oh how you roared among
blinking tigers and lions
twisted exclamation into electrified
blushing question marks
those pink flamingos on family porch
your answer to Kafka's messengers

bending and mending
you mourned Kaddish
and sang Psalms
in the very same lines
transformed amnesia
into déjà vu
until memory became prayer

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Canadian business expects boost from Canada-Israel free trade deal

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — A proposed Canada-Israel free trade pact would, among other benefits, give Canadian businesses a greater access to the booming economy of the Middle East, observers concured following last week's announcement here by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that negotiations between the two nations will begin.

Steven Victor, national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, said an agreement will give Canadian companies access to the Israeli market equal to that enjoyed by the United States and the European Union, which already have free trade agreements with Israel.

"In addition, a Canada-Israel free trade agreement will give Canadians direct access to an increasingly stable and integrated Middle East economy, of which Israel is an integral part," he said.

In 1993, Israel imported $28 billion worth of goods. Two-way trade with Canada amounted to about $310 million, with Canada exporting $155 million of goods to Israel and importing about $154 worth of goods from the Jewish state.

Jean Chrétien and Yitzhak Rabin shake on the start of free trade talks. [Canapress Photo Service – Tom Hanson]

Wheat was Canada's largest export to Israel, followed by aluminum, wood pulp and sulphur. Leading Canadian imports from Israel were diamonds, followed by fruits and vegetables, machinery and medical equipment.

Canada's trade with Israel has increased 20 per cent in the last four years. Even so, trade barriers have restricted Canadian access to the Israeli market.

High tariffs on products such as drugs, bio-technology, telecommunications equipment and wood products put Canadian manufacturers at a disadvantage compared

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CHANUKAH CANDLELIGHTING

Misha Popov, 6 (left), and Margarita Usopova, 7, students at the Chabad Chai Foundation's Russian Talmud Torah afternoon school in Montreal, light the traditional Chanukah menorah. [Howard Kay photo]

Beilin in Toronto

TORONTO — Without territorial compromise, Israel will not know peace, the Jewish state's outspoken deputy foreign minister said here last week.

But Yossi Beilin, speaking at a luncheon sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs, said, "It doesn't mean we have to give up everything."

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

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Hamas gunmen kill rabbi — please see page 37

The News In Brief

CANADA

Freeman Reappointed

HALIFAX — Halifax lawyer Lawrence Freeman was re-elected president of the Atlantic Jewish Council at the organization's ninth biennial conference held here recently.

Freeman will serve a second two-year term.

The entire slate of officers was returned for a two-year term, including chair Ivan Levine of Fredericton; first vice-president Victor Goldberg; second vice-president Sheva Medjuck; treasurer Mark Rosen; and secretary Barbara Paton, all of Halifax.

Members-at-large include Seymour Prince, Sherry Pink, Larry Riteman and Cathy Zilbert, all of Halifax, and Irwin Lampert of Moncton.

Other members-at-large, from Cape Breton, Annapolis Valley (N.S.), Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John, will be elected in their communities.

Jacquelin Holzman

Holzman Re-elected

OTTAWA — Ottawa's Jewish mayor, Jacquelin Holzman, was re-elected in the recent municipal elections, after pledging to lower taxes and control city spending.

Holzman beat two city hall veterans by garnering 34,117 votes.

A handful of other Jewish candidates were running for regional and city councils, but all were defeated.

Zundel "Offends" Boyd

TORONTO — Writings by pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel will be referred to the Crown, which will consult with police over whether hate charges can be laid, Ontario Attorney General Marion Boyd said recently.

Boyd said she was "offended" by the material, but said her office can only agree to charges when police lay them, "and this has not happened."

She was responding to a query by Tory MPP Charles Harnick, who quoted passages in the Legislature from Zundel's *Power: Zundelists Versus Zionists*, which warns that "aroused" Gentiles will one day "mete out justice and vengeance," and "use the eminently successful policies of Hitler."

Holocaust Museum Trip

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg's Jewish community is taking bookings for a spring trip to the Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C.

The $1,200 per person tour is scheduled for March 31-April 4, and includes airfare, daily breakfast, sightseeing, visits to the Canadian and Israeli embassies and an organized tour of the museum.

Organizers are aiming for at least 30 participants. For details, contact Evelyn Hecht at the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, (204) 943-0406.

Fewer Resolutions

MONTREAL — There won't be a repeat of the 1992 Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Plenary Assembly, when 112 resolutions were adopted.

CJC has decided that at its next plenary, May 14-15 in Montreal, only about 18 resolutions will be debated. They will be selected because they "effectively move CJC policy in new directions or seek to change longstanding positions," said national resolutions committee chair Reisa Teitelbaum.

CJC head office is asking its regions to rank in order of priority their submissions to the national resolutions committee. The deadline is Jan. 31, 1995.

ISRAEL

Jordan Envoy Named

JERUSALEM — With Israel and Jordan prepared to open embassies in each other's capitals on Dec. 10, Jordan has appointed Dr. Marwan Muashar as its first ambassador to Israel.

Muashar, who served as spokesman of the Jordanian delegation during earlier peace negotiations with Israel, has also headed Jordan's information office in Washington.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry was expected to name an ambassador to Jordan this week. Israel Radio reported that the diplomat will be chosen from the ranks of the Foreign Ministry.

Bomber's Home Destroyed

JERUSALEM — The Army last Monday night demolished the home of the Tel Aviv bus bomber, Salah Assawi, in the West Bank town of Kalkilya several days after the High Court rejected an appeal from the family.

The Oct. 19 bombing claimed 23 lives, including Assawi's.

In its 21-page decision, the court said the Army had the authority to destroy the house. It also upheld the security forces' view that destroying the homes of Palestinian assailants would deter terrorists.

Dutch Honored

JERUSALEM — Almost 50 years after the end of World War II, 36 Dutch citizens were honored last week at a special ceremony at Yad Vashem.

Members of the group saved Jewish children during the Holocaust, some of them hiding up to five children in their homes during the Nazi occupation of Holland.

This is the largest group of citizens ever to come to Yad Vashem from one country for such a ceremony, the memorial institute's spokesperson said.

Mosaic Dove Found

BEERSHEBA — Antiquities Authority archeologists have uncovered a mosaic of a dove with an olive branch in its mouth in a 4th-7th century Byzantine church here.

Because of the 1.5 by 2-metre mosaic, they have dubbed the structure the "peace church." The authority is conducting a rescue dig, as the site is slated for construction.

WORLD

France to Contribute

PARIS — Saying that the dark history of the Holocaust "must be remembered," French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur announced last week that France will contribute about $2 million to help with preservation efforts at the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps.

Balladur also announced that he will ask the French Parliament to strengthen legislation against racist and anti-Semitic acts. He added that France and Israel will expand their economic and cultural ties.

Kuchma on Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK — In his first meeting with American Jewish leaders, newly elected Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma pledged to fight anti-Semitism in his country.

"We are not indifferent to cases of anti-Semitism in Ukraine, but the malignant term of neo-Nazism does not exist in Ukraine," Kuchma told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here last Sunday.

"I promise that as president I shall fight against such phenomena," he said.

The Ukrainian leader said he recognized that his country's history "had black and bloodshed chapters" regarding Jews, and called for the establishment of a museum at Babi Yar, the site of one of the worst massacres of Jews during World War II.

Peace Affects Mossad

LONDON — The onset of peace is already affecting the Mossad — Israel's foreign spy service — where sections dedicated to Jordan and Gulf states are being phased out and transferred to the Foreign Ministry, according to the London-based newsletter *Foreign Report*.

"Desks handling Morocco and Tunisia will probably be next, followed, perhaps, by Syria and Lebanon," it said.

In response to regional changes, it noted, the head of the Mossad has been pointing to the threat from Iran as justification for more money, arguing Iran still sponsors terrorism and is seeking nuclear weapons.

Deals With China, S. Korea

BEIJING — Israel's Communications and Science Minister Shulamit Aloni last week signed a mail and telecommunications cooperation agreement with China. China's communications minister agreed to visit Israel next year.

In Seoul last Monday, Aloni — the first Israeli minister to visit South Korea — signed a deal promoting joint research in communications and various scientific fields. She participated in the first binational Korean-Israeli symposium in Seoul with her counterpart, Kio Si Joong.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is planning to visit South Korea and Japan in mid-December, the Israeli Foreign Ministry has announced.

The trip will mark the first time an Israeli prime minister has paid an official visit to either country.

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Israel set to join la Francophonie

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Israel will probably be made a member of la Francophonie when the association holds its next summit in the African country of Benin in the fall of 1995.

La Francophonie is the official representative body of countries or populations throughout the world which use French in any significant capacity and share a common French cultural identity.

Israel's possible membership was discussed privately by the heads of state who met on the island of Mauritius at the last summit of la Francophonie in 1993.

A recent Gallup Poll indicates 22 per cent of Israelis (more than a million people) have a knowledge of French to a greater or lesser degree. Of those, 28 per cent have French as their mother tongue.

They come from the Maghreb (North-West Africa), Egypt, Lebanon, Romania — and France. About 50,000 Israeli citizens are of French nationality.

Thirty of the 120 members of the Knesset speak French fluently.

The poll also shows a majority of Israelis (54 per cent) in favor of increasing the number of hours of French offered in Israeli schools. In addition, 2,000 students are enrolled in university French departments and conversational French courses are taken by about 3,000 adults.

The Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, the diplomatic relations between Israel and Jordan, and the possibility of an ultimate peace agreement with Syria will make it easier for Israel to become a member of la Francophonie.

Arab-Israeli peace will in itself increase the importance of French, because Israel's new relations with most of the Maghreb and other African nations will have French as the principal language of communication.

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Austin Beutel (left) and Charles Rothschild at the CCRJ convention. [Joy Bordan photo]

Reform Jews hold CCRJ convention

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Over 300 delegates attended the recent biennial convention of the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism (CCRJ).

The Nov. 10 to 13 convention, held in Mississauga and Thornhill, drew together representatives from Canada's 23 Reform congregations. The synagogues collectively represent approximately 8,500 families across the country.

Following a pre-convention study session, delegates attended a Kristallnacht commemoration service held at host congregation Temple Solel.

Programs included planning workshops for congregations with fewer than 100 families, outreach training for intermarried synagogue members, and the induction of Newmarket's Or Hadash Congregation into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, of which CCRJ is a member organization.

At the lay level, the Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, or Kadima, voted to change its name to ARZA-Canada. Dr. Harvey Zimmerman was re-elected as its president.

Charlie Rothschild of Waterloo was installed as the CCRJ's president, succeeding Austin Beutel of Toronto.

New political movement seen possible for Israel

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A new movement disgruntled over the possible return of the Golan Heights to Syria is leaving the door open to becoming a bona fide political party in time for the 1996 Israeli elections.

According to Yitzhak Mayer, a former Israeli consul general to Montreal, the Derech Hashlishit (Third Option) movement is striking a resonant chord among cautious MKs and ordinary Israelis who believe the government is moving too quickly and giving away too much too soon.

"Seventy-five per cent of Israelis are against giving back the Golan," said Mayer, a member of Third Option's executive committee and of the National Religious Party.

He was speaking with journalists at a recent meeting organized by the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region.

"We're saying let's wait. We can't relive Yamit again."

Mayer said Third Option will consider forming a party if Israel and Syria sign a peace deal that includes evacuating settlements in the Golan Heights.

The group sees the 1996 election as the referendum on the Golan promised by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Third Option was founded by Israeli poet Chaim Gouri. The core of its support comes from conservative Labour MKs like cabinet members Mordechi Gur, Ya'acov Tsur and Shimon Shetrit, although the movement claims followers of every stripe.

A recent analysis in the *Jerusalem Post* suggested that 19 out of 44 Labour MKs approve of the Third Option's approach.

Mayer told *The CJN* that the Third Option movement could represent a rift within Labour that will manifest itself if and when Rabin agrees to formally withdraw from the Golan Heights.

And that appears to be the bottom line.

Mayer said the Israeli government has failed to keep its pre-election pledge not to consider dismantling Golan Heights settlements.

Since Syria will never accept partial withdrawal, according to Mayer, any solution for the area must be an all-or-nothing proposition.

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From left, Toronto fundraiser Alex Eisen, Likud MK Eliyahu Ben Elissar and Rabbi Joseph Kelman. [Ron Csillag photo]

Gaza civil war ruled out

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Gaza Strip will not erupt into civil war, says a leading Likud member of the Knesset.

"Nobody believes there will be civil war. I only hear about civil war [in the Gaza Strip] when I'm overseas," Eliahu Ben Elissar told *The CJN* during a Toronto stop over last week.

Ben Elissar, Israel's first ambassador to Egypt from 1980 to 1981, said the average Israeli mistrusts both Palestinians and Syrians.

Israel's mood "is not what it should be. There's a feeling that the maximum any Israeli is willing to give to [PLO leader Yasser] Arafat will not satisfy Arafat's minimum demands. Arafat says he wants Jerusalem, and we should believe him."

He said street riots like that in which Palestinian police shot dead 15 Palestinians on Nov. 18 can happen again, "but that doesn't mean there will be a civil war."

And despite its peace overtures, Syria is arming itself with advanced Scud missiles and hundreds of tanks, he said.

Ben Elissar was in town to drum up support for Yeshivat Shiloh and the associated Lifschitz Teaching Seminary.

Yeshivat Shiloh, about 35 km northeast of Jerusalem, is a hesder yeshivah, meaning its 200 students serve in the army for 2½ years, then engage in 2½ years of Torah study.

Many of its graduates go on to the Lifschitz Teaching Seminary in Jerusalem, which trains teachers of Jewish studies, Talmud and religion. The seminary, named for the renowned Rabbi A.M. Lifschitz, was established in 1981 and is associated with other hesder and Zionist yeshivot throughout Israel.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will serve as president of the newly-created Canadian Friends of Lifschitz-Shiloh.

The yeshivah and seminary will host a gala dinner in Tel Aviv on Jan. 7, at which time Rabbi Kelman will be formally installed as a lifetime director of the seminary and president of the Canadian Friends. Expected to attend are Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Ben Elissar, who addressed two small groups of Toronto donors last week, said yeshivot like Shiloh are needed because "in Israel, we are simply becoming a little less Jewish. We still have a Yiddishe neshama (soul), but I'm sorry to say it's becoming a little less Jewish.

"We are becoming normal. Are Jews permitted to become normal? Yes, but let us be normal and Jewish."

He said the most elite units in the Israeli Army often request hesder yeshivah students to fill their ranks.

Jewish groups back Bill's protection of gays

CJN Staff

TORONTO — Canada's largest Jewish organizations have supported the inclusion of sexual orientation in the federal government's hate crimes bill.

In a letter to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, which is currently holding hearings on Bill C-41, Lyle Smordin, national chair of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, said "it is essential that sexual orientation be included with other grounds for hate crimes.

"This issue has nothing to do with same-sex benefits or pedophilia," Smordin wrote. The league "has consistently argued that it is a matter of protection for those who have long been the targets of hate."

Canadian Jewish Congress said last week it too supports including sexual orientation as a basis for a hate crime.

Congress "recognizes that people have been singled out as victims of crimes of hatred. The bill has nothing to do with extending rights to anybody. It has to do with protecting people under the law," said CJC spokesman Steven Shulman.

Bill C-41 would allow courts to impose greater sentences for crimes motivated by hatred towards groups identifiable by their religion, race, color, disability, nationality, age, sex or sexual orientation.

But several members of the Liberal caucus have opposed the section on sexual orientation, pitting them squarely against Justice Minister Allan Rock.

Some Liberals say they want sexual orientation clearly defined. Others want all references to gays and lesbians deleted.

Reportedly, as many as 20 Liberals would vote against the bill if it goes unchanged.

Rock has said he will not amend the bill's section on sexual orientation.

Both B'nai Brith and Congress expect to appear before the committee or file briefs outlining their positions.

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From coast to coast

Jewish groups welcome race relations body

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — National Jewish organizations are praising the federal Liberals' plans to set up the long-awaited Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

The $24-million foundation, to be based in Toronto, was promised by the Mulroney government in 1988 as part of its redress package to Japanese-Canadians who were interned, relocated, deported or had property confiscated during World War II.

In early 1991, Parliament unanimously passed legislation to establish the foundation, but it was not set up because of budget cutbacks.

In their pre-election red book of promises, the Liberals pledged to create the foundation "to work at the forefront of efforts to combat racism and all forms of racial discrimination in Canada."

Both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada said last week the foundation is long overdue.

But the project is not without controversy. Members of the Reform Party have condemned the plan, saying it comes just as the government is tightening belts in virtually every other sector.

Arthur Wilczynski, a spokesman for Secretary of State for Multiculturalism Sheila Finestone, told *The CJN* the project may come in for heated discussion by Reformers but the bill creating the foundation has already been passed.

Wilczynski could not say when the organization will begin operations.

The foundation will receive a $24-million endowment from Ottawa once it begins operations and sets up a board of about 20 directors. Half that amount will be donated by the government on behalf of Japanese-Canadians, as part of the redress agreement.

Interest generated by the sum will be used to fund the organization's day-to-day work.

Clearing house

The foundation will serve as a clearing house and resource centre for community groups, researchers and the public to further understanding of racism and racial prejudice in Canada, Wilczynski said.

But the government stressed that the foundation will not overlap or compete with the Canadian Human Rights Commission or similar provincial bodies.

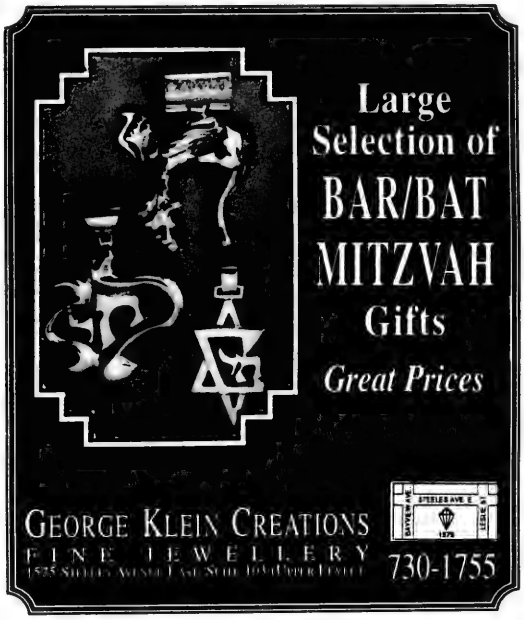
The foundation's goals are to:

- Carry out research that will contribute to the understanding of racism and racial discrimination.
- Publish research findings for scholars, organizations, institutions, government bodies and individuals.
- Establish and maintain an up-to-date national collection of pertinent materials, to be made accessible to groups and the public.
- Develop policies for the elimination of racism.
- Cooperate with business, labor and public institutions in instituting and supporting programs and activities which aim to eradicate racial prejudice.
- Increase public awareness of the importance of eliminating racism.

The foundation will be a registered charity and its work will be evaluated by the the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism, Wilczysnki said.

SPECIAL FRIENDS

Bathurst Jewish Centre pre-schoolers conduct a Shabbat service for Baycrest Special Day Care participants. About 25 BJC children were briefed in advance by a Baycrest official about what to expect when they sing and play games with their 'special' friends' at Baycrest every two months. Seen (from left) Aviva Sokoisky, Monique Blemur, Jared Bakoff, Karina Mislitsky, Amy Forster and Neil Rosen. [Steve Epstein photo]



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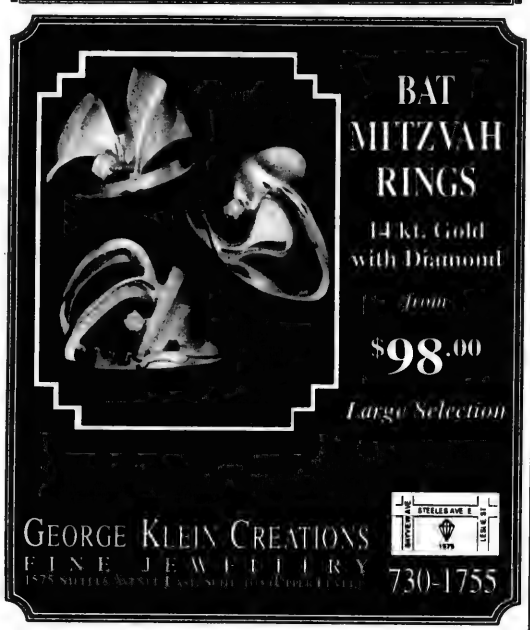
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Victoria Jewish federation launches fundraising arm

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The Victoria Jewish community has joined federation ranks to raise funds for the United Israel Appeal (UIA) and for local needs.

The Victoria Combined Jewish Appeal (VCJA) is the offspring of the UIA and a formerly dormant Jewish Comunity Federation.

The aim of the VCJA, as approved at a Nov. 20 community meeting at the Jewish Community Centre, is "to coordinate, plan and promote social, educational, cultural, health and welfare programs, and activities of the Jewish community."

The new Federation will serve all of Vancouver Island and the surrounding areas.

By agreement, the longstanding UIA campaign will get at least 60 per cent of funds raised.

Chuck Waldman, who has conducted the annual UIA campaign for many years on a volunteer basis, told the meeting Victoria has a rapidly growing Jewish community of about 2,500.

In the past five years, the community has almost doubled in size and is continuing to grow, he said. Facilities now available to the community are "inadequate."

Even though the Federation has just been given formal approval by the community, a campaign, including a Super Sunday, was held in the fall, chaired by Irving Margolese and Waldman, and a total of $54,817 was raised. Of this amount, 188 contributors specified that $35,283, or 64 per cent, would be allocated to UIA and 223 gifts totalling $19,523, or 36 per cent, would go to the combined appeal. The average gift was $225.

One of the first projects to be undertaken by the Federation is a demographic survey of the community.

The following were elected to the board of directors, half for a one-year term and the rest for two years: Ronald Anderson, Peter Barwin, Bob Friedland, Stephanie Gilbert, April Katz, Michael Peters, Jon Secter, Dr. Stan Shortt, Louis Sutker, David Freeman, Chuck Waldman. A two-year term will be the norm and board members will be able to serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Voting for the board was confined to community members over 16, who contributed at least $18 in 1994.

Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the Vancouver Federation, said he had "provided them [Victoria] with information and advice." Assistance was also given by the Council of Jewish Federations in Toronto.

Lawyer helps process claims for property in Germany

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Claims for property expropriated by the Nazis in the former East Germany could be worth more than $1 billion to former title-holders and their heirs, said a British lawyer visiting Toronto.

Lionel Curry said there may be 190,000 claims for property in the city of Berlin alone, with additional potential for claims in Leipzig, Dresden, Potsdam and Magdeburg.

Much of the property seized by the Nazis from Jewish owners is now prime industrial and commercial space and in one case, is expected to fetch 6 million German marks (about $6 million) when sold, Curry said.

The beneficiaries of that sale are the Canadian heirs of a former title-holder.

Curry said when Germany was reunified in October 1990, the government pledged to honor restitution claims for property in what had been East Germany.

Recent laws state that property taken by the Nazis from 1935 to the end of the war qualifies. The law applies to expropriated lands as well as property that was subject to forced sale at prices far below market value.

Curry said his London firm, in association with Goodman and Carr in Toronto, represents title-holders and their heirs.

Lawyers Alan Ossip (left) and Lionel Curry help claimants obtain compensation for lost property in the former East Germany. [Paul Lungen photo]

Alan Ossip, a lawyer for Goodman and Carr, said the firm represents 12 different family groups making claims on 30 properties.

Claims can be either for restitution (obtaining title to the property) or for monetary compensation.

Compensation usually takes place where buildings have been destroyed or when a bona fide purchaser has taken possession since the war. It is calculated at four times the property's 1935 assessed tax value, which Curry said is only about one-fifth its actual value.

Those who accept restitution usually sell the property, receiving its full current market value.

Some of the property, particularly in Berlin, is very valuable. Curry said he has been involved in claims that vary from 250,000 marks to 6 million marks.

At the end of the day, Curry estimates, there may be as many as 300,000 claims for East German property worth $1 billion. Not all claims net such vast amounts. Curry said he has found that one-third of claimants were entitled to restitution, one-third to compensation, while the final third were tenants on the land and had no valid claim.

Sometimes, individuals with only a tenuous connection to Germany benefit from the claims, Curry said.

He pointed to an Israeli woman who was married to a young German Jew for one week. Her husband was killed during the siege of Jerusalem in 1948 and she later remarried.

Years later she learned she was entitled to $1 million from the sale of a German property. Her late husband's family had been prominent property owners before they were murdered in Auschwitz.

Many Jews in what was East Germany owned apartment buildings as an investment, Curry said. The buildings came under government control following World War II.

Those wishing to make a claim must either know the address of the former property or at least the general area so it can be traced through German records, he added.

For more information, contact Ossip at (416) 597-4091.

Correction

A recent article on "Street Kids" (*CJN*, Nov. 10) indicated that a young Jewish girl was placed in a Catholic group home. This home was not a Catholic home, but non-denominational.

The policy of Jewish Family & Child Service is to place Jewish children in Jewish foster homes or in its own group home. In certain instances, when there is no Jewish facility available, adolescents are placed in other group homes, none of which have a specific religious orientation.

The CJN regrets the error.

From coast to coast

Ottawa shul granted coat of arms

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Congregation Machzikei Hadas has become the first synagogue in the Commonwealth, and probably only the second in history, to be granted a coat of arms by the Crown.

Gov. Gen. Ramon Hnatyshyn and Rabbi Reuven Bulka unveiled the coat of arms at a recent ceremony at the Orthodox synagogue. It is rich with Jewish symbols including Torah scrolls, the Magen David and the Ten Commandments.

Hnatyshyn said coats of arms symbolize community history and values.

"Since this congregation was founded three-quarters of a century ago, its members have helped shape the city and enrich people of every faith," he said.

"In fact, Ottawa's Jewish community has contributed leaders to all levels of government, to business and the academic world. Most of all, it has built an unparalleled record of generosity in supporting cultural, medical and other charitable causes."

The tradition of honoring institutions with coats of arms is about 800 years old. But the only other instance of a synagogue being so honored was when Louis XIV granted arms to a French synagogue in the late 17th century, about 100 years before France gave Jews equal rights.

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Coat unveiled

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The Machzikei Hadas blue and white shield was designed by Rabbi Bulka and the Chief Herald. Inside are five scrolls, representing the five books of the Torah, and the Ten Commandments. Above the shield is a tree of intertwined maple leaves and Magen Davids, symbolizing the relationship between Canada and the Jewish community.

The motto is a verse from proverbs used in the Torah service: "Etz Hayyim He Lamachazikim Bah V'Tomkhe'has" ([the Torah] is a tree of life to they who uphold it, and they who support it are praiseworthy). Machzikei Hadas means "upholders of the faith".

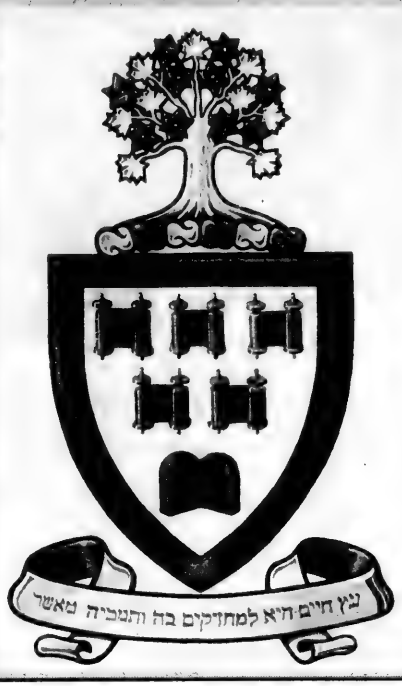
Rabbi Bulka said the granting of arms signifies Canada's recognition of the Jewish community's contribution to the country.

"How different would have been our history had [all] governments recognized the unique loyalty of Jews to their host countries, and also recognized their unique contribution to whatever country in which they were welcome," he said.

About 500 proud congregants attended the presentation of the coat of arms.

"It was nice to have the Queen and the government of Canada recognize the Jewish community's contribution to Canada, especially in these times of anti-Semitism," said member Donna Klaiman after the ceremony.

The arms become part of the official registry of the Canadian Heraldic Authority. So far the design has been used on kippot, lapel pins and a enormous celebratory cake. Rabbi Bulka said it will also be used on stationary and on a flag to fly at the synagogue beside the Canadian flag.



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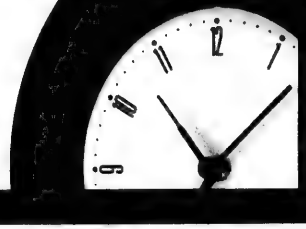

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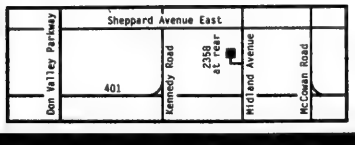

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Free trade welcome

Free trade between Canada and Israel makes eminent sense. The two countries are natural partners. Israel's workforce does not compete in Canada's cornerstone economic sectors of natural resources, heavy manufacturing and large-scale grain industries.

For Israel, free trade with Canada means that Israeli producers will have access to an advanced market more than five times its own size.

For Canada, the agreement opens an eastern vista of new and exciting business potential. It levels the playing field between Canadian businesses and their American and European competitors who already trade duty-free with Israel. Indeed, as many analysts have pointed out, the advantages for Canadian businesses are many.

Canadian companies will be able to bid on an equal footing with American or European companies for the billions of dollars worth in procurement contracts signed by the government of Israel.

The elimination of tariffs on Canadian imports will make Canadian products more competitive in the Israeli market. It will also enable Canadian companies to export directly to Israel without the need to rely on American or European subsidiary manufacturing in order to avoid tariffs.

Canadian exporters will be able to rely on Israel's trade agreements with the European Union as a possible springboard into European markets.

In addition, duty-free entry into Israel's markets may also provide a route of entry into an increasingly integrated Middle East economic market, of which Israel may one day be the hub.

Canadian officials have identified several business opportunities in Israel in areas where Canada has significant expertise; for example oil and gas exploration, infrastructure projects such as the railway links planned between Beersheva and Eilat and in the greater Tel Aviv area, telecommunications, software, electronics, biotechnology, environmental and water technologies, real estate and housing.

We commend the governments of Canada and Israel for demonstrating such pragmatic wisdom. We also commend individuals, such as Premier Bob Rae of Ontario, whose provincial government has been an active proponent of Canada-Israel free trade, and organizations such as the Canada-Israel Committee which played a key facilitative role in bringing the negotiations to this point.

The history of nations has proven the symbiotic linkage between economic relationships and political ones. Like water constantly finding its own level, investors seek out regions of political and social stability. Free trade between Israel and Canada is thus an event to be celebrated. It is an eloquent, tangible expression of the flourishing relations between two strong democracies and of an inexorable progress towards peaceful coexistence among the nations of the Middle East.

A cultural triumph

In the midst of terrorist attacks and epoch-making treaties with Arab countries, the news coming out of Israel speaks not only of war and diplomacy but of art and culture.

Israel has just opened its first fullscale opera house, a $50-million (US) project whose very construction is a triumph of the spirit.

Edward Rothstein, a noted New York music critic, notes that the architecture of the Tel Aviv facility conveys Jewish imagery in its giant exterior arches resembling the Tablets of the Law.

House orchestra the Israel Symphony Orchestra will make use of many of the Russian musicians who have come to Israel in the last decade.

Israel has always had a high reputation for its musical ambassadors — Itzhak Perlman, Deniel Barenboim, Pinchas Zuckerman and Shlomo Minz — but while it has been long on violinists and pianists, it has been short on great sopranos tenors and baritones.

It will now be up to Israel, says Rothstein, to cultivate musical voice culture so the New Israeli Opera company may feature native talent. The Israel Vocal Arts Institute, a summer program that trains talented singers, will continue receiving support.

Until Israel begins to develop a cadre of its own composers, the new opera house will present the classical Italian and German repertoires.

Israel's new opera facility says much about the values of Israeli society. Its leaders understand that the world of politics is transitory but the world of art and culture is ageless.

Letters to the editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

MEMORY OF POLAND

Recently I attended a lecture where the guest speaker, a Polish Jew, said: "Poland is my country." He spoke of himself and his Polish Jewish colleagues as the intelligentsia.

How naive of him. Foolish man. Obviously he has learned nothing from history. Our history.

We do not want any more dead martyrs.

I remember too vividly as a child of four, my face pressed against our window pane, watching in awe the usual Sunday morning parade in our village, Logev.

The priest in all his regalia was carried to the cloister, with all his parishioners following. When suddenly one of his good Christians threw a stone, smashed our window, spitting out the word "Zhidu." My face bleeding, I rushed to my mother, who was busy at the stove.

"Momma, momma," I cried, "I didn't do anything. I was only watching the nice parade."

It would be wise for the speaker and her colleagues to put all that enthusiasm in the direction of Israel — instead of walking on eggshells.

Israel is our country. Our only country. Everywhere else we are a visiting participant, a tenant.

Rose Romberg
Toronto

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QUERIES JERUSALEM REPORT

Your Nov. 17 headline article on Chief Justice Antonio Lamer's visit to Jerusalem quoted Oren David, head of the Canada Desk at the Israeli Foreign Ministry. In it, he justifies the escorting of Mr. Lamer by his Israeli counterpart Chief Justice Meir Shamgar through Jerusalem with the remarkable statement that "a foreign dignitary escorted by an Israeli does not suggest support for a permanent Israeli occupation of the territories." The article goes on to say that David reiterated Israel's responsibility for security in the "disputed" areas.

I am shocked that anyone in the Israeli government could refer to any area of Jerusalem as "occupied" or "disputed." Jerusalem, as we all know, was annexed by Israeli law following the Six Day War and time and again, Israeli governments have confirmed that Jerusalem will never again be divided.

It is painful enough to watch the Israeli government concede areas that are the essence of Jewish history; Shechem, Hebron, Judea and Samaria. And it is clear from their actions that they are preparing for a total withdrawal from the territories. What has happened to Jewish pride?

Oren David should tell the Canadian Embassy in clear and strong terms that Jerusalem is the undisputed and undivided capital of Israel.

David Woolf
Toronto

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BAD NEWS FOR ISRAEL

From Sheldon Kirshner's report, *CJN* Nov. 10, on the address by Gary Rubin at the dinner honoring Mel Shipman, I gather that the main preoccupation of the Israeli government should be the welfare of the Palestinian Arabs and to avoid their frustrations, as it would be detrimental to the ongoing peace process. As for the Israeli "settlers," Rubin said this should be no big problem.

He states that the talks must continue, terror or no terror, and this would mean peace at any price, which doesn't sound very promising for Israel.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

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NO TRADE WITH CHINA

Why is the Canadian government stooping to do business with the monstrous government that gave the world the hideous spectacle of Tiananmen Square? Jean Chretien should ask himself the age-old question, what will it profit a man to gain the whole world but to lose his own soul?

With Communism collapsing the world over and the Communist Chinese giving their last gasps, why oh why is the Canadian government resuscitating them? Has history taught them nothing? Surely they are aware of the fact that Sweden, to its everlasting discredit, "created thousands of jobs" while it traded with Nazi Germany. They traded with full knowledge of the human rights atrocities carried on by that despicable totalitarian regime.

If governments on all levels are serious about job creation then they should cancel their obscene gold-plated MP and MPP pension plans, cancel the GST, stop subsidizing big businesses, big unions and special interest groups, stop giving millions of dollars to tin pot dictators who have atrocious human rights records and lower our taxes! This, unlike the Chinese charade, would be a truly moral way of "creating thousands of jobs" for Canadians.

Marnee J. Stern
Pickering

Dry Bones

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FROM OPERA TO BOMBINGS

Anything and everything's possible in Israel

By BLUMA APPEL

Israel and a new opera house! Unexpected? Not at all. Nothing is unexpected in Israel — the land of anything and everything. We were off to inaugurate a new Opera House — not in Toronto but in Tel Aviv.

We glided into Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport at midnight on a balmy night, the gentle breezes a welcome change to the weather we left behind.

A smooth taxi drive through the darkened sleeping streets of Tel Aviv brought us to the bright bustle of the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel. No one there seemed to be concerned about the lateness of the hour — it was business as usual. People sat in groups drinking coffee throughout the lobby — a veritable Tower of Babel — discussing politics or business as the subject of choice.

The next morning I was awakened by screaming sirens, said to my husband, "Sounds like New York," and dozed off again. When we had breakfast and went about our business, everything seemed normal if a bit quiet.

Three hours later, we learned of the terrorist bombing of the bus on Dizengoff Street that had left 22 dead.

What was amazing was the normality of the day — no hysteria, no panic. Just grim faces and quiet voices.

Thus began our first day in Israel. We had come to celebrate the opening of the Tel Aviv Opera House but now expected the event would be cancelled. This was not a time for celebration. But no! Word spread quickly: "We grieve and mourn in private — but life must go on or the terrorists win. And they must not win."

I thought that so horrendous a tragedy would traumatize the population, that they would become fearful and apprehensive. I was wrong. My husband and I joined the crowds on Dizengoff Street and defiantly staked out our seats in a crowded cafe. Feelings ran high but voices were low.

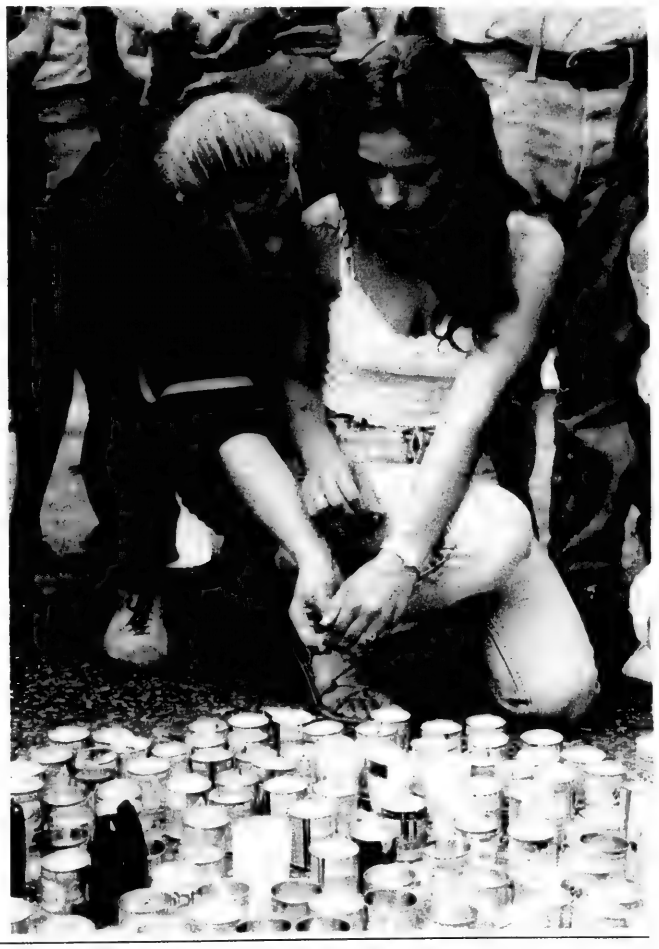
That evening, people began to gather where so many had been killed or maimed a few hours earlier. And a candlelight vigil began — growing in number every day and every night. The grief was great, the anger monumental, and the determination to overcome the bloody, brutal enemies became stronger with every passing moment.

Candlelight vigil grew each day

This was the week that would witness the signing of the peace agreement with Jordan; the bomb was timed to derail the peace movement. Instead, it strengthened the resolve of the Israelis, a people who live constantly on the edge — coping and growing in their own unique way. Their strength lies in their common cause and grim determination.

We did go to the opening of the Opera House. And what an outstanding building it is! Opulent and functional. The exterior blends into the existing Golda Centre, yet maintains its own character. The interior is equipped with state of the art acoustics, lighting, backstage and orchestra pit. Tel Aviv has the audience to appreciate and fill its seats regularly.

We felt we were privileged to attend the opening of this magnificent structure, to share the sorrow and the pride of Israelis, and to celebrate a new and lasting monument to the culture and the spirit of Israel.



Holocaust revisionism exists in many forms

By ARNOLD AGES

One of the great ironies in modern times is that the Holocaust, which was a footnote to World War II for most historians, has come to the fore while the greatest war in the 20th century has receded into the background.

The Nazis' attempt to destroy, root and branch, all of European Jewry has become a focus of scholarly attention and is now being documented in intimidating detail by researchers all over the world. Scarcely a week goes by without *Publishers Weekly* recording the publication of a new book on Holocaust themes.

Inevitably, an event of such catastrophic dimensions is bound to engender a wide range of responses within a quite legitimate spectrum of opinions and beliefs. The way in which the Jewish community has decided, on an annual basis, to commemorate the Holocaust, seeds the very soil in which those opinions are formed.

There are three major areas (among many) of contention within the Jewish community regarding a new kind of Holocaust revisionism that, while unlike the deniers syndrome, still rankles the conscience of the community.

The first is the subtle attempt among certain circles to Christianize the Holocaust. Segments of the Catholic and Protestant churches are trying, clumsily, to transform Jewish suffering into Christian spirituality and piety. In a recent issue of the *Jerusalem Post*, a correspondent reports that Christian worship facilities, religious insignia and prayers are becoming staple features at three of the most prominent concentration camps — Sobibor, Dachau and Birkenau-Auschwitz.

On the surface, it is unobjectionable for Christians to mark permanently the site of the greatest atrocities visited upon humankind. However, the Catholic and Protestant institutional presences in the camps deliberately obscure, ignore and hide the purely Jewish dimensions of the catastrophes represented by those death camps. The universalization of the suffering there, however noble an exercise, demeans the fact that the majority of the victims died not as universal symbols but as flesh and blood Jewish men and women.

The second issue now causing consternation is the new focus on righteous gentiles who risked life to save hunted Jews during that period when the swastika came very close to blocking out the sun of humanity for all time. Books, articles and symposia highlighting the pious role of these individuals have become commonplace. *Schindler's List* was the cinematic consummation of this trend in Jewish life.

Now a mini-backlash has occurred and serious filmmakers such as Claude Lanzmann (*Shoah*) are suggesting that, given the miniscule percentage of people who helped Jews during the Holocaust, it is inappropriate for the community to preoccupy itself disproportionately with recognizing their heroism. Lanzmann does not argue against the principle of recognizing that heroism, but only against the degree of attention.

Lanzmann's criticism, however, is two-pronged because he also argues against the propriety of survivors celebrating the virtue of the Christians who saved them. This, he claims, obscures the tragedy of the millions who did not survive and who have no voice to reconstruct what happened to them at the hands of the Nazis and their multi-ethnic collaborators.

Ironically, according to Lanzmann, the survivors' testimonies are silencing the voices of the martyrs. Raul Hilberg, the great Holocaust historian, would undoutedly agree with Lanzmann's thesis: he says the search for righteous gentiles is part of the Jewish effort to seek heroes in order to assuage the hurt of the betrayal of European Jewry.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the Holocaust debate is a view conveyed by Mark Kurlansky and Ruth Ellen Gruber in their recent books, *A Chosen Few: The resurrection of European Jewry* (Addison-Wesley) and *Upon the Doorposts of Thy House: Jewish Life in East-Central Europe Yesterday and Today* (Wiley).

Kurlansky argues that Jewish visits to concentration camps is an obsession which is very un-Jewish, and a phenomenon being exploited by the commercialization and hence the trivialization of the concentration camp experience.

Gruber writes about the March of the Living — that institution which brings organized groups of Israeli and North American Jewish youth to Auschwitz — with an uncommonly critical eye. While acknowledging the educational impact the camp has on these young people, Gruber writes that everything about the March of the Living prevents Jewish youth from meeting even liberal Poles.

The anti-Semitism which was part of Polish society before World War II has rarely been acknowledged by Polish governments, and at least one primate of the Catholic Church today in Poland has expressed openly anti-Semitic views. Even under the government of Lech Walesa, anti-Semitism still flourishes in many sectors of Polish society. It is no wonder March of the Living participants are reluctant to fraternize with Poles. That awaits the consent of future generations.

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Opinion

Bigotry in the guise of scholarship

Revisionism has had an honorable place in recent Jewish history. Back in the 1920s and 30s, Vladimir Jabotinsky headed a movement which advocated much wider goals for Eretz Yisrael than did the majority party under the leadership of Chaim Weizmann. Fifty years later, under new names like Herut and Likud, the Revisionists gained enough support in Israel to form a government under Menachem Begin.

But since then, another type of revisionism has surfaced, and this one is despised by Jews. It is the name for a pseudo-intellectual effort to discredit the reality of the Holocaust. Using books and publicity materials that appear as serious historical materials, they produce dozens of "proofs" that the Holocaust never happened, that instead of six million, it was but a trickle of Jews who died during World War II, and that their deaths were the result either of the war or of typhus or other killing diseases.

Combating this kind of revisionism therefore serves the cause of historical truth, but most people do not really know how to answer the fake allegations of the Shoah deniers. Now, however, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre has published a little soft-cover volume, which is enormously helpful. Sol Littman of the Toronto branch was good enough to send it to me and I read it with great interest. Written by Frances Henry and Carol Tator, it is clear, accurate, and aimed at the average reader who might be faced with revisionist slogans and myths.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Let me give you a few examples.

In the chapter called Myths, a variety of spurious claims are listed. The book tells the reader concisely how to answer them.

Claim: "There were no gas chambers used for mass murder at Auschwitz and other camps."

Suggested Response: Death camp gas chambers were the primary tools employed by the Nazis in their attempt at a "final solution of the Jewish problem." No one — except a fanatical Holocaust denier — can question the evidence supplied by the SS officers who staffed the camps and the commandants who directed them.

Aside from human testimony, thousands of Nazi documents survive and have been carefully preserved in German, American, French, Soviet and Israeli archives. They describe in meticulous detail how the gas chambers and cremation ovens were designed and installed; there are work orders, supply requisitions, engineering instructions, blueprints, invoices and inspection reports. They name companies contracted to do the installation and the subcontractors that expedited the installation.

Before the Nazis abandoned the camps, Himmler ordered the dismantling of the major death factories so that they would not serve as mute witnesses to horrors that took place there. However, one can still visit the sites today. At Auschwitz, the Polish government has preserved one of the camp's infamous gas chambers and crematoria. Thousands visit Auschwitz annually, some out of curiosity, others as a form of pilgrimage.

So much for one small sample. Of course, those who have persuaded themselves that the Holocaust never occurred cannot be convinced by written, or for that matter, any material. They believe what they want to believe, however unreasonable that may be.

But the book is not written for such people. It is written for anyone who wants to counter the spreading mythology of Holocaust deniers. In a recent survey in the United States, one out of three confessed doubts about the Holocaust having occurred.

It is to doubters especially that this booklet is directed. Easy to read and handle — a mere 66 pages — it was published with the assistance and support of the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat of the Ministry of Citizenship.

For copies, you may wish to contact the Simon Wiesenthal Centre at 8 King St. East, Suite 710, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1B5 (telephone (416) 864-9735; fax (416) 864-1083).

One additional observation: the booklet contain four photographs. One of them, facing page 2, shows corpses lined up in a mass grave with civilians tending to their burial. The caption reads: "Nordhausen Concentration Camp, Germany. German civilians carry the bodies of prisoners to the grave which they were forced to dig."

It happens that I was the officer put in charge by the general to supervise the burial. The picture will always haunt me.

Judaicizing Kit could remake Chanukah itself

I'm ready to invent my own Chaunkah presents. I need a few things and if I have to engage in a colorful fantasy life to get them, well, I'll give it a try.

For instance, I need an Automatic Kiddie Hair Braider. As the mother of two daughters with glorious hair, one blonde and one brunette, I find great chunks of my mornings eaten up by hair styling. I actually enjoy brushing their hair and making their braids. That's a pleasure. It's the multiple redoing that depresses me.

By Erica Meyer Rauzin

My blonde has an image of perfection in her mind that the MGM makeup department couldn't achieve. If her part is a smidge askew, if her final curl goes under instead of up, she's despondent, her life is ruined, and I am a a beauty school drop out. Fortunately she's at the age when I can hand her the brush and softly say I'm sure she can do a better job herself.

My brunette is a different story. First of all, she can't do it herself and, secondly, she has a wild imagination. Her idea of what I can do with her hair is endlessly inventive. She wants braids that have braids, twists that defy gravity, and piles of rainbow elastics stacked up and down her ponytail like layers of a totem pole.

She wants them, but I'm having trouble creating them. I am a relatively competent, straightforward braider, but that's about it. Hence, the need for the Automatic Kiddie Hair Braider. Imagine a device that floats gently over their heads, perfectly plaiting any hairdo they can think of as I stand on the sidelines and cheer. Plug it in and, voila, hairstyles for the stars.

For my next Chanukah bonanza, I'd like to receive (they say that giving is better, and they're right, but for now, I'd like to get) a Husher. What's a Husher? It's a machine that makes the dogs be quiet. If I had a Husher, I could sleep through the night instead of having to get up and shush the dogs.

Our dogs — the prissy old cocker spaniel and her devoted sidekick, the big, dumb young mutt — bark enough to scare any burglar away. Thankfully without a burglar, they expend their energy barking at shadows, at trucks shifting gears on the main street two blocks away, at the ice dropping into the ice maker in the freezer, at the breezes and sighs and night sounds outdoors and indoors. They have no judgment, no discrimination . . . ah, but the Husher would. This magic machine's wonderful sensors would detect when the dogs are barking at a burglar, and thus encourage them (one per cent of the time), and when they are barking at chimeras and window blinds, and thus discourage them (the other 99 per cent of the time). And while it hushed them, I could sleep.

The last present I want, and I'll be a little less selfish here, is an Eight Day Judaicizing Kit, to apply to Chanukah itself. I would use my Judaicizing Kit to make our Chanukah celebration more Jewish, less gift oriented, less a pallid take off on somebody else's commemoration, and more of what it should be: a triumphant celebration of survival and continuity, a victory in the struggle against assimilation, a beacon.

My Judaicizing Kit doesn't have to be grand or fancy. I don't need more menorahs, dreidles, latkes, candles or candy. I need more kavanah, more spirit, a happier and loftier attitude, all wrapped up and ready to apply, beginning where most cures should begin: at home.

And once I had made our Chanukah all it should be as a Jewish holiday marking a pivotal moment in our history, maybe then I could branch out and give my Judaicizing Kit to my friends. It isn't bulky or expensive and, unlike my other presents, it doesn't have to be invented. It's right here, in our hearts.

Would you like one?

Israeli sportsmen getting better

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israeli sportsmen are making their mark in Europe, as evidenced by the fact that Israel's national soccer and basketball teams both reached the European finals by winning tough games.

To be sure, local clubs, with rare exceptions, can't yet compete with the very best in Milan, Manchester and Madrid, but they are getting better, particularly since Israeli businessmen began taking them over and investing millions of dollars in better players — many of them from leading Eastern European teams — as well as in top coaches and improved facilities.

The first to do this was Ya'akov Shahar, who made his fortune selling Volvos, and hopes eventually to make money from the Maccabi Haifa soccer team as well. So far he is still very much in the red, though the team's income is higher than it used to be, because more fans are coming to see Maccabi Haifa games and recently introduced souvenirs are selling like hotcakes.

Rubie Shapiro, a wealthy fish importer, followed in Shahar's footsteps when he bought Maccabi's crosstown rival, Hapoel Haifa. Explaining his motives in a recent interview, Shapiro said, "Hapoel Haifa has always been in my blood. My father was treasurer of the team and my late brother and I were among its staunchest supporters. I always dreamed of playing for Hapoel Haifa; now I am its president."

However, it remains to be seen whether — having reportedly spent $2.5 million to purchase new players — he will go on pouring money into the club.

Third soccer team acquired by businessman

A few weeks ago, a third soccer team, Maccabi Tel Aviv, was acquired by businessmen, not, they say, in order to make a profit, "but to advance sports."

Up to now, Israeli teams have been run by public bodies who were often more interested in political considerations than in winning games. But they no longer have the money required to finance those teams, even with the help they receive from the national soccer pools.

So privatization has become the order of the day in sports, just as it has in other spheres of Israeli life. After all, if the Government has decided to sell off its shares in Bezek, the national telecommunications company, and El Al, the national airline, there is no reason why the Maccabi, Hapoel and Betar organizations shouldn't sell off their teams.

Whether there will be more buyers depends — as it does with other enterprises — on whether they will ultimately make money. After all, there are few businessmen who will invest in a club for sentimental or altruistic reasons.

One source of income, hitherto much less important here than overseas, is the sale of broadcasting rights. A couple of months ago, the owners of Israel's single commercial TV channel outbid the public television station for the privilege of screening all National League soccer games for the next three years, at a cost of $16.5 million, a paltry sum by American standards but a lot of cash in these parts .

The big money will only come, however, when Israeli teams are on a par with the best European clubs and overseas networks also bid for the right to screen their games.

Features

Lanzmann looks at IDF

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nearly a decade after the release of *Shoah*, his acclaimed nine-hour documentary on the Holocaust, Claude Lanzmann is back again with yet another marathon of a film, *Tsahal*.

Shoah and *Tsahal* — a searching exploration of the Israeli armed forces and its soldiers — couldn't be more different. The first is about death, while the second is ultimately life-affirming.

And yet there is an inextricable connection between these absorbing documentaries.

"The Holocaust," said Lanzmann in an interview in Toronto, "was a massacre of innocents, of defenceless people who didn't have access to weapons, or the psychological readiness to use them."

Tsahal, by contrast, is about "the price of blood," explained Lanzmann, who was in Canada at the invitation of the Toronto International Film Festival, where his five-hour documentary had its North American premiere.

Essentially, *Tsahal* turns on the struggle for survival of the Jewish people in Israel, many of them touched by the Holocaust.

The Israel Defence Force, the centrepiece of the movie, is portrayed as Israel's Shield of David in wars ranging from the 1948 War of Independence to the 1982 Lebanon War. The focus, however, is on the 1973 Yom Kippur War, with its frightful casualties which wiped out part of a generation.

The protagonists run the gamut from simple soldiers like Avi Yaffe, a sergeant and broadcasting buff who recorded the storming of Israel's Bar-Lev Line by the Egyptian army, to generals like Yanush Ben-Gal, who lost his parents in the Holocaust and was brought to Palestine as a boy amid the confusion of World War II.

The theme that unites them all is Israel's never-ending battle for physical survival and national existence, more often than not assumed today by the offspring of Holocaust survivors. The trauma that joins them in unspoken brotherhood is the long shadow of the Holocaust.

Yet, as Lanzmann observed, *Tsahal* is also about the conquest of fear and the attainment of courage in the heat and dust and cold sweat of war.

Finally, *Tsahal* zeroes in on Israel's moral dilemma in militarily occupying territories captured in the 1967 Six Day War.

Like a doting father speaking of his children, Lanzmann is loath to single out the elements of the film he likes best. But when pressed, he mentions several scenes — young, fuzzy-cheeked paratroopers nervously waiting to make their first jump from an airplane; an amiable, self-confident Jewish settler justifying his claim to the West Bank; the Israel Defence Forces' chief of staff, Gen. Ehud Barak, expounding on military strategy and Jewish history; an impassive soldier recalling the fall of Israel's allegedly impregnable defence line along the Suez Canal in the first numbing days of the Yom Kippur War.

Lanzmann, a 69-year-old Parisian whose paternal grandfather was a hero in World War I, filmed *Tsahal* with a crew of seven and with a budget of 20 million French francs. Filming began shortly after the cessation of hostilities in the 1991 Gulf War, though Lanzmann had already arrived in Israel when Iraqi Scud missiles began falling on Israeli cities and awakening images of the Holocaust.

To his satisfaction, he received full cooperation from the Israel Defence Force. The top brass, he boasted, "liked me and had confidence in me."

Lanzmann was afforded every courtesy, even the rare privilege of flying with F-16 and Phantom pilots after he had submitted to and passed a battery of "severe" medical tests.

"I wanted to experience the sensation of flying with Israeli pilots, with whom I formed personal relationships."

To Lanzmann, *Tsahal* was easier to make than *Shoah*. The latter was filmed in a few countries, complicating the logistics. And because he used a hidden camera to record interviews with German war criminals, they assaulted him when they discovered his true purpose.

In all, Lanzmann shot 150 hours of footage, spending untold hours paring it down to a fairly manageable length and leaving out such segments as Israel's commando operation in Entebbe in July 1976.

But even at five hours, *Tsahal* is an unusually long film. "I have an epic story to tell," he said, visibly upset when a reporter broached the subject. "*Tsahal* has many layers. And don't forget — there is not one word of commentary."

French filmmaker Claude Lanzmann. [Alron photo]

Lanzmann describes it as a "vertical" rather than a "chronological" film. And, he added, it is not a "documentary." As he put it without elaborating, "It's much more."

Completed last July, in time for admission into the Toronto International Film Festival, *Tsahal* was feted at European and Israeli premieres in Paris and in Jerusalem last month. According to Lanzmann, its commercial run in Germany, Britain and the United States is scheduled for early 1995.

Israel's historic rapprochement with the PLO, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's now-famous handshake with Yasser Arafat in September 1993, did not affect the complexion of *Tsahal*, he noted.

Lanzmann, whose working relationship with Israel goes back to his 1973 film, *Pourquoi Israel?*, does not consider himself a Zionist. "I'd live in Israel if I were a Zionist. I am a friend — even a brother — of Israel."

Strictly speaking, he does not oppose Israel's settlements in the territories. But, for all practical purposes, "they'll probably have to be abandoned." Israel's occupation, he said, "can't last."

He is convinced that a Palestinian state, encompassing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, is inevitable.

"You can't fight against the nationalistic will of people. They [the Palestinians] want a state, and they will have it."

He believes that Jewish settlers have every right to live in the territories, regardless of ownership. "If there are Arabs in Galilee, why not Jews in a Palestinian state?"

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Lanzmann, a member of the French resistance movement during the war, is hardly a shrinking violet. He regards *Shoah* — which has been praised to the skies by critics — as "the most influential film" ever made on the Holocaust.

"I knew it when I made it."

In his judgment, *Shoah* is "a work of art" on an artistic par with, say, the Russian novel *War and Peace*. He claims that *Shoah*, which was released in 1985, has been seen by 60 million viewers world-wide and has been the topic of "hundreds of books and [university] theses."

Although he freely acknowledges Steven Spielberg's skills as a director, Lanzmann is critical of his magnum opus, *Schindler's List*, which won numerous awards and the Academy Award as best film.

Lanzmann wrote a critique of *Schindler's List* in *Le Monde*, the Paris daily. He declined to discuss that essay, but offered to explain the rationale behind it.

"I have absolutely nothing against Spielberg," he remarked. "In fact, he is a very good filmmaker."

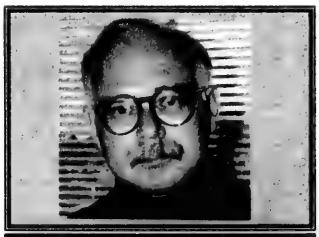
But in his estimation, Spielberg fell short of the mark for a variety of reasons.

- He failed "to invent a new form" in *Schindler's List*. "He made it like *Indiana Jones*," said Lanzmann, referring to Spielberg's fabulously successful adventure series.
- Spielberg tried to reconstruct the Holocaust, which, in Lanzmann's opinion, "can't be done."
- Spielberg distorted "the historical truth" of the Holocaust by filtering it through the eyes of a Nazi party member, the chamelion-like Oskar Schindler. "Most Jews didn't have that kind of an experience."

Most of all, it seems, Lanzmann was disappointed because *Schindler's List* did not establish its credentials as a film of educational value.

With a scathing, wearisome note, he said, "It makes people cry. It will be forgotten."

Is he jealous of Speilberg? A look of contempt filled Lanzmann. "Why should I be?" he roared, pained by the question. "I made a great work which is recognized as such and will remain for centuries. I'm not jealous of Hollywood."



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

A new biography of Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881) reveals that he fathered two illegitimate children. The disclosure is contained in Stanley Weintraub's biography, *Disraeli* (McClelland and Stewart, $41.50), the first on the two-time British prime minister in more than a generation.

Weintraub, a cultural historian on the faculty of Pennsylvania State University, discussed his book while attending the International Festival of Authors in Toronto.

In an interview, Weintraub said he learned that Disraeli — a bon vivant, a womanizer and still the only prime minister of Jewish origin in British history — had adulterous liaisons with two women.

His first consort, a married aristocrat, kept the illegitimate child. The direct descendant of that union is a British "gentleman of leisure" today, according to Weintraub.

The direct descendants of the second child, whose mother remains unknown to this day, live in France and New Zealand, and consider themselves Jewish.

Born in London, the scion of Italian Sephardi Jews, Disraeli was the son of an historian and essayist who broke with the Jewish community. When he was 13, his father, Isaac, who never formally converted, had him baptized as a Christian.

Disraeli was always immensely proud of his Jewish background, and was only a nominal Anglican, Weintraub observed.

Disraeli entered politics in 1837 as a Conservative member of parliament. In 1868, he became prime minister, a position he would hold again from 1874 to 1880.

Because he was publicly perceived as a Jew, Disraeli was subjected to "unbelievable" anti-Jewish taunts throughout his career. Anti-Semitism slowed down Disraeli's career tremendously, but ultimately, the Conservative party turned to him because of his political savvy.

A Red Tory by current Canadian standards, Disraeli sought to change the Conservative party from a purely aristocratic one into a popular movement embracing the working class.

Externally, he was an imperialist, expanding the British Empire in India and acquiring shares in the Suez Canal (with the financial help of the Rothschilds, the executors of his last will and testament).

With the sole exception of Sir Winston Churchill, Disraeli was the only British prime minister who was a published novelist. He wrote about a dozen novels — notably *Alroy*, *Conningsby*, *Sybil* and *Tancred*. Two — *Conningsby* and *Sybil* — are still in print.

Interestingly enough, two of Disraeli's novels, *Alroy* (1833) and *Tancred* (1847), are driven by Zionist themes. "*Alroy* was his major Jewish novel, an amazing story of a Jew trying to lead Jews back to Palestine." As far as Weintraub was able to ascertain, Disraeli remained a life-long Zionist.

In life as in death, Disraeli was different. Although he was a professing Christian, his body was prepared for burial by the Rothschilds, and the funeral ceremony was non-denominational.

After his passing, it was said that Disraeli had called for a rabbi as he lay on his death bed. But Weintraub couldn't substantiate that rumor.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

With so many Italian Canadians, we often encounter members of that community. Some have studied with me, and I've found a rapport between Jews and Italians that can be most gratifying.

But when we discuss the history of the Jewish people 2,000 years ago, a formative time which included the fall of the Temple of Jerusalem, I always wonder what those of Italian decent are thinking.

History requires we accurately say, "The Romans persecuted, the Romans destroyed, the Romans killed." After a while it must be tiresome for someone whose is heir to the language of the caesars to hear such condemnations, regardless of their historical truth.

In fairness, I have to point out that part of the fault, dear Horatio, lies in ourselves. Those good ol' boys we call the Maccabees, those brave soldiers who tossed the Syrian Hellenists out on their ears and cleaned up the sanctuary and lit the small oil light that burned for eight days, created the problem with the Romans.

No matter how victorious we like to make our Maccabees seem at Chanukah time, the fact remains that while they liberated Jerusalem, they did not completely liberate the Land of Israel.

Casting about for a strong ally, the Maccabees, led by Judah himself in 161 BCE, struck on the idea of inviting the Romans to be their protectors. Engaged on battlefields elsewhere, Rome promised support sufficient enough to scare off the Syrian Hellenists.

Some years later, Hasmoneans (read, "Maccabees") reaffirmed the treaty with the Romans.

One day, the Romans decided Judea needed more protection than their long Latin words. Rome declared Judea to be in a defence emergency, sent troops, and the occupation ensued — all thanks to a treaty the Maccabees had signed.

As you read this, we're in the midst of Chanukah, the eight days of rededication. Many Jews would like to rededicate themselves to obtaining the power of the Maccabees which defeated tyranny at this season years ago. That's a remembrance of human proportions, but human power is not what the holiday is about. Those same humans who valiantly fought Antiochus and cleaned the Temple also made a mess of our history by tying us to Rome.

There are powers beyond us, of which we have little grasp and which we seem to discover at the ragged edges of our history. Such a time was Chanukah, when a ragtag bunch of Jews felt touched by a power beyond their ken. They spent eight days rededicating the Jerusalem Temple to that power.

The Talmud says the small cruze of oil symbolizes the light that burns within us, the power of a God beyond us and yet parts of us. May we make that light burn brightly enough to inspire our hearts long past this Chanukah holiday.

Rabbi Liegh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

Jewish groups oppose school prayers

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — A broad coalition of religious groups in the United States are vowing to fight any efforts to amend the Constitution to allow prayer in public schools.

In front of the Supreme Court, where school prayer was declared unconstitutional, and across the street from the Capitol, where Republican leaders have promised a vote on a school prayer amendment by July 4, 18 organizations came together recently to voice "unequivocal opposition to a school prayer amendment."

"We are very much in favor of prayer and that's precisely why we're opposed to an amendment," said Brent Walker, general council of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The coalition includes Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jewish groups, as well as representatives from the Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist communities.

Jewish defence organizations including the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress played an instrumental role in organizing the coalition.

The National Council of Jewish Women and the National Jewish Democratic Council also signed on.

"We believe it is our rabbis, educators and synagogue members who can best convey our religion," said Nina Shanker, staff counsel of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

"The government's role is to foster respect and tolerance for religious beliefs," Shanker said, "not to intervene in prayer."

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Centre of Reform Judaism, agreed, saying that a school prayer amendment is "unnecessary, unjustified and unwise."

When Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) threatens "to tamper for the first time in our 205-year history with the Bill of Rights, it sends shivers of fear to all who cherish those rights."

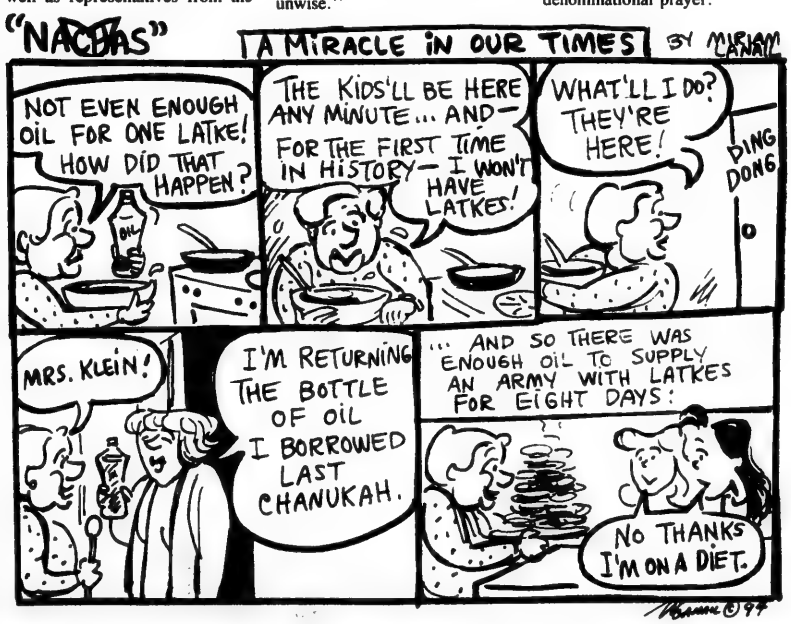
Gingrich, slated to be the next Speaker of the House, has promised to introduce a school prayer amendment before July 4.

Not all Jewish organizations joined the coalition.

The Orthodox Agudath Israel has deferred a decision on whether to sign onto the effort until its five-member Council of Sages re-evaluates the group's position in light of the renewed debate.

"There's now an opportunity for the rabbis to revisit this issue," said Abba Cohen, Washington director of Agudath Israel.

The organization in the past opposed a constitutional amendment, but has not ruled out supporting prayer in schools "if there are iron-clad safeguards built in to ensure non-coercion and non-denominational prayer."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From coast to coast

Student wants U of T to end support of group

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The University of Toronto has turned down a student's request to end its financial and logistic support of a campus group the student says published material that "foments hatred against Jews."

The student is also urging Jewish students, their families and others to withhold donations to the university until it takes action against the campus group.

The student, who declined to be identified for this article, said she has taken this action because of a booklet distributed by the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) that equates Zionism with racism.

David Neelands, assistant vice-president of student affairs, told *The CJN* "we would not at this time take away recognition" of OPIRG. "We don't censor or limit the expression of a campus group."

Neelands said the group "has distanced itself from the pamphlet and the terrible things in the pamphlet." Looking at the booklet in its entirety, he continued, "it cannot be taken as inciting hatred against Jews. It includes a rather stirring section on anti-Semitism."

The booklet, *Making the Links: The Essential Guide to Student Action for Social Change*, was distributed at the start of the school year. In defining racism, it equates Zionism with white supremacy, fascism, and apartheid.

In the same section, the booklet's authors acknowledge that Zionism as a "racist ideology" was a "very contentious issue. . . For Palestinians, Zionism has meant militantly oppressive discrimination through the displacement of people, ideas, power and land."

'Didn't repudiate content of booklet'

OPIRG describes itself as a student group with a mandate to conduct research, education and activism on environmental and social justice issues.

In a letter to the university, the student argues that the university supports OPIRG by granting it status "as a registered campus group with access to university services" such as room-booking and audio-visual resources.

The student suggests that "although the university did not formally endorse the booklet, its tacit support of OPIRG as a campus groups in disseminating these defamatory statements has effectively provided OPIRG with a massive public platform in which to insult and harass all Jews at the university and create a hostile learning/working climate."

The student said she raised her complaint despite a retraction and withdrawal of the pamphlet by OPIRG. In a statement, OPIRG apologized to those who were "offended by the inclusion of Zionism as a form of racism. That position is not the position of OPIRG-Toronto. We recognize there is no consensus on a definition of Zionism either within our organization or within the Making the Links Coalition (which authored the booklet under OPIRG's auspices). Given the fact there was not consensus, the inclusion of this issue in the booklet was inappropriate."

The statement attributes the "Zionism is racism" section to someone from "the Palestinian community," and it goes on to say that OPIRG-Toronto "recognizes that Palestinians are oppressed."

Rabbi Michael Skobac, director of the Jewish Students Union (JSU) at the university, said JSU accepted OPIRG's apology even though "we were not really happy with [its] content. It was weak. It didn't repudiate the content of the booklet."

Rabbi Skobac said JSU is aware of the student's letter to the university and will canvass the views of its 22 executive members to determine whether to back it. However, the executive members who have seen it so far are not interested in reopening the issue, he added.

Canadian Jewish Congress believes the issues raised by the booklet have been resolved. "There are those who felt the apology could be stronger but they distanced themselves from it," said Congress spokesman Bernie Farber.

Joshua Katchen, interim director of the Jewish Students Federation (JSF) at York University, said JSF and other students protested the booklet's distribution at York, and some students demanded refunds of their student fees that went to OPIRG (about $3), he said.

The Graduate Students Union (GSU) and the Association of Part Time Undergraduate Students both support OPIRG through student levies but both organizations permit individual students to request refunds. GSU allocates $5 per student to OPIRG, about $30,000 per year, said GSU executive assistant Ruth Perkins.

A *CJN* call to OPIRG was unanswered.

REDEEMERS OF JERUSALEM

Ruth Atkinson of London, Ont., (second from right) recently dedicated her fourth JNF project which is part of the Redeemers of Jerusalem program, a new forest on the eastern slopes of Mount Scopus. With Atkinson are (right) JNF emissary for South Western Ontario, Yoram Gordon and Riva Elam, JNF Canada Desk, and Daniela Gordon.

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Suits are still the biggest asset to any business wardrobe but now they are softening up with more tailoring and body hugging fit. Team them with a more yielding frilly or lacy blouse to complete the look.

Another hot item making its way back from the past is the short or to-the-knee dress worn with a matching same-length coat. This outfit has all the presence of a suit but none of the predictability. And judging by the number of designers who presented the dress-and-coat for fall, it appears that it will become an indispensable component of our wardrobe.

Put a little bit of glamour into your weekends too with soft, graceful cashmere sweaters over tailored wool pants or a short skirt with dark tights. It's just the thing to take the chill off without giving anyone the cold shoulder.

Even the accessories are taking on a new shape with narrow belts instead of the the wide bulky ones and strappy, sandaly shoes with high heals instead of the chunky ones. For party dressing gold and silver shoes are making a strong comeback. Remember this whole season's trend is going towards a softer, more feminine, glamorous look.

For evening wear you can never go wrong with the ever prevailing simple 'little black dress'. Of course you don't have to keep it simple. You can have it short or long, shiny or sequined, revealing or coordinated with a short angora sweater. The choices are endless as will the compliments be.

Other choices for your holiday celebrations are shimmering halter dresses, velvet pant suits or metallic sweaters over velvet pants or skirts. The colours making the scene run the spectrum from hot fuschia to snow white to bold red and beyond to metallic gold and silver and, of course, black.

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Israeli woman is in need of bone marrow transplant

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Up to now, Lior Novick's life has been much like that of any other young Israeli woman.

She took ballet, speech and drama and gymnastics as a child, went to school in South Africa and Israel, and spent two years in the army, serving in the medical corps.

Between stints as a bilingual secretary, she travelled through Europe, the United States, the Far East and Australia.

Then, in March of this year, everything changed.

Twenty-eight-year-old Novick was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a serious malfunction of the bone marrow.

Treatment with medication has been unsuccessful, and she currently receives two blood transfusions every three weeks.

The only hope for her is a bone marrow transplant from someone of the same ethnic background (Lithuanian Jewish). Nobody in her own family, including her parents, two brothers and a sister, is a compatible match.

Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, where Novick is being treated, is conducting a search of international bone marrow registries.

Family concerned with cost of mass screenings

The family is also anxious to conduct mass blood screenings to find a donor, as Jay Feinberg and others have been doing, but the cost, which the hospital estimates at $50,000, is a serious concern.

The family, the hospital and friends are trying to raise these funds.

Pam and Al Ozery, Toronto friends of the Novick family, are trying to raise funds here for Novick, as well as encouraging interest in her cause. They have been in contact with Friends of Jay, the organization working with Jay Feinberg, and have received advice and support from them, Pam Ozery told *The CJN*.

In July, Lior Novick was married to Giora Nachsoni, and is trying to live the life of an ordinary newly married woman.

But she, and her family and friends and medical staff, worry that funds won't be raised and a bone marrow donor found before her disease turns into blood cancer.

The Ozerys are trying to establish a Canadian tax deductible donation vehicle. In the meantime, for more information, contact them at 398-3651.

Permanent screening program considered

TORONTO — Mass screenings to find compatible donors for those who need bone marrow transplants have become almost a part of the landscape of Jewish communities around the world.

Probably the best known at the present time is the effort being made in Canada, the United States and Israel for young New Jersey resident Jay Feinberg.

Up to now, this has been done on an ad hoc basis; families discover that neither immediate nor extended relatives are a match, and embark on increasingly desperate searches of those of similar ethnic backgrounds.

Rabbi Danny Schonbuch wants to change all that.

Rabbi Danny Schonbuch

The former Torontonian, now a resident of the Old City of Jerusalem and a teacher counsellor for Jerusalem Kibbutz, a new work-study program for young people, was inspired by a clinic held for Feinberg in Jerusalem in February 1993.

Over 3,000 people were tested, and Rabbi Schonbuch says he "was deeply moved" by the event.

He felt he could use his years of experience, particularly with Network and Nahon, to put together an international group specifically to address the question of ongoing testing.

"Until now, the burden is on the individual family, at a tremendous financial and emotional cost. That shouldn't be."

Encouraged and helped by noted professor and activist Irwin Cotler and doctors from the Shaare Zedek hospital in Jerusalem, he wants to put together an international group to sponsor and raise funds for ongoing testing.

His first efforts are campus drives at Queen's College in New York City, SUNY Binghamton, and the University of Pennsylvania.

He is working with Janis Winocur of the Beth Tikvah social action committee in Toronto to establish a Toronto presence for what he is calling the Miracle Match program, and hopes to interest those from all streams of Judaism.

"I believe the way to save lives is on the grassroots level, through the synagogues," he told *The CJN* in a telephone interview. He was in Toronto with his wife and young son to promote both the Jerusalem Kibbutz and Miracle Match programs.

One idea he is considering is to establish a bar/bat mitzvah program. When children have their bar or bat mitzvah, he suggests, money could be put aside, so that when they reach 18, funds will already be there for testing.

Depending on available funding Rabbi Schonbuch says, he wants to test several hundred students in Israel for one-year study programs. "Then they will be educated to go back to their own campuses and start other testing programs."

He is fundraising now for a drive in February at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "I hope to invite the president of Israel to launch the university network."

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From coast to coast

Black, Jewish rift blamed on multiculturalism

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Bad relations between "some blacks and some Jews"are the result of a failed federal multiculturalism policy, a senior *Toronto Sun* editor and columnist said here recently.

The failure to build bridges between different cultural groups is one reason why "our multicultural chickens have come home to roost," Lorrie Goldstein told an audience of 50 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

"We are not the happy souls, blacks or Jews, that this great social experiment in Canada calls for."

Goldstein blamed the government's immigration quota, which, "even if it was cut to 150,000 immigrants a year, would be double what any other country allows. It is the height of naivete to think that this level of immigration is not putting an intolerable strain on our social resources."

The multicultural policy has led to politicians being afraid to speak out about difficulties between ethnic groups, the *Sun* editor stated.

"The vitriol behind the attacks [on *Show Boat*] caught special interest Jewish groups by surprise and the controversy caught us in the media by surprise. *Show Boat* was a bad experience for both our communities. If there were more bridges in place it would have been better."

Goldstein said he was against a ban on *Show Boat* or on *The Merchant of Venice* or on allowing Ernst Zundel to speak, and declared that the North York Board of Education had made a mistake in banning field trips to *Show Boat*.

The anti-Semitic utterances of leaders of the Nation of Islam are a "cop-out," Goldstein maintained. "First they advise blacks to work hard and stay free of drugs and then they say 'If you don't make it, it's because of this great Jewish conspiracy.' "

The media should share some of the blame in the failure to build bridges because a recent survey showed only between two and three per cent of minorities are represented in Canada's news rooms, he said. At the *Sun*, the figure is three per cent, and rises to five per cent if part-time staff is included.

Goldstein disagreed wth a questioner who suggested the anti-Semitism of some blacks reflects "anti-Semitism in the population as a whole."

The *Sun* editor replied: "Most people are not anti-Semitic and most blacks are not anti-Semitic."

Stating "there is a significant crime problem among some black youth," Goldstein said his paper was "creamed" when it pointed out the major problem was with the Jamaican community.

Defending his paper against another questioner's suggestion that the *Sun* overplays charges against blacks, Goldstein said, "the *Sun* is an equal opportunity paper. We cover white crime as well as black crime. The *Sun* won't change its style. It is a tabloid and will continue covering crime heavily."

The program was sponsored by the synagogue's entertainment and cultural connection and the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood. Jerry and Sandra Genesove were co-ordinators.

COAT OF ARMS
Gov. Gen. Ramon Hnatyshyn and Rabbi Reuben Bulka of Ottawa's Congregation Machzikei Hadas unveil the coat of arms presented to the synagogue.

Correction

TORONTO — The following paragraph was inadvertently omitted from the article on the Anshei Minsk bachelor auction (*CJN*, Nov. 24).

"We are indeed fortunate to still enjoy the most beautiful shul in Toronto," said auction chair and self-described den mother Renee Wortzman.

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1995 Campaign Update

With just over five weeks of campaigning to go, a thought from Jewish Agency Chairman ***Mendel Kaplan*** comes to mind. "Fundraising is not about giving," he says. "It's about asking." So, there's a lot of asking to do between now and December 31. The campaign is roaring along, but 7,000 contributors still need to be contacted and thousands of Jews in need are waiting for your pledges.

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It's birdies, bogies and charity for members of ***Oakdale Golf & Country Club***. Nearly three-quarters of the membership donates to UJA. This year, the Campaign is striving for 90% participation from Oakdale. The club is a special institution for the Jewish community. Its founders, decades ago, were Jewish golfers refused entry to other clubs. Since its inception, Oakdale has nurtured more UJA chairmen than any similar organization. Golf caps off to ***Elise Kalles***, ***Debbie Kimel***, ***Millard Roth*** and ***Paul Rothstein*** and their above par campaign efforts at Oakdale.

Oakdale Golf & Country Club is a breeding ground for UJA chairmen. Past Chairmen Jerry Shear (L) and Paul Morton (R) are flanked by Paul's daughter Elisa Morton Palter and husband Gil.

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When Toronto's rabbis are completely integrated into next year's UJA campaign, it will be a North American first. A delegation of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform religious leaders has agreed to join campaign cabinets as advisers. "An innovative concept for Toronto," is how 1995 campaign co-chair ***Wendy Eisen*** described it. "We're trying to strengthen the 'Jewish' in United Jewish Appeal."

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Washington's world famous ***Holocaust Museum*** now includes a temporary exhibit on Bosnia, which nearly 200 UJA mission members got a chance to see on their recent Fly-In, co-chaired by ***Avie Bennett*** and ***Ira Gluskin***.

The day trip also featured briefings at the Jordanian and Israeli embassies.

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Ring the bells for ***Sonia Shron*** and ***Shawna Harris*** who chair the Bialik Hebrew Day School UJA campaign. Their enthusiasm and creativity have inspired increased school activity. This year the Education Division, led by ***Bernie Shoub*** and ***Esther Gold***, has established strong roots in every Jewish school.

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Mazel tov to tireless workers ***Gil*** and ***Elisa Palter*** on their latest addition - second child ***Adam***. We're sure he'll be a future member of the UJA family, along with sister ***Danielle***.

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Wanna Be A Maccabee? It's a lot easier today than what the Chanuka warriors of old were required to do. UJA's contemporary Maccabees are being asked to step forward for "clean up" telethons starting the last night of Chanuka, December 4. Seven shift captains have already volunteered to help bring Campaign '95 to a successful conclusion: ***Dodi Weill***, ***Les Aaron***, ***Mark Grenville***, ***Agi Mandel***, ***Barbara Bank***, ***Marlene Axmith*** and ***Sonia Shron***.

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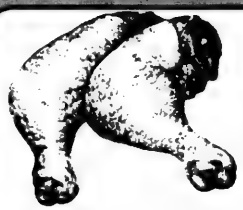

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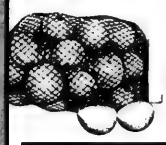

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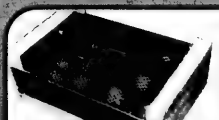

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BBW pays tribute to cancer fighter

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 200 friends, family and members of B'nai Brith Women turned out to honor Anne Armstrong Gibson as the 38th annual Woman of the Year.

Gibson, 48, is the founder of Wellspring, a support centre for people and their families living with cancer. Since it opened its doors in 1992, over 6,000 people have used its services in addition to a number of health care professionals seeking information on empathetic patient care.

Anne Armstrong Gibson

Diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma seven years ago, Gibson went through three years of radiation and chemotherapy before undergoing a bone marrow transplant. Last year her husband died of a stroke, leaving her to tend to two of her own children and six of her husband's from a previous marriage.

Elaine Ender, chair of the Woman of the Year committee, said that while Gibson was an energetic, compassionate and optimistic woman, her experiences "almost destroyed her spirit."

Gibson was aware of the lack of support for patients facing potential terminal illnesses and "felt strongly that no one should endure what she was forced to endure," Ender said.

Ender told the hushed crowd that Gibson began planning Wellspring from her hospital bed, with input from doctors, nurses, psychologists and former cancer patients.

"Anne, you have fought a courageous personal war against a fatal disease and won. You have shown a spirit of true determination," Ender said. "In other words, Anne, you are one truly amazing woman."

In accepting the award Gibson said patient support improves the quality of life and can increase longevity by as much as 26 months.

"Wellspring is a one-of a-kind organization. Much like B'nai Brith Women, it is involved in education and advocacy. Wellspring is facing a deluge of requests to pop up in other cities," she said.

Gibson praised B'nai Brith Women for publicly recognizing the value of volunteerism. "Volunteer forms the essence of humanity. Without it, our society will lose its soul."

Previous recipients of Woman of the Year Award include Gerda Frieberg, Dr. Nehama Baum, Chaviva Hosek, Karen Kain, Genya Intrator, Abby Hoffman, Margaret Laurence and Dr. Betty Stephenson.

Teachers in B.C. learn about Holocaust

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — More than 75 school teachers, representing every school district in British Columbia, attended a program here on teaching the Holocaust, held under auspices of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF), in cooperation with the Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region (CJC).

Marilyn Berger, associate director of the CJC, arranged for the keynote speaker, Dr. Yehuda Bauer, professor of Holocaust Studies at Hebrew University.

Bronia Sonnenschein, a Holocaust survivor, spoke of her experience in Nazi camps.

A traditional Shabbat dinner hosted by Berger and Zac Kaye, chaplain of Hillel House at the University of British Columbia, was provided by the CJC at the Jewish Community Centre.

Sam Fillipoff, coordinator of Program Against Racism, developed the teaching program for the BCTF. He said it was the first of its kind arranged by his Federation and announced another anti-racist program will be held in the spring.

Berger said CJC will be holding a number of Holocaust symposia in schools throughout the province. In recent years, the annual symposia have been confined to the Vancouver area and cities in the interior of B.C. and the BCTF hope to get Holocaust curriculum developments grants from Multiculturalism B.C., a government agency.

Later in the week, CJC, with the adult education committee of Congregation Beth Israel, sponsored the annual community-wide Kristallnacht commemoration program at the synagogue.

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Jewish law considered constant over time

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Although different Jewish communities have occasionally amended their laws, the essence of the Jewish legal tradition has basically remained, says a professor of Jewish law at Hebrew University.

"Jewish tradition says that no one is above the law. Even G-d himself is bound by the law," said Prof. Shmuel Shilo.

Shilo was speaking recently at the 14th annual Or Emet lecture at Osgoode Hall, where he is teaching a seminar on Jewish law.

The seminar, established in 1993, allows students to explore Jewish law as a historical and religious system, as well as issues in contemporary Israeli law.

Law school dean Marilyn Pilkington said that while York University has offered Jewish Studies and Jewish Education programs for years, Jewish legal studies have been lacking until now. "This initiative not only demonstrates Osgoode's strong interest in Jewish studies but also our overall commitment to multiculturalism," she said.

Shilo described how the basic word in Jewish law is mitzvah or obligation. "The law, for example obligates families to provide schooling for males so it is a mitzvah for a father to educate his son or grandson, for a teacher to teach and for a family to board a poor scholar. To act out of obligation is completion."

Law of the land

He said Jewish law is similar to modern criminal law in that "the state speaks to a citizen about his behavior and about what is forbidden. What is not forbidden, is permitted."

Shilo said in Israel, legal education is geared to Israeli law, not Jewish law. "Law faculties teach the law of the land. If Jewish law is studied, it is peripheral. There is no prerequisite that judges be knowledgeable about Jewish law."

Journalist rediscovers Hungary's old shuls

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — After six years stationed in Europe as a freelance political journalist, the American writer Ruth Ellen Gruber was startled to discover in 1989 that a magnificent old synagogue had been restored in the Hungarian town of Szeged.

"I never had any inkling that such a synagogue could exist outside of a major city," she told an audience of about 80 people recently at a meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, held in conjunction with Holocaust Education Week.

Shortly afterwards, Gruber visited 12 more little-known former synagogues in a three-day trip in Eastern Europe and, on a separate expedition in Poland, saw some 34 synagogues "in varied condition — some were warehouses, some were in ruins....

"That was the beginning of an obsession for me. I had lived in Europe for six years and never knew those places existed. Although Jews had lived in Europe continuously for 1,000 years, the tourist guidebooks talk about palaces and churches but omit references to synagogues."

Gruber's obsession resulted in the publication in 1992 of the well-received guidebook, *Jewish Heritage Travel: A Guide to Central & Eastern Europe*. Offering myriad details about sites in Poland, the former Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, the former Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, the book was immediately hailed as the only modern source to focus on places where Jews lived instead of enshrining the places where they died.

As she told her Toronto audience, Gruber has written a second volume, *Upon The Doorposts of Thy House*, in which she discusses in greater depth some of the former sites of Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe she found most moving and fascinating.

Ruth Ellen Gruber

The most famous Jewish centre in Central-Eastern Europe, according to Gruber, is Prague and she showed slides of that city's famous Altneushul and old Jewish cemetery, both crowded with tourists. "Downtown Prague is like a Jewish theme park," she said.

"People sell T-shirts and mugs and the most incredible t'shatshkes that you could ever want. I saw some ladies selling pebbles with Stars of David on them — someone called them Jewish pet rocks. They were charging $10 each. In Prague, that's about a day's pay."

Gruber also showed another side of Jewish Prague — a neglected and vandalized cemetery, a synagogue that had been converted into a laundry, another cemetery that had been bulldozed to build a park and television tower.

Upon the Doorposts of Thy House: Jewish Life in East-Central Europe, Yesterday and Today, was recently published by John Wiley & Sons. The hardcover book sells for $34.95 in Canada.

From coast to coast

Intimacy seen essential part of Jewish marriage

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Intimacy in the marital relationship is seen as G-dly in Jewish tradition, asserts noted author and lecturer Malka Touger.

Touger was speaking to over 300 women at a program called Women Who Make a Difference, held recently at the Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill. The afternoon was sponsored by N'shei Chabad, the Lubavitch women's organization.

Secular society lurches between the ancient Greco-Roman belief that intimacy and physical pleasure are totally good, and early Christian belief that they are somehow evil.

"Judaism is never confused," Touger said, explaining that "G-d bestowed upon us powerful energies, a gift called intimacy."

G-d, she said, could have brought about conception without sexual relations, but He chose to make us partners with Him in creation.

Even when conception does not take place, a spiritual energy is created that in itself has power.

Intimacy leaves a person breathless and spent, she said, because it "reaches into the very core of our being. And that essence of man is G-dly."

The tradition says, Trouger noted, that when we return from shul on Shabbat, angels accompany us and ask three questions: Are the candles lit (that is, is this a Jewish home in accordance with the laws of Torah)? Is the table set (is the house full of the atmosphere that enhances Halachah)? And are the beds made up, indicating that when men and women, following the laws of Halachah, are intimate, the divine presence, the shechinah, is between them.

Program chair Faygie Itkin (left) presents an award to Shani Bleeman for her work with ECHO, at the Women Who Make a Difference program.

Women, she said, have always recognized that intimacy is holy. In Egypt, when the men separated from their wives in despair at their sad lot, the women went out to the copper mines and made mirrors out of scraps of copper.

These mirrors were used not only to beautify themselves, but to encourage their husbands to regain hope, "so that a proud Jewish nation would leave Egypt, not a broken one."

Later, when Moses made the mishkan, the temporary ark, the women brought these mirrors as their contribution.

"G-d told Moses not to 'take' them [just to be polite], but to accept them, because 'these are more precious to Me than anything.' "

G-d, she said, "was telling Moses and the Jewish people that the holiness and godliness of a Jewish home is not separate from the holiness of a sanctuary. And the intimacy of a Jewish home is holy and sacred."

Honorees of the program were Esther Libman, a physican in family practice; at North York General Hospital emergency department and a lecturer on breast cancer and post-partum depression; and Shelly Botnick and Shani Bleeman, directors of the Canadian chapter of ECHO, an organization that provides a link between the lay and medical comunities, and offers information both on different available treatment options and on the latest medical research.

UJA expecting a large turnout for Yachdav '95

TORONTO — United Jewish Appeal is seeking another heavy Toronto turnout for Yachdav, Israel's largest international young leadership convention.

The event, which takes place every three years, is sponsored by Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal.

The Canadian contingent usually dominates Yachdav. In 1992, over 25 per cent of the 400 delegates were Canadians, and Toronto accounted for 20 of them.

Yachdav 1995 is expecting 500 mission members, according to Keren Hayesod organizer Greg Masel, who was recently in Toronto recruiting participants. The convention will be held between August 2 and 10.

Masel is especially enthusiastic about "the cross-pollination of ideas" with delegates from Japan, Hong Kong and the West Indies.

"It will offer an excellent opportunity to understand how campaigns are conducted in other countries," he added.

Yachdav alumni say the chance to mingle with young adults from distant nations is one of the convention's top attractions.

"We had more in common than I thought we would," said Yachdav 1992 participant Joy Shuchat.

Dr. Norman Epstein, another Yachdav 1992 enthusiast, said "it was important for me to see how much money was being spent on immigrant absorption." Epstein is now programming co-chair for UJA's Young Professional Network.

The peace process is a new dimension to Yachdav '95. The mission will focus strongly on what Masel calls "the changing agenda in the Middle East," reinforced by a two-day trip to Jordan.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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DATE		EVENT	ORGANIZATION	TIME	PLACE
DECEMBER					
Thurs	1	Parlour Meeting	UJA Young Professionals Network	6:00 pm	Primrose Club
Sun	4	Clean Sweep Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	9:00 am	Lipa Green Building
Mon-Thurs	5-8	Clean Sweep Telethons	United Jewish Appeal	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Mon	5	Lecture: Nissim Zvili, MK	Canadian Jewish Congress & Labour Zionist Movement	8:00 pm	Borochov Centre
Tues	6	Major Gifts Event	United Jewish Appeal	7:30 pm	North York Performing Arts Centre
Sun	11	Clean Sweep Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	9:00 am	Lipa Green Building
Sun	11	Seminar	Aish Hatorah Women's Division	9:00 am	Baycrest Terrace
Sun	11	National Annual Meeting & Brunch	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute	10:00 am	Inn On The Park
Sun	11	"How to Talk To Your Children About G-d"	Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University	7:45 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sun	11	Musica Beth Tikvah - Me'irim Dancers	Beth Tikvah Congregation	8:00 pm	Beth Tikvah Congregation
Tues	13	Regional Council Meeting	Canadian Jewish Congress	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Wed	14	Campaign Closing Event	United Jewish Appeal	7:30 pm	Adath Israel Congregation
JANUARY 95					
Sun	8	Women's Day Conference	Ohr Somayach	9:00 am	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
Sat	14	Concert	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am	8:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am
Mon	23	"Judaism & Sexual Behaviour"	Canadian Friends of Hebrew University	7:45 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Tues	24	Women's Campaign Card Pull In Event	United Jewish Appeal	7:30 pm	Adath Israel Congregation
FEBRUARY 95					
Sat	4	Family Shabbat: Toronto Children's Chorus	Beth Tikvah Sisterhood	7:15 pm	Beth Tikvah Congregation
Sat	11	Production of "Peter Pan"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools Junior High	8:30 pm	Associated Hebrew Day Schools (Neptune Branch)
Sun	12	Production of "Peter Pan"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools Junior High	2:00 pm	Associated Hebrew Day Schools (Neptune Branch)
Mon	13	Production of "Peter Pan"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools Junior High	7:30 pm	Associated Hebrew Day Schools (Neptune Branch)
Mon	27	Lecture: Martin Himel	CHAT Alumni Assoc./Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, New Leadership	7:45 pm	Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
MARCH 95					
Sat	11	Shabbat Shira Concert: Male Choir from Israel	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am	8:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am
Sun	19	Fashion Show & Awareness Day	Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, Markham	2:30 pm	TBA
Sun	26	Boutique Day	Beth Tikvah Sisterhood	10:00 am	Beth Tikvah Congregation
Tues	28	"Why Feminism is Good for Judaism:" Letty Cottin-Pogrebin	Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University	7:45 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
APRIL 95					
Wed	5	Major Gala Benefit Concert	Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim Hospital	8:00 pm	Inn On The Park
Thurs	6	Baycrest Spring Sale	Baycrest Centre Auxiliary	9:00 am	Baycrest Centre
Mon	10	Major Fundraising Dinner	Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University	6:00 pm	Inn On The Park
Sun	30	50th Anniv. of Liberation and Holocaust Remembrance	Federation Holocaust Remembrance Committee/ Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region	2:00 pm 2:30 pm	Queen's Park Convocation Hall

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North York's *'Bad Boy'* mayor gets award from Temple Sinai

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — He may have been a Bad Boy in the past, but last Wednesday long-serving North York Mayor Mel Lastman was honored only for his good works.

Lastman, the one-time appliance salesman who recently won a record-breaking 10th mayoral term, was the first recipient of the Temple Sinai Brotherhood Humanitarian of the Year Award.

"I've never been Humanitarian of the Year before," Lastman told *The CJN*, laughing at the suggestion that he collects such honors like he does election victories.

A seven-member committee unanimously agreed to honor Lastman, said organizer Howard Zippan, because of his dedication to eradicating child abuse, drunk driving, abuse of the elderly and racism in the city.

Mel Lastman

Wife Marilyn and granddaughter Brie joined more than 350 others to give Lastman, 61, a standing ovation and to take part in a fund-raising dinner draw.

Brotherhood president Lew Rasminsky said the yearly event raises upwards of $20,000 to send the synagogue school's confirmation class to Israel and the United States.

There are 23 confirmation students this year.

Brie Lastman, 8, holds grandfather Mel's Humanitarian of the Year award. [Amy Satin photo]

"There is no greater honor than to be acknowledged by one's own community," Lastman said quietly after accepting the plaque "for his good work in furthering the concept of community in the City of North York."

Kristallnacht's legacy examined

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The legacy of Kristallnacht was the focus of a recent lecture by a University of Toronto religion professor to an overflow B'nai Brith audience.

Prof. Alan Davies, a United Church Minister and author of *Anti-Semitism and the Christian Mind*, recounted the events of Nov. 9, 1938, when Jewish businesses and synagogues were smashed and burned, and Jews rounded up across Germany.

According to Davies, until Kristallnacht, officials denied to an increasingly sceptical world that Germany was mistreating its Jewish population.

"After the bloodshed and destruction of Kristallnacht, the world finally awoke to the realization of true Nazi intentions," Davies said.

Canadian reaction to Kristallnacht was swift, but confined to the grassroots level, Davies explained. Demonstrations were held across the country: 20,000 people attended one rally alone in Toronto. Letters poured into Prime Minister Mackenzie King's office urging Canada to offer safe haven to Germany's Jews.

The pleas went unanswered, but Davies said Canadians were unified in condemning Germany.

Kristallnacht "confirmed the power of propaganda ... So effectively did the Nazi propaganda machinery utilize the media that even German intelligentsia embraced National Socialist ideology and legitimized anti-Semitism unquestioningly."

Davies said such techniques are a hallmark of all modern totalitarian regimes.

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From coast to coast

Mideast countries make sacrifices for peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Thomas Friedman no longer begins his lectures on the Middle East with the joke about the pious man who prayed to God to let him win the lottery. "Goldberg, give me a chance," goes the punchline. "Buy a ticket."

The joke no longer applies to Arabs and Israelis, Friedman explained during a recent lecture on The Challenge of Peace.

The Pulitzer prize-winning 41-year-old *New York Times* journalist and author of *From Beirut to Jerusalem* was in Toronto as the first speaker in the Issues & Insights series run by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's New Leadership division. About 350 people attended the lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

The Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians have now "bought a ticket" and are willing to make sacrifices for peace, said Friedman. "That is the good news. Whether they will reach the final destination...is another question."

Friedman offered three reasons for optimisim and three for pessimism.

On the positive side, he said that the Sept. 13, 1993 handshake between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat "transformed a conflict that was about rights to a conflict that was about interests. Rights are immutable. Interests invite compromise."

Arafat's recognition of the balance of power between Israel and the PLO is Friedman's second reason for optimism. Friedman likened Arafat to "a guy who was trying to sell a $250,000 home for $3 million. Finally he brought his price down, and that's a big change."

Friedman believes that "the silence with which the vast majority of Israelis and Palestinians have accepted the peace deal" is cause for optimism.

Incidents such as the Tel Aviv bus bombing and the Hebron mosque massacre are a result of "extremists [who] understood that to break through the silence required something so unreasonable, so outrageous that it would unravel this deal."

Hafez al-Assad, president of Syria, tops Friedman's list of reasons for pessimism. "The only hope is if he embraces the Israelis with normalization and peace at the outset," Friedman said.

Arafat's "unstable political structure" is another reason for pessimism, as is the question of Jerusalem and the West Bank, Friedman said.

Thomas Friedman

"You can easily have a divorce with Gaza, but how do you do it in Jerusalem and the West Bank? I don't know."

Friedman's talk also included a cogent outline of the forces which brought Rabin and Arafat to the negotiating table, including the rise of Hamas which "made the PLO look reasonable" and a number of world events including the Gulf War, the end of the Cold War, and the election of Bill Clinton as president of the United States.

Kayla Estrin, co-chair of the Issues & Insights committee, introduced Friedman, and Toby Deverett, her co-chair, thanked him.

The next Issues & Insights lecture will be held at Beth Tzedec on Dec. 11, when Rabbi David Wolpe will discuss How to Talk to Children (and yourself) about God.

Senior Jewish leader set to address UJA campaign

TORONTO — The executive director of North America's most powerful Jewish organization is coming to Toronto for the biggest event of UJA's 1995 campaign.

Malcolm Hoenlein, who heads the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, will be the keynote speaker for UJA's Major Gifts Division on Dec. 6 at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts.

The evening, chaired by Larry Tanenbaum and Ron Frisch, is open to Campaign '95 donors of $10,000 or more. The Major Gifts Division, headed by Michael Bregman and Lorri Kushnir, accounts for half of the campaign total.

The Conference of Presidents represents 50 Jewish organizations. Hoenlein was appointed to his position seven years ago, and in 1992 was elected executive vice-chairman.

He has a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he taught international relations.

Hoenlein has travelled extensively, meeting with world leaders in Europe, South Africa, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East.

He is considered a conciliator for the diverse ideological factions that comprise North American Jewry.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Mediation Revisited

Hockey fans in Canada and the United States have had ample cause recently to appreciate the value of mediation.

Indeed, the problems of the hockey "family" are apparently common to most living things. A famous mediator and social worker, Professor Howard Irving, of the University of Toronto, recently recited a disturbing true story. Apparently, some naturalists were observing the rare birth of a condor chick from a safe distance through binoculars. The parents began a physical argument as to who should incubate and nest the egg. The argument became so furious that the parents accidentally kicked the off a mountain ledge. It promptly broke, killing the baby condor.

Unfortunately, divorcing parents display no consideration for their baby condors when they fight over them. They cannot begin to imagine how deeply they hurt their child when she or he witnesses such altercations, whether physical, verbal, or through the court system. One judicial official in the Ontario courts recently told me that children, when they grow up, often go back into the court files and read affidavits prepared several years before in which the parents make horrible allegations against each other and the treatment of the children. No one can begin to understand the pain that such children feel when they are grown. You can then begin to imagine what it must feel like for a child of *tender* years whose entire world of security rests upon what is supposed to be the foundation of a home.

It is no secret that children of divorced parents who can amicably arrange for visitation and custodial rights have fewer nightmares and are much better adjusted emotionally as they grow older. It is also no longer a secret that children with absentee fathers tend to have greater sexual problems and are by far statistically more inclined to exhibit criminal behaviour, particularly in the case of boys.

Fortunately, most people that become divorced do manage to handle their separation with a fair degree of amicability and without the intervention of lawyers or mediators. However, for the few whose divorces generate serious conflict, in front of the children, both parties should seriously consider mediation rather than spending money on expensive legal assistance, so long as there is no issue of domestic violence. If one of the spouses, usually the woman, is being physically or seriously emotionally abused, then I usually do not advise the parties to go to a mediator unless I am convinced that the mediator can "empower" the wife and allow the negotiations to take place on an "even playing field". This is virtually impossible in most cases. However, in many situations, particularly where violence or serious emotional abuse is not an issue, mediation is the best way to save children from the agony of watching their parents destroy each other.

Mediation is also useful in solving family, including sibling rivalries, that take place when siblings or other family members fight over the proceeds of an Estate. Often these disputes are not really over money, but over some underlying anger caused by parental favouritism exhibited during someone's childhood. I have been involved in several cases in which brothers and sisters spent a great deal of money fighting each other over money. However, through mediation, they realized that what they were really fighting over was that extra wink that Dad gave his "favourite" daughter or the special attention that Mom gave her "favourite" son, to the severe emotional detriment of the other children.

Parents beware. Ensure that you treat your children with the same love and affection because "Hell hath no Fury like a *Child* scorned".

Having now interested you in the virtues of mediation, I must unfortunately tell you that there are at least a few mediators in the market who are "quacks". The industry is not regulated in most provinces. There is an association of mediators that has standards and issues certificates based on a regulated number of hours in the practice and courses "in the field". These courses are taken by lawyers, social workers, and other mental health professionals. However, many so-called mediators have no training and can often make matters worse by appearing to take sides in the dispute rather than involving the parties in a process that leads to positive behavioral changes, kindness and "Menschlichkeit".

Some people also have the illusion that they can go to one single lawyer and have an agreement drafted after the lawyer helps them come to an arrangement that is satisfactory to them and the other party or parties involved. Given the state of Canadian law, once the parties have reached such an agreement, they must still go to their own lawyers to obtain independent legal advice and obtain a certificate reflecting such advice before the agreement would be considered truly valid. Although the cost of these two lawyers would be considerably less than a "mediator" lawyer, the parties will still be paying for the assistance of three counselors rather than the one individual. However, if the three lawyers are "conciliatory" in nature, the exercise will have been well worth it. In many cases, such mediation could save the couple and their children a great deal of money and months or years of aggravation, litigation or negotiation.

Alternatively, parents can seek a social worker or psychologist mediator, particularly if there are no financial issues to be resolved, but should still see their own lawyer before signing a formal separation agreement.

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CHANUKAH MIRACLE

Beth Tzedec Men's Club have created Chanukah Miracle, an education fund in memory of Susan Soberman, designed to teach Ethiopian children in Israel. Seen (from left) is Jules Surdin, special projects chair; David Pullan and Stephen Creed, vice-chairs; and Morton Pullan, candle campaign chair.

Harry Rasky's new film to premiere on Dec. 1

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Can the end of the world be stopped, is one question asked by Harry Rasky in his latest documentary, *Prophecy*.

The Canadian premiere of *Prophecy*, partially filmed in Jerusalem, takes place at the Ontario Science Centre Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The preview is hosted by the Jerusalem Foundation of Toronto.

The film has been described as "visually stunning" and is a candidate for an Academy nomination.

Paul Slavens, president of the Jerusalem Foundation, said proceeds from the preview showing will help fund a natural amphitheatre in the Hinnom Valley as part of the Jerusalem Youth Music Centre, a coexistence project that serves more than 400 Jewish, Christian and Arab youth.

The Jerusalem Foundation was created 25 years ago by then mayor Teddy Kollek to raise the quality of life for all the city's residents. Its projects include education, culture, community services, beautification and preservation of Jerusalem's historical and religious sites.

Rasky told *The CJN* he selected the Jerusalem Foundation for the Canadian premiere "because I love Teddy Kollek and he's been involved in a few of my major, major films like, *Next Year in Jerusalem* and *Homage to Chagall: The Colours of Love*. I think he is one of the great men of the world."

Rasky, who has created 40 feature-length films for the CBC, will introduce his film and speak about unusual incidents surrounding its making.

The film explores the history, nature and role of prophecy in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and other major world religions. There are provocative interviews with philosopher Emil Fackenheim, former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky, the Dalai Lama, Nobel scientist James Watson, Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith, sculptor and Holocaust survivor Ernest Raab, aboriginal Indian spiritual leader David Courchesne, and the wise, grandfatherly survivor of Japanese internment on the River Kwai, the late Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum.

Rasky said he has dedicated the film to Rabbi Nussbaum's memory "because I was inspired by the spirit of Rabbi Nussbaum and thought it would be a proper dedication."

For tickets or for more information, call the Jerusalem Foundation, (416) 484-6132, fax (416) 489-0036, or write to 124 Eglinton Ave. W., Suite 220, Toronto, Ont., M4R 2G8.

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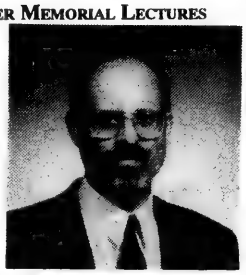

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Territorial compromise essential for peace: Beilin

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He likened Israel to a sick person who has become accustomed to using a wheelchair and still reaches for it even after surgery makes it unnecessary.

At a morning meeting with Grade 11 and 12 students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), Beilin cited the example of former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin who "was courageous enough to decide that it was worthwhile to give a huge part of the land rather than risk another war" when he made peace with Egypt in 1979.

"It's not very convenient to make peace with enemies, but that's the way of the world. If you make peace, it's with enemies," he told the students. "We have no other partners."

Beilin sparked controversy in Israel in October by raising the possibility of Israeli talks with less extremist elements within Hamas.

"There were those who said it would be a mistake to encourage them this way," Beilin told The CJN during a brief interview between appointments. "The question is, what is in the interest of Israel? The interest of Israel now is not to exclude such a possibility. It doesn't seem [likely] that something like that would happen, but we should not close the door."

"We have to act against [Hamas] directly and to continue the pressure on [PLO chairman Yasser] Arafat," said Beilin at a press conference, adding that "if there is a change and they are ready to denounce terrorism, we shouldn't make the mistake of saying we'll never talk to Hamas."

For someone known for controversial remarks, the youthful-looking, 47-year-old politician is surprisingly soft-spoken. During his visit to CHAT, he spent almost as much time listening to students as he did talking to them.

The visit, arranged through the Israeli consulate, was sandwiched between the press conference and the BB luncheon at which Beilin was keynote speaker. Earlier, he fielded with aplomb a series of heated questions on the peace process at a well-attended breakfast sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress.

"This is quite a rare opportunity for me," said Beilin of his visit to CHAT. Upon learning that most of the 250 students had visited Israel, Beilin wanted to know, "Was it a significant event? Were there negative ramifications, or only positive ones? Did you have a chance to meet people your own age?"

Earlier this year, Beilin proposed a plan for every young Diaspora Jew to visit Israel at the age of 17 in an effort to reverse increasing assimilation in the Diaspora, particularly in the United States.

"This idea is very expensive," Beilin told The CJN. He had suggested financing the plan using money from Israel's welfare system, which is funded partly by United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal. "That was the controversy."

In fact, that was only part of the controversy. Beilin is quick to admit that his plan to establish Bet Yisrael, a "democratically elected world Jewish organization [to] eventually replace both the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency" was not met with universal enthusiasm.

Beilin says the WZO and the Jewish Agency are "not democratic." Although the two agencies claim to share his goal of bringing more young people to Israel, Beilin maintains that their record doesn't reflect that.

"Talking is one thing, but bringing them is another." He added that current statistics (10,000 young people visiting Israel annually) do not correspond to the population of that age group in the Diaspora community (100,000).

Beilin claims his views on this issue have been not only misunderstood but distorted.

"Speaking about democratization meant the changing of the current establishment, and it is more than natural that [Jewish community leaders] wouldn't like that so much. The need to use Israel in order to collect money both for the federations and for Israel is indispensable in their eyes, and they were afraid that once we collect money for education, for immigration to Israel and for visits to Israel rather than to the welfare system in Israel, it will be much more difficult to collect the money."

—By Frances Kraft

Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister, is seen with Grade 12 students Daniella Robicsek, centre, and Hamutal Dotan, co-chairs of the Israeli affairs committee at CHAT. Beilin spoke to 250 students at the school last week. [Frances Kraft photo]

Free trade expected to boost business

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with competitors from the United States, the European Union and the European Free Trade Association, because of their free trade agreements with Israel.

For instance, during a 1990-91 housing boom in Israel, Canadian manufacturers of prefabricated homes, unlike their U.S. and European competitors, faced a 10 per cent Israeli duty on their products.

Canadian businesses solved the problem by finding American and European products to sell to Israel, effectively stealing jobs from Canadian builders.

Other companies take advantage of the U.S.-Israel free trade agreement by sending semi-finished products to American subsidiaries to be completed before being shipped, duty-free, to Israel.

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Since the United States signed a free trade agreement with Israel in 1985, Israeli imports from the U.S. have more than doubled. Last year, Israel imported more than $4 billion worth of goods from the United States, Rabin said. And Canada, responded Chretien, would like a share of that trade.

"Although Israel has a population of only five million," said David Goldstein, president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, "it is oriented to international trade... Besides the volume of trade, Israel has a sophisticated, modern market, with a Western infrastructure, where Canadians can relatively easily do business."

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Lifeline for the Old aids Israel's elderly, disabled

BY CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For more than 30 years, Yad Lakashis — Lifeline for the Old — in Jerusalem has provided a place for the elderly and people with disabilities to work and socialize.

Nava Ein-Mor, the general director of Lifeline, was in Toronto recently, where she told the board meeting of the Canadian Friends of Lifeline about the accomplishments of the group and the challenges facing them.

Myriam Mendilow, the founder of Lifeline, visited Toronto several times with a plea to help restore the dignity and independence of the elderly in Jerusalem.

Mendilow was an English and French teacher in Israel. Seeing beggars with no hope, she resigned from her teaching position and, with the help of friends and the Israeli government, she located and renovated an abandoned building in Musrara, the poorest neighborhood in Jerusalem, and founded a workshop and centre for Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Beginning with bookbinding for the city schools, the program grew and workshops opened, producing jewelry, weaving, knitting, and doing metalwork, ceramics, picture framing and other crafts.

The workers are paid a small sum for their crafts, which are sold to raise funds for the workers themselves and for other social services. Mendilow died in 1989.

Today, Ein-Mor said, there are 10 workshops, eight handicraft workshops and two box-making and book binding facilities. As well, there is a thrift shop, a dental clinic, carpentry shop, medical facility, shoemaker and other counselling and support services.

Of the more than 250 current participants in Lifeline, she said, one-half are newcomers from the former Soviet Union.

"We have a great mix and integration of veteran Israelis and olim," Ein-Mor said, "and we now have an ulpan run by volunteers." Many of the programs are intergenerational.

At Lifeline, all participants are part of a team. Many people who work at Lifeline say they have been revitalized. "It has given them something to live for and to look forward to each day," she said.

Ein-Mor told *The CJN*, "Lifeline has many facets — we not only extend our services to 250 needy and disabled Jerusalemites, but parallel and more importantly we act as an educating agent in our society for the sake of changing attitudes towards the elderly."

She cited as an example Lifeline's practice of hosting visits from people who "interact with the elderly workers to expose the [visitors] to the ongoing atmosphere — a tangible feeling of independence, self-respect and dignity that is prevalent" among those in the program.

Beth David's spiritual leader, Rabbi Philip Scheim, a longtime supporter of Lifeline, has spearheaded the Canadian group.

At the board meeting, held at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, Harold Cohen was elected president.

CJF plans campus service

TORONTO — Jewish Canadians were asked to come up with the "ultimate" national campus service at a recent conference organized by the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) campus service committee.

The Oct. 28-30 conference, held in King City north of Toronto, was attended by 50 students and community leaders from across the country.

Participants came from Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Windsor, Ottawa, Hamilton, Montreal and Halifax.

Students Doron Goldstein, Michael Heitner, Charlotte Kaiser, Michael Rackover and Evan Savelson said they felt that limited funds, lack of communication between campuses and an image problem suffered by Jewish student organizations prevented the development of a national Jewish student service.

Consensus was reached on a regional system in which Vancouver, Torono and Montreal would act as program centres. Student input was prioritized, and cost-sharing agreed upon.

The proposals will be put before the CJF in June, and organizers hope the system will be in place by fall 1995.

CJC meets with Marchi

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewry is tired of the "bureaucratic runaround" it has experienced in its desire to see Nazi war criminals brought to justice, Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi was told recently.

For the past 15 years, the Department of Justice has been the source of the runaround, but now that cases have been transferred to Immigration, the Jewish community expects legal action to commence in the near future, said Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Congress spokesmen, along with representatives of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, met with Marchi last week in Toronto. The meeting was requested by Congress to discuss a variety of issues, including Nazi war criminals, hate promotion and immigration matters.

Abella told the minister Congress was aware that at least eight files had been transferred to him from the Justice Department's war crimes unit. That put the pressure squarely on Immigration's shoulders.

In the seven years it has existed, the war crimes unit enjoyed only one success, when it stripped Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens of his citizenship and deported him to his native Holland, where he was jailed. Congress and other Jewish lobbyists have been urging the unit to transfer its focus from criminal charges to denaturalization procedures to bring war criminals to justice.

In other matters, Congress pointed to the arrival in recent months of American white supremacist rock groups who perform in Canada. These groups should be stopped at the border, Congress said.

Marchi replied that due to budget cuts, the Immigration Department does not have the people available to monitor the bands and keep them from entering Canada, Abella said.

Congress also raised the issue of the high rate of acceptance of Jewish refugee claimants from Israel (see story page 40), as well as the discrepancy in acceptance rates between the IRB's Toronto and Montreal offices. That discrepancy undermines the credibility of the tribunal, Abella said.

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From coast to coast

Pulver participates in hockey talks

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Ian Pulver

TORONTO — Back when there was still hope the National Hockey League season would start on time, Ian Pulver was racking up more air miles than a member of the Vancouver Canucks.

Fly in to Calgary on Sunday, down to Anaheim and L.A. on Monday, up to Vancouver on Tuesday, over to Calgary on Wednesday, south to Las Vegas on Thursday and then board the red eye for the long flight back to Toronto.

For one month of pre-season hockey in September, Pulver flew from city to city to brief the members of the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) about the issues separating the players and owners.

As associate counsel of the NHLPA, Pulver has been deeply immersed in the meetings, briefings and negotiations that have served as a poor substitute to on-ice action for the hockey-starved fan.

Along with NHLPA executive-director Bob Goodenow and several U.S.-based lawyers who serve as outside counsel, he has sat across the negotiating table from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and the owners' bargaining team.

Much of his time is spent "involved in collective bargaining negotiations, as well as interacting with the players. I'm constantly on the phone with the players, educating them on a daily basis.

"So long as the players are educated, they understand the process and strategy behind the negotiating process and the reasons why there is not a deal done. [Then] they are better able to handle being locked out by the owners."

Negotiations have been tough and Bettman has taken a hard line with the players, Pulver said. But he discounts suggestions that Bettman has been the target of thinly-veiled anti-Semitism.

"I think the tack he's taken by attacking the players, by denying them their [collective] rights (to travel expenses, etc.) is unacceptable." But as to the critique of Bettman, "I don't think it's racist."

At only 29, Pulver has spent his past four years at the NHLPA virtually living a dream. "Growing up in my family, sports, specifically hockey, was an area that was heavily emphasized," he said.

His father, Dr. Frank Pulver, is a longstanding season-ticket holder at the Gardens and Ian recalls spending almost every Saturday and Wednesday watching the Leafs.

His own hockey career is typically Canadian. He skated in the Metro Toronto Hockey League and in the Forest Hill House League. He played intramural hockey while studying law at the University of British Columbia.

While at UBC, Pulver enrolled in a sports law course on labor law, contract law and salary arbitration. He wrote a paper on the NHL and the legal issues facing it. One of those he sent the paper to was Goodenow, at that time the newly-appointed head of the NHLPA. He met Goodenow at the 1990 entry draft in Vancouver and the rest, as they say, is history.

Despite the long hours and the draining travel schedule, Pulver is more than happy with his lot. "To me, if I couldn't play in the NHL, I have the next best job I could ever want, interacting with the players and dealing with the issues that come across my desk on a daily basis."

Orthodox novelist tells a tale

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Bestselling Orthodox novelist Naomi Ragen paraphrased the words of economist John Kenneth Galbraith to tell a Toronto audience recently that "the reason I write is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

Speaking at the Jewish Book Fair, the three-time novelist defended herself against criticism that she was maligning the Orthodox community and washing its dirty laundry in public.

"If you read all my books, you'll see they are a complete picture and they are completely balanced," said the Brooklyn-born Ragen, who moved to Israel 28 years ago.

Ragen's latest book, *The Sacrifice of Tamar*, chronicles the events that befall an Orthodox woman in Israel who gives birth to a black baby. Accused of adultery, the woman maintains her innocence. Eventually, the baby's grandmother admits she was raped 25 years earlier in Brooklyn.

Like the earlier *Jephte's Daughter* and *Sotah*, Ragen's newest literary creation portrays ultra-Orthodox Jewish characters without halos or pedestals. The events in her books are based on actual occurrences, she said. "It's all fact, none of it is fiction."

Ragen read from a letter from a Jewish reader saying that anyone who read her books "would have to conclude that the frum world is sick and degenerate." Then she read part of a letter from a gentile reader, thanking her for illuminating "so many positive things" within Jewish culture for her.

"I've been asked by Orthodox rabbis on this publicity tour to address their congregations," Ragen told *The CJN*. "One rabbi said, 'This woman has tremendous courage — we thank her for bringing these things to light.' "

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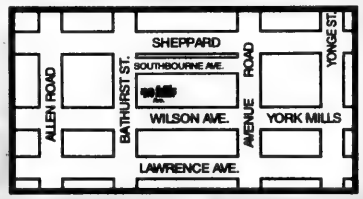

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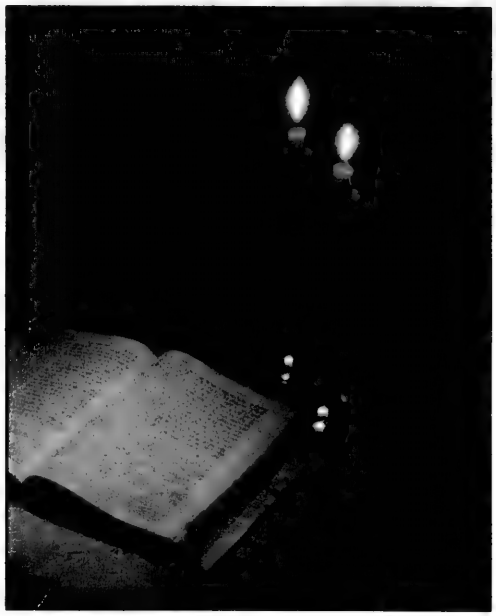

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This award-winning portrait of the Sabbath, titled *Keeping Tradition*, was taken by Halifax photographer Jonathan Amiel Mendleson, 22. Mendleson, currently studying photography at Nova Scotia Community College, spent nine hours perfecting the shot "after I woke up one morning with a vision." That vision, explained the 1990 March of the Living participant, is "one part of my Jewish activism;" Mendelson is also president of his local Jewish students' group. *Keeping Tradition* was judged amongst the best entries in a recent student photography contest sponsored by *Photo Life* magazine and Kodak Canada.

Assimilation helped Italian Jews survive

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Most of the Italian Jewish community — approximately 38,000 out of 45,000 — survived the Holocaust because Italy did not have a strong anti-Semitic tradition, an expert in modern Italian history told an audience during the recent Holocaust Education Week.

About 150 people turned up at the Columbus Centre for Susan Zuccotti's lecture on Italians and the Holocaust.

Zuccotti, a history professor from Columbia University, wrote a 1987 book on the subject, *The Italians and the Holocaust*. Her latest book, *The Holocaust, the French, and the Jews*, came out last year.

Zuccotti said the high level of assimilation of Italian Jews into greater Italian society helped them survive. They knew the language, had friends and so could hide or pass themselves off as Italians. She also said because the Italians hated the Germans, few Italians betrayed those Jews in hiding and many went out of their way to protect them.

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CCCJ DINNER

The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews recently held its 47th annual Human Relations Award Dinner. Council president Ned Goodman (left) joined this year's honorees, (l-r): Lawrence Bloomberg, Chairman and President of First Marathon Securities Ltd.; Rita Shelton Deverell, representing Vision TV; Fraser Fell, chairman and CEO, Gentra Inc.; and Daniel Sullivan, deputy chairman, ScotiaMcLeod. [Ron Csillag photo]

Atlantic leaders visit Israel

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Ivan Levine had never been to Israel. But on his return from a United Way Appeal mission in October, the Fredericton businessman termed his trip "the most profound experience with travel and learning I have ever had in my life."

Levine was a member of a 16-person group of Atlantic Canadian Jewish community leaders on a trip planned "to have people see for themselves what Israel is doing and return home with a renewed commitment," said Victor Goldberg, Halifax UIA chair.

"You could see the pride of our people when they were there and this will help in rebuilding our own communities."

Levine, chair and past-president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, said he found things in Israel for which he was totally unprepared. "It is now up to us to explain to others the message, the feelings, the sensations of what is happening, where Israel has come from and where it is going and what is needed from the people of the Diaspora."

At a UIA luncheon held as part of the biennial AJC conference, two members of the mission were presented Lion of Judah pins for their donations.

Barbara Newman established the Barbara and Norman Newman Scholarship Fund in the Upper Galilee.

"This was my first trip to Israel," Newman told the luncheon guests, "and it was outstanding in every respect. I learned about the country and I learned about myself. I am pleased to give the scholarship in my late husband's name."

Madame Justice Constance Glube, chief justice of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, established a home environment centre in Or Yehuda, a community supported by Atlantic Canadians.

Lois Levine, who accompanied her husband, Ivan, on the mission, said, "Before we went, we were committed to Israel. At the end of the mission, we shared our experiences in a debriefing and were asked to share our experiences with those at home. Now there is a passion to tell the story."

While the mission was in Israel, there was a hostage-taking, the Tel Aviv bus bombing "only a few hours after we were in that area," said Ivan Levine, and the ongoing peace discussions.

Dealing with Gaucher disease

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Next to 'I do,' the two words which have most affected Judy Jacob's life are Gaucher disease.

Jacob's husband, Mark Freedman, was diagnosed with the inherited genetic disorder 15 years ago. Since then the couple have founded the National Gaucher Foundation of Canada, a charitable foundation, and are lobbying for funding of a treatment drug.

At a recent Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting, Jacobs explained that Gaucher hinders the body's ability to produce the enzyme needed to break down certain fat substances in the body's cells. Without the enzyme, these fat-laden cells collect the spleen, liver, heart and lungs and impede normal functioning. Symptoms include anemia, bruising, fatigue, nosebleeds and weakened and brittle bones which cause pain and fractures.

Gaucher is most common in Jews of Eastern European descent, but Jacobs said she becomes concerned when a disease is labelled as part of a particular ethnic group. "I know of non-Jewish parents who have two children with Gaucher disease and they later found out that the grandparents were of Jewish background.

"We get into a closed box when we think of a disease as being Jewish. We may not pass religion onto our children but we definitely pass our genes and there is a large gene pool out there."

She told the group of a project she named Matchmaker-Matchbreaker, spearheaded by a New York chassidic rabbi to prevent Jewish genetic diseases like Tay Sachs from being passed on. Data screened from 17-year-old girls and 18-year-old boys is put into a computer, "and when a couple gets together, each person can call a hotline, reveal a confidential number and the computer will tell them if a match is [genetically] compatible."

Until recently, people with Gaucher disease had few treatment options. A drug, Ceredase, has been developed to replace the deficient enzyme. Patients can receive funding for the drug under government health plans if they meet certain criteria.

Gaucher disease is one of the first genetic diseases to be successfully treated with enzyme replacement therapy.

Jacobs said the 3-year-old National Gaucher Foundation of Canada was founded to educate the medical community and the public about Gaucher disease, raise funds to develop a cure and reach out to Gaucher patients and their families.

Jacobs said she knows of 29 people in Canada with the disease, "but that number is not representative of all cases. Not everyone wants to come forward."

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Mark Blank (left) and Jack Ohayon at the Caledon Hills Leisure Village.

Reena Leisure Retreat reopens for disabled

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Two recent York University graduates are the dynamic duo behind Caledon Hills Leisure Village, operators of the newly reopened Reena Leisure Retreat and Conference Centre at Caledon Hills, Ont.

Mark Blank, 22, and Jack Ohayon, 23, worked with the Reena Foundation to reopen the centre, located 65 km north of Toronto.

"Caledon Hills provides a hassle-free weekday or weekend retreat," Blank said.

Sol Fleising, financial administrator for the Reena Foundation, said the foundation will derive rental income from the centre.

Reena is a non-profit agency providing services for the handicapped. The Caledon Hills centre will be available to the handicapped community, Fleising said.

For now, youth groups, synagogues, schools, clubs, corporations, bar and bat mitzvah parties and private rentals have been using the facility. It can accomodate between 25 and 150 people.

The Reena Foundation has added two new conference rooms to the facility, painted and heated the winterized cabins and hired an on-site, full-time maintenance man.

Built on a man-made lake, the Leisure Centre offers indoor and outdoor activities like baseball, football, a gymnasium, billiards and ping pong tables, nature trails, an amphitheatre and board games.

"We realize the need for people of all ages to experience a weekday or weekend escape from the hectic and stressed city," Blank said. "We also realize the need to keep a group entertained throughout their stay."

Both Blank and Ohayon have worked at Camp Reena. Ohayon also operates a 5-year-old catering company under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Events like murder mystery nights, bingo or a disc jockey can be planned for the retreat on request.

Cabins are equipped with washrooms, showers and a covered patio. The kosher kitchen prepares all the baked goods and there is a wide choice of menu options, including vegetarian. The facility also offers a 24-hour beverage table and a daily snack.

Fleising said Reena clients will use the camping facilities over the summer. "We are very pleased with the job Mark and Jack are doing and we intend to use their catering facilities in the city as well as at Caledon Hills."

Kollel Esh Dat marks 21st birthday

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Colorful purple and red balloons, streamers and stars, and a huge blue and white cake combined with an enthusiastic crowd of some 300 at Beth Jacob Synagogue recently to mark the 21st birthday celebration of Kollel Esh Dat.

Kollel Esh Dat is an institute of higher Torah learning in Tel Aviv. Students and staff are also involved in publishing the works of its founder, the Ozerover Rav, Rabbi Moshe Yechiel HaLevi Epstein.

Guest speaker Rabbi Moshe Stern, spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and president of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto, praised the Kollel supporters, many of whom are Holocaust survivors, for rebuilding the Torah world out of the ashes of the Holocaust.

Rabbi Stern sounded a warning about the decline in moral standards in North American society, referring especially to the increasing acceptance of abortion and euthanasia.

In 1933, he said, Germany passed a law against cruelty to animals. A few days after Kristallnacht, firemen were forbidden to go to the aid of a Jewish home on fire.

"When there is no fear of G-d, no understanding of ultimate moral truths, Jewish homes will burn," he warned. "Laws don't mean anything."

The rabbi, known for his right-wing political views about Israel, concluded by calling for peace in Israel — "a true peace, built not by carving up the country, but within proper borders."

The 21 candles on the cake were lit by former dinner honorees.

Most of the Orthodox rabbinate were at the dinner.

York Centre Liberals to vote

RICHMOND HILL — The York Centre Provincial Liberal Association is assuring observant Jews that they will be able to vote for a candidate to replace retiring MPP Greg Sorbara, despite the fact that voting takes place on a Saturday.

Voting by preferential ballot — which eliminates the need for more than one ballot — takes place Dec. 10 at Richmond Green, 1300 Elgin Mills Rd., Richmond Hill, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Sabbath ends at roughly 5:30 that day, leaving 1½ hours for shomer Shabbat Jews to cast votes.

Sorbara, long a visible presence on the Jewish scene, announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election in the next provincial election.

In the running to replace him are Steve Budaci, Sorbara's former executive assistant; Mario Ferri, the executive director of a Scarborough community centre and an activist in the anti-dump group Vaughan Cares; Aldo Tollis, a Woodbridge lawyer; and City of Vaughan councillor Mario Racco.

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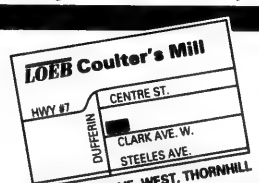

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Dec. 1, is deadline for Dec. 15 issue and Thursday, Dec. 8 is deadline for Dec. 22 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Dec. 1

YEAR END TAX PLANNING

The Young Professionals Network of United Jewish Appeal invites you to a seminar geared to young professionals on Year End Tax Planning — Tips for Reducing Your 1994 Income Tax Bill with **Joy Shuchat** and **James Adessky** of Soberman Isenbaum and Colomby, 6:45 p.m., Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. RSVP to **Iris Lazarus** 635-2883, ext. 177.

THE MAGIC DREIDEL

The Magic Dreidel: A Chanukah Fairytale is a program for ages 3-10 at Bathurst Clark Library at 7 p.m. Malka the puppet discovers Chanukah is a time of miracles. Admission $1. Pre-register (905) 709-1103.

Friday, Dec. 2

SINGLES ONEG SHABBAT

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, is hosting the Floating Singles, 8 p.m., for an Oneg Shabbat led by **Rabbi Martin Berman**. (905) 889-4975.

Saturday, Dec. 3

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Chai Shalom is holding a Chanukah celebration and dance 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Cost $10. Only Chai Shalom members can attend function (yearly membership fee $10). For information, **Molly Dykopf** 633-1560 or **Marlene White**, evenings, (905) 731-2515. For tickets **Gail Roodyn** 635-1056.

YUK YUK'S AT SHAAR SHALOM

Yuk Yuk's is coming to Shaar Shalom. Enjoy an evening of laughs, fun, light refreshments, lots of door prizes, beginning 8 p.m. Tickets $18 in advance, $20 at door. For tickets, shul office (905) 889-4975 or **Penny** (905) 9444.

Sunday, Dec. 4

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

The ground breaking ceremony for the new Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre in Thornhill (south side of Clark Ave., west of Bathurst, opposite new reference library) is 12:30 p.m., followed by a gala procession dedicating the new Helen and Joe Berman Sefer Torah and a reception and Chanukah party at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Leon the Pig Farmer* (Britain 1993) about a nice Jewish boy who discovers he is a product of artificial insemination and his real father is a Yorkshire pig farmer; 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall. Single tickets on sale 15 minutes before showtime. Membership $40 covers all eight screenings. **Bill Emery** 924-6211.

CHANUKAH AT CUMMER LODGE

The residents of Cummer Lodge are looking forward to the annual Chanukah celebration 1:30 p.m. The Mitzvah Volunteers will serve latkes and other refreshments and are providing entertainment by **Ahuva** who sings in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

ROSH CHODESH SERIES

Beth Tikvah celebrates the tradition of Rosh Chodesh and its special significance for women with a series of discussions sponsored through the Adult Education Program. Series features **Rabbi Adina Lewittes-Tannenbaum**, advisor to students in the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary where she was ordained in 1993, at 10:30 a.m. in the board room (continental breakfast). Everyone welcome.

CHANUKAH AT THE MINSK

Enjoy the Festival of Lights along with refreshments and latkes, the music of **Ronnie Wiseman**, the king of Jewish reggae, and **Josh Benchitrit** at the annual Chanukah party 7 p.m. at Anshei Minsk Congregation, 10 St. Andrew St. (Kensington Market)Members $7.50, not-yet members $10, children free. 595-5723.

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JEWISH STORYTELLING

Everyone is welcome to tell or listen to Jewish stories at the Jewish Storytelling for adults, 7:45 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). Pay what you can donation at the door. 440-1330.

Monday, Dec. 5

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

The Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish diabetes chapter meeting focuses on Diabetes — Preventing Heart Disease with Dr. Anne Kenshole, medical director, Tri-Hospital Diabetes Education Centre, 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Everyone welcome. Admission CDA members $1, non-members $2. **Esther Schwartz** 787-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** 225-1989.

ADULT EDUCATION NIGHT

Adath Israel adult education committee presents Helping Your Child Choose a Jewish Sex Ethic, a panel discussion with **Rabbi Marvin Pachino**, headmaster, CHAT; **Mac Bury**, coordinator, Physical and Health Education, North York Board of Education; **Alan Bardikoff**, psychologist; and moderator **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, senior rabbi, Adath Israel. Time is 8 p.m. Parents and teenagers welcome. 635-5340.

CHANUKAH PROGRAM

To mark the festival of Chanukah, New Fraternal Jewish Association features the popular Chutzpa Group with vocalist **Alan Merovitz** and accordionist **Alex Luminski** in a program of Chanukah and klezmer music, 8 p.m., 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre). Admission $5. Public is invited.

ALL MY CHILDREN

Dr. Alex Pister discusses the joys and challenges of raising children from a Jewish father's perspective, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303. Admission free.

BE A MENTSH!

Be a Mentsh! Obligations of Interpersonal Relationships will be discussed by **Yisroel Idels**, 8 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St. 785-5899.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

SELECTIONS FROM MAIMONIDES

The series, Classical Selections from Maimonides, by **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** of Kehillat Shaarei Torah continues with Shabbat: Honor and Enjoyment, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave.

FIRST WORDS

First Words offers readings and discussions of plays of Jewish content in development. A Holocaust-related drama by **Endre Klein** entitled *Crime or Justice* is being presented 7:30 p.m., Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. The author will be present. 924-6211.

HALACHAH SEMINAR SERIES

Rabbi Moshe Stern continues the Halachah Seminar Series with The Use of Electricity on Shabbat and Yom Tov, Part 1, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is running a gigantic rummage sale of used clothing and household items in good condition at bargain prices, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Parking at rear. Free coffee.

Thursday, Dec. 8

ISRAELI REFUGEES

In conjunction with International Human Rights Day, the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation presents **Eli Yerushalmi**, counsellor, Embassy of Israel, whose topic is Israeli Refugees: Fact or Fiction, and an Update on the Israeli/Arab Peace Process, noon, Park Plaza Hotel. RSVP to **Flavia Fernandes**, 594-1612. Attendance by confirmed reservation only.

FIRST PRIZE

Narelle Sitzer, director of Network Relations, presents first prize in the Nishma Thirst for Knowledge Lottery to Zvi (Harry) Golish. Nishma is an international Torah study network which offers an array of learning options enabling intellectual pursuit of Torah in focus with the individual. For information, call the Nishma Toronto Centre, 630-0588.

SUPPORT FOR CANCER PATIENTS

The sixth annual Festival of Lights in support of cancer patients at North York General Hospital is at 7 p.m. with **Mayor Mel Lastman**, assisted by North York firefighters leading the lighting ceremony on the hospital's front lawn. Each light represents a donation for the Chemotherapy Clinic. The celebration continues in the hospital's cafeteria where interfaith leaders will share their traditions for the holiday season. To make a donation, 756-6737.

And What Else Is New...

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Musica Beth Tikvah's sixth season commences Sunday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue with flutist **Susan Hoeppner** and pianist **Lydia Wong**, in a program of music by **Mendelssohn, Milhaud, Block, Copland** and **Glick**. The second portion of the program features the Me'irim Dancers whose artistic director is **Shula Saltzman**. They will perform the world premiere of a new dance choreographed by Saltzman to **Aaron Copland's** duo for flute and piano. Also at a pre-concert program at 7:30 p.m., Saltzman and Hoepner will discuss the problems of setting music to dance, and specific problems of creating the new ballet. For ticket information, 221-3433.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Dec. 10 at noon, following services, **Gershon Bacon**, professor, Bar-Ilan University, and fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, will speak on A Traveller Disguised: The Birth of Modern Yiddish Literature. Prepaid reservations by Tuesday, Dec. 6, 781-3511.

KOSHER FOOD BANK

Pride of Israel Synagogue has a kosher food bank, including Chai kosher chickens for those in need. Call the shul Monday-Thursday, 226-0111.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Upcoming events at Solel, Mississauga — Friday, Dec. 9, the kindergarten class is holding a Shabbat dinner before services. Topic for discussion after services is The Reform Summer Camp Experience. Saturday, Dec. 10, the Kitah Vav (Grade 9) class will lead services. Regular services are Tuesdays at 7 a.m.; Fridays, Dec. 2 (Chanukah) and Dec. 23 at 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays Dec. 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10 a.m. Family services are Fridays, Dec. 16 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 (Chanukah) at 10 a.m. (905) 820-5915.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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MONTHLY FUND IS 20

The Monthly Fund is 20! Established in 1975, its sole purpose is to help Israel's poor. Money is raised through a letter campaign several times a year and forwarded every month. The amount is doubled before Rosh Hashanah and Pesach and other holidays if possible. Also, a favorite project is kallah pechlach (parcels for brides) which include blankets, pillowcases, tablecloths and towels. Donations to the Monthly Fund are tax deductible. The address is 465 Coldstream Ave., Toronto, M5N 1Y6.

YIDDISH CLASSES — WINTER TERM

Yiddish classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced students begin again in January. For information and preregistration, call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

North York conversation classes — Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Yiddish 1, starts Jan. 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Yiddish 2 and 3, starts Jan. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Yiddish 1, starts Jan. 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Bialik Hebrew Day School, Yiddish 1, starts Jan. 9, 8-10 p.m.; Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Yiddish 1, 2 and 3, starts Jan. 8, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Summit Heights E.S., Yiddish 1, starts Jan. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (registration fee $49, seniors $5).

Toronto Conversation classes — Bloor JCC, Yiddish 1 and 2, starts Jan. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (members $50, non-members $65); Jarvis Collegiate, Yiddish 1, starts Jan. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. ($50, seniors free); Bathurst St. Clair Yiddish 1, starts Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m. (call Sylvia for details).

Thornhill conversation classes — Yiddish for Youth ongoing class (call Sylvia).

COMING OUT JEWISH

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students holds a weekly peer support group meeting on York University campus, every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., Room 2000, Vari Hall, facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. All teens to 20s are welcome. For information, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

One Marriage — Two Religions, a six-week series beginning in January for engaged or recently married couples, discusses the impact of interfaith backgrounds on your relationship and relationships with your families. How does this affect raising children, celebrating holidays and belonging to a community? **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

FOCUS GROUPS

Skylight Theatre, a theatre company presenting outdoor family theatre, will conduct focus groups on the use and programming of the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5 and 6, 7-10 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. Everyone welcome. 536-3127.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Joyce Tradburks begins a new semester of Kid's Kehilla Time, a preschool program for 3 to 4-year-olds, Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m., starting Jan. 11 to the end of March. Program features Jewish stories, songs, dramatic play and arts and crafts on Jewish themes and holidays. Registration is $36 at the first session. 229-2600.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Toronto ORT and the McGill Club will present the 1995 Women of Achievement lecture series. The series, beginning in January and ending in June, will be held monthly at the McGill Club and will feature six distinguished women, **Prof. Elaine Newton, Marilyn Lighstone, Ruth Getter, Anne Golden, Joanne Yolles** and **Shira Herzog**. For registration and information, **Judy** at Toronto ORT, 787-0297.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Groups — For Women Only (begins in February); Taking Care of Aging Parents (begins Jan. 30); Positive Parenting (begins January). **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Jewish Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Jan. 16-April 24, 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Jan. 17-April 25, 7:30-9 p.m. The promise is that beginners will speak, read, write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Beginners' course instructor is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Teaching staff also includes **Dina Eylon, Ivetta Iskovan** and **Yael Milman**. Free introductory lessons for beginners. 787-0197.

at the JCC/BJC

Celebrate Chanukah at the Bloor JCC Family Chanukah Party Sunday, Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with **Lenka Lichtenberg** in concert and Israeli dancing for all ages with **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Admission free. 924-6211.

Join in the Good Age Club party at the Bloor JCC, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. for entertainment, latkes, sing songs and celebrate the Festival of Lights. Admission free.

Sundays at Bloor presents Books and Bagels with **Howard Engel**, author of the popular Benny Cooperman mysteries, Sunday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m., Bloor JCC. Members $5, non-members $7. 924-6211.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club has a few bookings left for the Miami trip. To register, **Libby**, 782-2059. Tickets available at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for Chanukah dance and party Saturday, Dec. 3. Cultural Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing meets Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Also, a Chanukah party with live music, Israeli food and lots of fun is planned Saturday, Dec. 3, members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Group events — Saturday dance, Dec. 3, 7-10 p.m., members free, non-members $1; Sunday dance with band, Dec. 11, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $4, non-members $5; movie, *Meet Me In St. Louis*, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.; bingo, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.; New Year's eve dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m., members $30, non-members $35. The Windsor casino trip and the theatre outing to see *Crazy For You* have both been cancelled. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's Chanukah luncheon is Monday, Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m. with entertainment by **Lenke Lichtenberg**. Information regarding future programs will be forthcoming shortly. North York Board of Education programs include exercise 9:45 a.m., yoga 11 a.m. Tuesdays; line dancing 10 a.m. Wednesdays. For information on all activities, **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations got to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., Health Matters series concludes with Vision and Aging, Thursday, Dec. 8, 1-2 p.m. 784-0920.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

The ways and means committee presents A Fall Into Winter Fashion Show, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tickets $3 at Information Desk. **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Motherland — Tales of Wonder, a documentary spanning two generations, Thursday, Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m.

Friendship Circle, for people 55 plus and on their own, celebrates Chanukah with a party including refreshments and entertainment, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. Cost $3.

Lifelong Learning Institute features Estate Planning with **Barry D. Edwards** of Investors Group Financial Services Monday, Dec. 5, 1 p.m.

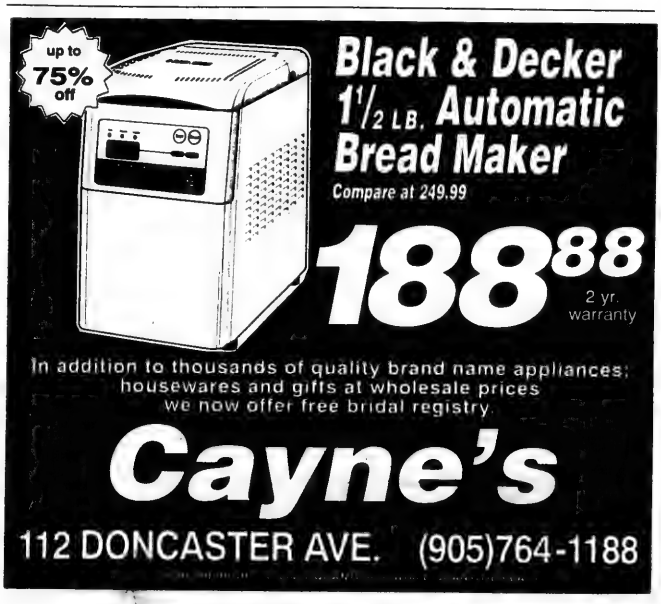
The movie, *I'll Do Anthing* will be screened Sunday, Dec. 4, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Dec. 4, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, concerts, dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

ASI LUNCHEON

Pictured above at a recent luncheon given by Toronto branch of the Association for Soldiers of Israel (ASI), honoring organizations and special individuals for their continued support, are (from left) Max Moneta, chair of organizations ASI; Fay Simmons; Izzie Simmons, past president of the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, presenting his personal contribution for the soldiers of Zahal. [Graphic Artists photo]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Sam Faivish of Toronto (centre) joined (from left) Antony Barczak, 77, Teresa Brabowska and Bronislaw Lasota, 82, for the awarding of Righteous Among the Nations status on the Polish Christians, and posthumously, on three deceased members of the family. Confering the honor in Warsaw was Israel's ambassador to Poland, Gershon Zohar.

Toronto Jew returns to Poland to reunite with Christian 'angels'

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sam Faivish's long journey has come full circle.

Recently, Faivish, a Downsview, Ont. resident, returned to his native Poland to witness the closing chapter of his wartime experiences: the awarding of Righteous Among the Nations status to members of the Christian family who rescued him from death.

The Barczak family received the honor accorded to just 10,000 other righteous Gentiles around the world, for having hidden Faivish and two other young men in their barn in the Polish countryside.

The award is bestowed by Yad Vashem after years of evidence gathering, and was awarded by Israel's ambassador to Poland, Gershon Zohar.

"What can I say?" asked Faivish, now 83 and retired from a variety of business ventures. "They were angels sent from Heaven."

Faivish lived in the Jewish ghetto of Belchatow, in the wartime Polish Protectorate. In 1944, the Nazis shipped him to a work camp in Pietrokov, from which he and two friends — brothers Meyer and Yechezkiel Brightburg — escaped.

The three ran from barn to barn, begging for refuge but found none until they arrived at the Barczaks, who hid them for six months until liberation by Russian troops in February 1945.

Despite the meagre war rations of the day, the Christian family of four brothers, a sister and a niece shared food and clothing with the three escapees and braved the dangers of sheltering Jews in a region crawling with Nazi soldiers.

Following the war, Faivish returned to Belchatow, only to discover he was the only member of his family of seven siblings and parents to have survived the war.

He married in 1948. A daughter was born in the Bergen-Belsen transit camp. In 1952, the Faivishes came to Canada and lost contact with their Polish saviors until their son Jerry found them in 1970, while he was backpacking through Europe.

Sam Faivish began sending the Barczaks money, and six years ago he went to Poland to reconnect. Then he began the long process of having the family recognized as Righteous, something that requires final approval from an Israeli judge.

Over the summer, Faivish flew to the Czech Republic and drove 11 hours to Warsaw to witness the presentation.

Today, he has eight grandchildren, he proudly notes — a testament to the courage of one family.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Committee, 35 Plus (Bathurst and Wilson) presents a Sunday Brunch December 11th, 1994- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Roy Green, Professional speaker, motivator and trainer in the field of quality and excellence. **Topic:** "The People Secret" to getting things done! An entertaining and unusual look at the people-aspects that are so essential for motivation and achievement, yet which often get overlooked in our day-to-day life. (Roy has also hinted at a little musical surprise!) **Cost $8.00** Prepaid reservations **only** by Thursday, December 8th. VISA card accepted 635-5340 **If** you wish to serve on our singles committee, contact Rabbi Sheldon Kom 635-5340

*****NEW YEAR'S EVE*****
Mark & Ari invite you **New Year's Eve at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel** Saturday Dec. 31, 1994. Complimentary champagne, party favours, D.J. Dance Music, prizes & surprises! Sit-down dinner & dance (4 course meal) $69.00 Dance only $25.00. Advance (at door $29.00) Special room rates available! Advance tickets call Ticketmaster 416-870-8000. Ari Huber & Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419. **This is a Mark & Ari Semi-Formal affair.**

***Games Jewish Singles Play.** Saturday Dec. 10th, 7:30 p.m. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook. Ages 26-40, 41-69. ***Bridge,** Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Rummycube, etc. **Early Bird Bingo.** 7:30-8p.m. Prizes. Refreshments. $5. **43 couples have already met! Free: Introductions and Shidduchim. "I am for Jewish Continuity"!** Mollie 733-3634

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*****The Matzo Ball*****
T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse--------NOT! **Mark and Ari's Matzo Ball is here.** The No. 1 holiday party returns Saturday December 24, 1994. 8:00 p.m. to Whiskey Saigon., 250 Richmond St.West (at Duncan). Pool Tables, D.J. Dance Music, Door Prizes and Surprises. Admission $12.00, at door $15.00. Advance ticket holders do not wait in line. Call Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin hotline 416-733-1419

FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES (Ages 40-65) ONEG SHABBAT, **Friday Dec. 2, 1994,** 8:00 p.m. SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE, Don Mills Rd. & Steeles Ave. Refreshments following services. Call 416-225-8745

New Image 50+ Singles is having a **"Chanukah Party with Latkes"** on Sunday Dec. 4th at Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Tapes by Murray Jacobs. Members $4, guests $5. Membership still open. Come and enjoy, bring a friend.

Regal Fliegel is presenting its first Singles NTN Trivia Night. Win prizes and have lots of fun. 1118 Center St. Thornhill (905)886-8366.Call Shelli to book your space now. Fri Dec. 9 1994 and Saturday Dec. 24, 1994. Space is limited.

VIEWPOINTS meets **Tues. Dec. 13.** Beth Tzedec. Speaker: **Sam Joseph,V.P. McDonald's Restaurants, "What Makes McDonald's Tick?"** 8:00. Refreshments. $5.00. Call 781-9245

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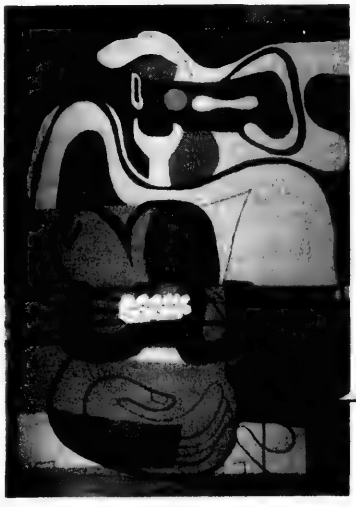

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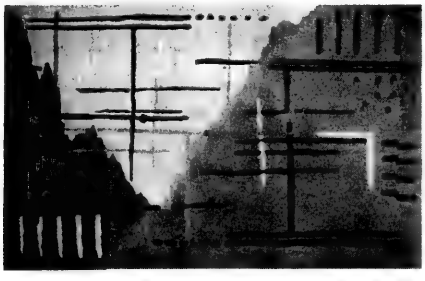

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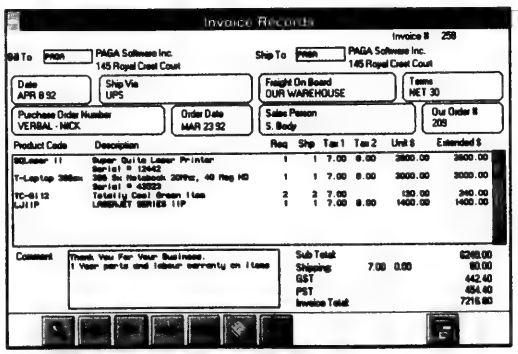

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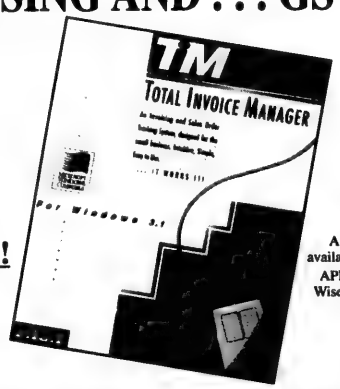

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EHUD SAVION

Israel Aliyah Centre

'The business of helping people make aliyah'

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What do four rabbis, one drug rehabilitation specialist and a family practice doctor have in common?

They've all made aliyah with their families.

These six join the 380 Canadian families who made aliyah this year.

Ehud Savion, regional director of the Israel Aliyah Center in Toronto, says his business — the business of helping people make aliyah — has increased 60 per cent in the last two years.

In Canada's post-recessionary times, few establishments can claim such a success rate. "There are three main reasons [why people make aliyah]," Savion said, during a recent interview in his unassuming office on Bathurst Street.

"First, there is the ideological point of view. Here, we are talking about more religious Jews — traditional and Orthodox. This group makes up about 40 per cent of the total aliyah figure."

The second motivator is societal. Of the 212 people who made aliyah from Toronto, 30 to 40 were students. Savion said younger people crave the fast-paced lifestyle and the warmth of the country. "The night life [in Tel Aviv] is 24 hours."

Savion attributes the sluggish albeit recovering Canadian economy as the third motivator that has helped families decide to make aliyah. "There is big growth in the economy in Israel," he said.

Big growth may in fact be minimizing the continuing 'economic spurt' in Israel.

Israel's unemployment rate dropped from 12 per cent in 1993 to under 8 per cent this year. Foreign investments are on the rise, and exports have increased.

All these factors translate into a five per cent growth rate since 1989.

A report, published this September, by Israel's Bank Leumi, predicts the growth trend of Israel's GDP will continue at a robust rate of 5 per cent per annum.

The time is right and the Israeli economy is ripe for those considering aliyah to delve further.

The Israeli Ministry of Immigration & Absorption states that between 1989 to 1994, over 600,000 Jews were absorbed.

So what makes a successful aliyah?

According to Savion, a good job that is challenging and well-liked, housing, a high level of education, and social integration.

The centre provides several packages to help Canadian Jews ease into their new life.

There is also the job development program, financed through UIA Canada and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which helps immigrants find employment prior to arriving in Israel. This program operates with an 85 per cent success rate, according to the centre. [See page 36 for further information about the program.]

Funds for olim are available as loans or grants to pay for airline tickets. Household items are allowed into the country duty-free.

Once in Israel, the government provides six months of free Hebrew schooling and a learning allowance on which to live. Families have five years of rent subsidies and a competitive mortgage — 1/4 of the mortgage is a gift if the family resided in Israel for at least 15 years.

Olim are automatically qualified for unemployment insurance and all benefit from the 3½ years of reduced income tax payments.

A generous incentive program to say the least.

That North American immigrants have the right to retain their foreign currency accounts for 30 years, that students are granted three years free university tuition and olim can purchase a tax-free vehicle — perks for which Israelis do not qualify — may cause animosity amongst Israelis.

Savion, whose own son can't get into an Israeli university because they are full, is philosophical about these potential drawbacks.

"Everything is focused on helping people become absorbed. We need the population. It is better if they come — even if they have nothing — because it will pay off in the long run."

Despite this, making aliyah seems almost trouble-free.

Almost.

Savion doesn't hedge. As a former Israeli naval commander, a position he held for 25 years, Savion is used to dealing with things head-on.

"Compared to North America, there is a significant drop in salaries and benefits," he said.

A hospital administrator or professor who earns between $300,000 and $400,000 a year in Canada can expect to make $100,000 to $150,000 in Israel.

"Almost half," he said, pointing out that Israel's lower standard of living means someone could live nicely on $150,000.

Tied to this is the fact that it's hard to make a living and socialize if one doesn't speak the language.

"Language is a problem and not a problem." Savion said. "The overall issue is that there are many international companies investing in Israel. We [Israelis] are an imitation society so many business managers want to run to their offices like here [Canada]."

With hints of a free trade deal pending, investment and trade between the two countries can only rise.

According to the November issue of *Link*, an Israeli magazine that focuses on business and technology, trade between Canada and Israel has grown by 20 per cent in the last four years.

From $129 million in 1990, Israeli exports to Canada reached $155 million in 1993 and Canadian exports have grown by a similar amount.

The private health care system is another disadvantage that bears consideration. The health bill to be activated Jan. 1, 1995 is designed to provide free health care for everyone.

However, if Israel assumes an open health care policy along with the Law of Return, and if internal conflict in Canada interferes with the operation of the health care system, terminally ill Jews will flock to Israel. Israel will accept them but who will pay for it?

Savion says exceptions will need to be written into the bill for olim with a pre-existing terminal disease.

To raise the profile of the centre within Canada, Savion, with the help of Jewish organizations, have initiated several programs.

The first will outline hi-tech employment opportunities in Israel with a job fair. If the 60-odd resumes Savion has already received is any indication, the event will be successful.

The November/December issue of *acumen* reports that Newbridge and Pratt and Whitney Canada have jumped on the Israeli hi-tech economic growth wagon early. Over the past five years, Israel has averaged nearly a 5 per cent growth with the hi-tech, non-military sector. Jobs have grown with this GNP stimulas.

"For Orthodox families, we have introduced a unique integration package. We find them a job and offer them a Canadian-built home [built by the Canadian Construction Company] in a religious setting.

"We have also arranged a student group — with a core number of six — to arrange a group for aliyah," Savion said, noting that a pilot trip is planned for next summer.

"We have planned activities around what life is like in Israel and hopefully, by the time we're finished, we'll have about 30 participants."

For more information contact the Israel Aliyah Center at (416) 633-4766.

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By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The Alliance NETWORK

TORONTO — Silicom Connectivity Solutions, a company that makes adaptors to link laptop computers, is another rising star on Israel's high tech scene.

Last year the Ra'anana-based company established a U.S. subsidiary in Redmond, Washington, or Silicon Valley North, the home of Microsoft and other high tech firms.

In October, Silicom signed an agreement with a Canadian distributor, Alliance Network. "It's the beginning of our expansion in the Canadian market," said Gideon Grundland, the company's Canadian representative.

One of Silicom's newest products, a card called the Ethernet PCMCIA adaptor, neatly fits into the slots of the latest laptop models and greatly increases the speed at which information on networked computers can be processed. The adaptor outperforms, and costs about 30 per cent less, than similar products made by other companies.

"All notebooks will work with that adaptor," said Grundland.

Recently Silicom announced the introduction of a PCMCIA card that combines Ethernet and memory, for use with sub notebooks, or palm tops. The company is developing a version that will include a fax/modem.

Silicom, founded in 1987, began making adaptors for portables in 1992, at a time when sales were starting to climb and few machines were networked.

The marketing research firm International Data Corporation (IDC) reported that of the eight million laptops sold worldwide in 1993, only 12.6 per cent of them became part of networks.

IDC predicts that sales of portables will reach 13.5 million in 1994. Sales of laptops, said Grundland, are growing at a faster rate than sales of desktop models.

He attributed the popularity of laptops to recent improvements made by manufacturers — screens, for example, are larger and brighter — and to their compact size.

"They have all the features a regular desktop has and they take less space," he said.

Silicom has grown rapidly since it entered the portable computer market in 1992. Revenues for that year were $1 million dollars; about $1.3 million in 1993; and in the first nine months of this year, sales topped $2 million.

The company made its first public share offering in 1994, adding its name to the growing list of Israeli high tech companies on New York's NASDAQ.

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This week The CJN features...Open Window Bakery

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — In an era where most industries rely on hi-tech equipment to get the job done, there are still businesses that strive to maintain old-world traditions.

Walk into the original **Open Window Bakery** at Bathurst and Wilson — or several other Open Window stores for that matter — and you can watch bakers putting egg wash and seeds on their challahs by hand.

At the Open Window factory, large twister bagels are formed by hand and fresh onions for their famous onion buns are still cut the old-fashioned way.

One of Toronto's oldest and largest family run bakeries, Open Window takes great pride in keeping alive the old-world baking tradition and ensuring quality is never compromised for the sake of quantity.

"Because of the sheer volume of our business — approximately 500 dozen onion buns, 3,000 dozen bagels, 1,500 challahs and 500 blueberry buns a day — it's impossible to do everything by hand," says owner Gail Watkin.

"But wherever we can, we try to maintain original baking methods to ensure the very best in quality and freshness. We also adjust our machines all the time to ensure that the finished product is as close to hand made as possible."

With five wholly-owned stores, 26 franchises and 300 independent outlets and chains that carry Open Window products — including Highland Farms, Hasty Market, Hudson Bay Co. at Queen Street and Longo's Supermarket — Open Window has certainly evolved in many ways since the first store was opened by Watkin's father, Max Feig, and his partners in the spring of 1957.

"We have trucks delivering our goods two or three times a day. This is the secret to our success I believe. It's the ability and willingness to deliver 'round the clock so that our products come to the customer fresh out of the oven."

While kaisers, onion buns, challahs, blueberry buns and bagels continue to be their best-sellers after all these years, Open Window has new products in keeping with the times: multi-grain and stone ground bread for the health conscious, chocolate mousse and creamy carrot cheesecake for the not-so health conscious. More new products are expected by the end of the year.

Watkin has been part of the family business since she was 14, at first sweeping floors and washing trays then graduating to behind-the-counter sales. She now is managing director.

While she is highly devoted to her work, a recent personal tragedy has caused Watkin to divide her time and attention. This past May, her 15-year-old daughter Orly passed away suddenly from meningitis — a rare but deadly bacteria that can be highly contagious. Orly's was an isolated case.

The Orly Watkin Trust Fund for Meningitis Research has been set up to find better antibiotics and prophylactic treatments. Watkins encourages her customers to send donations to Open Window Bakery, 1125 Finch Ave. W., Downsview, Ont., M3J 2E8. A tax receipt will be issued.

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Business & Finance

Harris outlines platform for economic renewal

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In a pre-election speech, provincial Conservative leader Mike Harris said his party has a plan that would give Ontario thousands of new jobs.

The plan would create 725,000 new jobs by cutting provincial taxes and by reducing government spending in every area except health care.

A 30 per cent cut to provincial income taxes over a three-year period, he said, would inject an extra four billion dollars into Ontario's economy and partially fund the scheme.

"How you save it, how you spend it, and how you invest it, will be the biggest private sector job creation program in the history of Canada."

At a recent luncheon held by the Toronto chapter of the Credit Institute of Canada, Harris outlined the Conservative platform for economic renewal detailed in a booklet called *The Common Sense Revolution*. The platform includes the downsizing of government and the removal of barriers to growth, such as provincial payroll taxes on small business and of red tape created by government regulation of business.

Harris said Ontario prospered for most of its 200-year history. He blamed government policies and spending for the province's current economic weakness and its slow recovery from the recession.

He warned that countries like Argentina, Chile and Mexico, which have balanced budgets, are poised to overtake Ontario in the hi-tech fields unless we become competitive in the global marketplace.

Mike Harris

"If our entrepreneurs and our businesses don't have the dollars ... to reinvest in the new technologies and the new techniques and the new training for our people, they'll leapfrog over us," he said.

Harris said Conservatives would trim the provincial government payroll, to get more money into the hands of entrepreneurs. Private sector jobs create wealth he stressed, while public sector jobs diminish the wealth of the province.

"With a ten billion deficit this year, clearly we don't have enough private sector jobs to support all these government jobs. *The Common Sense Revolution* says we're going to fix that; we're going to balance our budget just as fast as we possibly can."

Citing low standards in Ontario's education system — Ontario's students were recently rated as 10th in Canada in science — Harris said too many education dollars go to support bureaucracy. "We need the dollars in the classroom, not in school boards, trustees and bureaucracy."

Harris added the Conservatives would ask all levels of government, agencies, boards and commissions to cut their budgets by 24 per cent and he promised to reduce the number of MPPs from 130 to 99.

Welfare reform is another aspect of the Conservative plan, said Harris, noting that welfare costs have soared to $6.3 billion from $930 million in the recession of 1982. Ontario's welfare rates are an average of 30 per cent higher than in other provinces. A Conservative government would reduce benefits to abled-bodied recipients and make participation in work and training programs mandatory.

"We're going to fundamentally change the whole definition of welfare, how it operates and what we're attempting to do. We're confident — we have seen other jurisdictions that have done it, where it works very, very well."

There is no dissension among Ontario Conservatives about the common sense revolution, according to Harris. The party, he said, is "united behind the plan.

"Now there are some people who think it's the wrong program, the wrong plan . . . about 25 per cent of Ontarians . . . those who believe in socialism, and in big government."

Program aids olim with job prospects

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadians considering aliyah may not realize they can benefit from a $10,000 (US) career counselling program funded through United Israel Appeal (UIA) and run by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI).

The fledgling program, which went into effect Nov. 1, has already benefited about a dozen people, says Marsha Krieger, AACI's Jerusalem-based national employment coordinator.

Yehoshua Pessin, an American oleh, spends 10 hours a week counselling prospective olim who contact him through the aliyah shlichim in Canada: Udi Savion in Toronto, Yitzchak Dahan in Montreal and Nachum Zayit in Vancouver.

Pessin has already "exceeded his time limit just for Toronto people and is stealing hours from his other [duties]," said Krieger in an interview at the Israel Aliyah Centre in Toronto.

It can take five to seven hours of work to arrange for one pilot trip, Krieger said. Arranging job interviews and professional networking can be done through AACI.

"We think that the biggest help we can give to olim from Canada is to help them find a good quality job," said UIA executive vice-president Steve Ain. "We thought [the program] made a lot of sense."

Marsha Krieger

The money for the program comes from a fund established 15 years ago to help Canadian olim with mortgages. Because of the rise in real estate prices in Israel, the fund is no longer being used for its original purpose, said Ain.

"AACI's primary job is absorption," said Krieger, a native New Yorker who used the organization's services herself after making aliyah nine years ago with her husband and family.

"We realized we could smooth absorption if we gave pre-aliyah information."

The Canadian project is part of a larger effort begun three years ago in the United States. Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, New Jersey and Philadelphia have similar programs.

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Hamas gunmen kill rabbi

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JERUSALEM — Raising the Israeli death toll yet again, Islamic terrorists opened fire on a passing car near the West Bank town of Hebron on Sunday, killing a rabbi and wounding an Israeli policeman.

"It is another detestable murder," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters following the attack on Sunday.

The Islamic fundamentalist movement Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack, which came a day before Israel and the PLO were due to hold talks in Brussels on implementing the next phase of the self-rule accord.

It also came as Hamas continued to compete with Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian Authority for support among Palestinians.

At a rally in Gaza City on Saturday, an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 Islamic militants gathered to demonstrate against Israel and voice their anger at Arafat.

The rally was seen as a response to a Gaza City rally on Nov. 21 at which some 10,000 demonstrators, many of them armed, showed their support for Arafat.

In a clear promise to launch more terrorist attacks, militants at Saturday's rally said they did not bring their guns with them "because we are saving our bullets for the Israelis."

One day later, the bullets flew as gunmen opened fire on a white Subaru driving from Hebron to the settlement of Otniel in the Hebron Hills.

Rabbi Ami Olami, 36, the father of five and the spiritual leader of Otniel, was killed.

His passenger, police officer Ehud Yitzhak, was wounded in the head. After firing shots in the air to get help, a passing vehicle picked Yitzhak up. He was later taken to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, where his wounds were described as moderate to light.

Jewish settler leaders blamed the government's peace policies for the attack, and said it only strengthened their resolve to stay put.

Working in the mud near the car, ambulance attendants collected bloody tissue to be buried with Rabbi Olami's body. A group of settlers, some of them crying, prayed next to the ambulance that held the body.

Rabbi Olami was an instructor at the hesder yeshivah in Otniel. He had lived in Otniel for about eight years.

According to sources in the territories, Rabbi Olami's murder brings to 100 the number of Israelis killed in terror attacks since the Oslo agreement was signed in September 1993.

Yisrael Zeira, a resident of the nearby settlement of Ma'ale Hever, said said the area that includes Otniel is "the most dangerous area of Judea and Samaria. This is an area where the IDF doesn't patrol often. It is an open area, with scattered Arab homes, where it is easy to hide. The Arabs had autonomy there long before Oslo."

Yesha, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, issued a statement saying, "This is a direct result of the prime minister's proposal for removing the army from city centres. If such events occur with the army present, then what will happen when the army pulls out?"

Sources said IDF Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak warned the cabinet on Sunday that he expects Islamic attacks to increase both in quantity and sophistication.

Barak charged that talk of evacuating the Gaza settlement of Netzarim encourages such attacks, as it persuades Hamas and Islamic Jihad to believe Israel will cave in under pressure, the sources said.

NETZARIM UNDER ATTACK

Children play in the isolated Gaza settlement of Netzarim, home to about 180 Jews. Last week, Peace Now and Gush Shalom called for its dismantling, claiming Netzarim undermines the peace process and costs too much to maintain. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Rabin tells party to back Shas on meat import ban

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Controversy over the import of non-kosher meat is continuing to plague Israeli politics as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin seeks to woo the Orthodox Shas Party back into his coalition government.

Rabin last week instructed his Labor Party to back a demand by Shas for new legislation banning the import of non-kosher meat.

Rabin said a government decision to allow the import of non-kosher meat would violate the status quo on matters of religion, to which he said Labor is committed.

Rabin's intervention followed an announcement by Commerce Minister Michael Harish that Israel will start allowing non-kosher meat imports as part of a privatization of Israel's meat industry. Harish's announcement came in the wake of a Supreme Court decision that rejected any ban.

Until recently, the import of meat was essentially a government monopoly. The question of non-kosher imports arose following the liberalization of the meat industry. Non-kosher meat produced in Israel is already available and reportedly would continue to be available despite any new law.

Harish's announcement triggered an angry response from Shas, which has demanded legislation to ban the import of non-kosher meat.

Shas officials declared they would definitely not re-enter the governing coalition without the new legislation.

Rabin wants Shas to rejoin his government to insure wide backing for his peace initiatives. Shas, an original partner in Rabin's 1992 coalition government, dropped out a year later.

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Reports reveal CIA wants Pollard in prison

The first photograph of Elaine (Esther) Zeitz of Toronto and Jonathan Pollard following their secret prison wedding, announced earlier this year.

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

NEW YORK — On the ninth anniversary of his arrest, convicted spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard was back in the headlines late last month, when a dated CIA statement was published by a defence newsletter and then circulated by most American news organizations.

CIA documents say Pollard should be kept in prison because he knows too much and has shown he will still divulge national secrets, *Defense Week* reported last Monday.

The CIA sought to distance itself from the story. "This is not new," said Mark Mansfield, an agency spokesman.

The CIA statement on Pollard was written last April in response to a question that had been asked at hearings held by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said Mansfield.

The CIA's answer, on behalf of "the whole intelligence community," Mansfield said, stated that Pollard was a continuing security risk.

'Not a violent criminal'

In its official answer, the CIA also said, "Pollard is not a violent criminal. However, he retains the ability to harm our national security because of his intelligence, his power of recollection, his history of significant emotional instability, his history of drug abuse and his overriding loyalty to another country."

That material was part of the transcript that was sent to the U.S. Government Printing Office on July 21 and became available about a week later, according to a committee staff member.

Defense Week's story indicated that the CIA comments were made in April.

"I don't know why it's news to either *Defense Week* or to the vast array of reporters who picked up on it," said Nancy Luque, who has been Pollard's attorney since the beginning of September. "It's no accident that these old, unsubstantiated claims are being trotted out on the day [Prime Minister] Rabin is in Washington."

It was unclear whether Rabin raised the issue of Pollard's release during his recent meeting with President Bill Clinton.

Pollard, who was arrested in 1985 outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington, was convicted of spying for Israel in 1987 and sentenced to life in prison after agreeing to a plea bargain.

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Republicans assure Rabin of U.S. support

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week received assurances from the incoming U.S. Republican leadership that Congress will continue its financial and military support for Israel.

Rabin, who held separate meetings with Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, requested that aid programs to Israel continue at current levels, according to incoming House Appropriations Committee chairman Rep. Robert Livingston.

Israeli officials said they were satisfied that the new Republican-led Congress will be forthcoming on those issues.

Strom Thurmond, the hawkish incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters after meeting Rabin that he expected sustained bilateral cooperation on the Arrow anti-missile program when the Republicans assume leadership in January.

"I think we can continue to cooperate with Israel on the missile program," Thurmond said.

Asked whether he believed the Arrow will progress from the research stage to development, Thurmond said, "I wouldn't want to anticipate right now, but I just told the prime minister that the U.S. is working with Israel on that program, and I think that will continue.

"The US is in accord with Israel on this ballistic missile. As to where the funding will come from, that is a different question, and I won't attempt to go into that at this time."

Israelis considered the meetings important following the stunning U.S. elections three weeks ago which catapulted Republicans to control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

There was also concern over recent statements by Sen. Jesse Helms, the incoming Foreign Relations Committee chairman, that foreign aid programs should be re-examined. Israel receives $3 billion annually in U.S. military and economic aide.

Sen. Ted Stevens, the incoming head of the Defence Appropriations Subcommittee, told reporters that he and Rabin discussed the future of the Arrow, but added that long-term cooperation "remains to be seen. We don't have enough information to make a decision on that.

"We told him that as far as our committee is concerned, we didn't expect any change in the positions as expressed by [current chairmen] Sen. [Daniel] Inouye, as compared to the way I'll express it in the coming year. We are going to do our best to fulfill our commitments to Israel."

Inouye has been one of Congress's most vocal Arrow proponents.

After meeting with Rabin, Livingston told *The Jerusalem Post* that the United States' foreign aid program "is going to be under scrutiny and to the extent that we can economize, or lessen the burden on the American taxpayer, we wish to do so — but not at the expense of the security of Israel."

Livingston said Congress would maintain aid to Israel for as long as the peace process continues, with the hope that the prosperity peace brings will lessen the need for future aid.

Swiss government helped Nazis during World War II

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

GENEVA — Shattering the myth of its own neutrality, the Swiss government last month released documents revealing how the country reached a secret deal with Nazi Germany in 1938 that prevented thousands of Jews from fleeing Germany.

According to the documents, a secret pact was signed by Swiss diplomats and Nazi officials on Sept. 29, 1938, under which all German Jews would have a "J" stamped on their passport to make identification easier and prevent them from entering Switzerland.

According to Swiss historians, the agreement marked a decisive step toward the start of the Holocaust.

Six weeks after the September agreement, the nationwide pogrom known as Kristallnacht took place in Germany, and by then, one of the most vital escape routes for Jews had been shut off.

The Swiss-German pact was at least partly initiated by Heinrich Rothmund, the Swiss chief of police from 1938-1945, who foresaw a huge outflow of Jews from Germany in 1938 as anti-Semitic laws took hold across the Third Reich.

He predicted that many Jews would come cross the Swiss border without being detected, since German nationals did not need a visa at that time to enter Switzerland.

Knowing that Hitler would be offended if Switzerland required visas for German citizens, the Swiss government asked Berlin to divide German passports into racial categories so that the Jews could be immediately identified.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Terrorist's sentence opposed by Rabin

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — The decision by a military court to impose the death sentence against an Islamic terrorist has revived a debate over the death penalty here.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has voiced his opposition to the death sentence handed down last week against Said Badarneh, a West Bank resident convicted of playing a key role in the April 13 suicide bombing of a bus in the central Israeli town of Hadera.

Five Israelis were killed in that attack, as was the suicide bomber allegedly recruited by Badarneh. Another 30 people were wounded in the explosion, for which Hamas later claimed responsibility.

"Until now, Israel has not executed a single Palestinian terrorist, and I think that was right. It would be a mistake to carry out a death sentence," Rabin said last Friday.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres also criticized the sentence, saying he was "proud that Israel isn't a nation of the gallows."

The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem echoed that stance, but a number of right-wing legislators urged that the sentence be carried out.

"Death should be answered by death," said Rehavam Ze'evi of the nationalist Moledet Party.

The only person ever executed in Israel was Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, who was hanged in 1962.

Another accused Nazi collaborator, John Demjanjuk, was sentenced to death in Israel in 1988. But the Israeli Supreme Court vacated the decision last year, finding reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the man known as "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka. The decision cleared the way for Demjanjuk to return to the United States.

Israeli military courts have imposed the death sentences in only two other cases, but both decisions were later converted to multiple life sentences.

The three judges in the Badarneh case wrote that they chose the death sentence because life sentences do not deter Islamic terrorists bent on killing Israelis. They added that the 24-year-old Badarneh showed no remorse.

Badarneh, a member of Hamas' Izz a-Din al-Kassam military wing, said he was prepared to die and would not appeal the court's decision.

An appeal could be made on his behalf by either the judge advocate-general or by the commander in charge of the central sector, Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, under whose jurisdiction the trial took place.

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McLEOD MEETS CANADIAN STUDENTS

Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod (centre) completed a recent visit to Israel, where she met Canadian students studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Joining McLeod were MPPs Monte Kwinter (2nd from right) and Joseph Cordiano (3rd from left). From left are Jonathan Zion of Toronto; Hailey Lustig of Toronto; Lisa Lipkin of Toronto; Danielle Goldblatt of Dundas, Ont.; Sam Milo of Montreal; Ryan Peck of Toronto and Erica Rubin of Montreal.

Arafat claims Israel sold Hamas weapons

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

NEW YORK — PLO leader Yasser Arafat claims Israelis sold 26,000 weapons to Hamas, hoping this would lead to a Palestinian civil war, according to a report published in last Sunday's *New York Times*.

Separately, the newspaper also reported that Arafat recently sought to visit Washington to meet with U.S. President Bill Clinton. It said Arafat was told Clinton had no time for a meeting.

In a long article in the paper's magazine, writer Michael Kelly portrays Arafat as a desperate leader whose flaws include incompetence and vanity, and whose bungling has left Gaza ever more beleaguered.

Entitled "In Gaza, Peace Meets Pathology," the article says, "All that proliferates here are romanticized violence and 720 tons of solid waste daily."

Kelly notes that, in his pact with Israel, Arafat promised to disarm Gaza's terror factions. However, "the work of Gaza's gunmen is returning the relationship between the Israelis and the Palestinians to its accustomed base of kill and be killed."

In an interview with Arafat, conducted three months ago, Kelly asked the PLO chief why his police had not tried to disarm Hamas.

The Israelis, with "the biggest and strongest army in the Middle East, haven't been able to stop them. We are doing our best," he replied.

"You know," Arafat said in that interview, "before we arrived here, the Israelis had open markets — not black markets, open markets — in armaments here. Within months, 26,000 arms had been sold.

"I told Mr. Rabin how this had been done openly," Arafat said. "Was it done by chance? No, it wasn't by chance. It was because some of the security leaders in Israel were hoping there would be a civil war here."

No White House spokesman was available for comment on Arafat's request for a meeting with Clinton.

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Beilin blasts Canadian refugee policy

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Canada has accepted as refugees almost as many Israelis in the past six months as in the previous five years, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told the Knesset recently.

Beilin said Israeli representatives raise the thorny issue with Canadian authorities almost every day, but added he is pessimistic about a change in policy because the cases are heard by a non-governmental public committee (the Immigration and Refugee Board).

In response to a question by Likud MK David Mena, Beilin said that between January and June of this year, 268 immigrants from Israel originally from the former Soviet Union were accepted as refugees after claiming they had suffered discrimination and persecution in Israel.

Yossi Beilin

That's compared to the 297 requests from Israelis granted in the previous five years.

(Beilin's numbers agree with figures released to *The CJN* last week by the IRB. They also show that 366 refugee claims by Israelis were turned down in the first six months of this year, and that 57 claims were withdrawn).

There has also been a sharp increase in the proportion of requests granted. The IRB granted almost 50 per cent of the Israeli requests in the first half of 1994, compared with just over 10 per cent in the previous five years, Beilin said.

Beilin called the Canadian policy "insulting" to Israel but added it should be kept in mind that the IRB also granted citizenship to alleged political refugees from the United States.

In a meeting held in Toronto recently, Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella urged Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi to issue a directive instructing the (IRB) that "there are certain countries from which refugees should not be admitted."

These countries, including Israel, are democracies with human rights codes and protection for individual rights, Abella said. The minister told Abella that he would leave it up to the IRB to reform its procedures.

Roughly 2,000 Israeli citizens are now in Canada seeking refugee status. The vast majority are originally from former Soviet republics who gained Israeli citizenship upon arriving in the Jewish state. Often, they are mixed faith couples who claim they and their children were harassed, beaten and mistreated in Israel.

Aussie Jews come under attack

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SYDNEY — The Australian Jewish community came under attack by members of the legislature as the Australian House of Representatives began debate on proposed anti-racist legislation.

Graeme Campbell, a member of the ruling Labor Party, said members of the Jewish community had "forced" the government into introducing legislation on hate crimes.

During his speech, he also attacked the Zionist Federation of Australia, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and the president of the Council of Western Australian Jewry.

Campbell, who has a history of opposition to concerns expressed by the Australian Jewish community, last year broke a long-standing boycott of the Australian League of Rights, a racist organization, when he gave a keynote address at its annual meeting in Melbourne.

Campbell also criticized Australian Jewry for citing arson attacks on synagogues as examples of hate crimes, claiming the fires which caused great damage to Sydney synagogues during the 1991 Persian Gulf War had "to do with the Middle East."

He added that recent fires at synagogues were likely due to internal Jewish community disputes.

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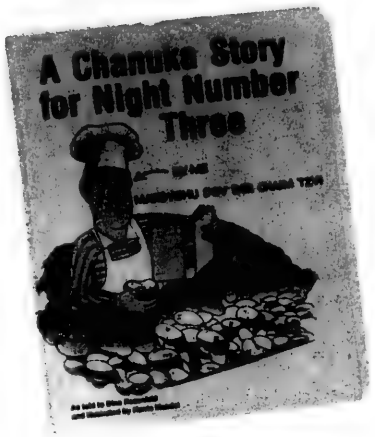

TORONTO — What do you do if your birthday is inconsiderate enough to fall on Chanukah?

Matisyohu Dov Ber Chaim Tzvi, whose birthday is on the third night of Chanukah, tells author Dina Rosenfeld (and the thoroughly entertained readers) exactly what he decided to do, in the delightful book *A Chanukah Story for Night Number Three* (Hachai Publishing, 1989).

When his mother goes shopping, Matisyohu Dov Ber Chaim Tzvi (any kid will get a kick out of the repetition of the name throughout the book) decides to make a giant latke — "The most giant latke there ever could be/For my birthday on Chanukah night number three!"

With the help of a cement truck, a hospital kitchen and a sympathetic street cleaning truck, he manages to create the biggest latke-cum-birthday cake ever, which he shares, together with the Chanukah spirit, with the patients in the hospital.

Young readers (and the not-so-young) will especially enjoy the illustrations by Harris Mandel. Sticking largely to shades of moss green, butterscotch and pale blue, he is able to keep the readers' attention on the humorous situations depicted, such as Matisyohu's being dumped into the baking pan together with the ingredients, the cement truck with its Chanukah decorations of nun, gimmel, hay and shin written on the mixer and, my favorite, the devastation in the kitchen, with eggs all over the floor and batter sticking to the ceiling.

The whole book is written in rhyme, which is appealing to the younger child, and is apt to have the slightly older one chanting, "That's just where we went, and that's just what he did,/ Off of the truck with the batter, I slid."

The book is recommended for ages 3 to 6.

Jewish Film Society opens with a comedy

TORONTO — The Toronto Jewish Film Society, the oldest Jewish film society in North America, begins its 17th season Dec. 4 with a showing of the British comedy *Leon The Pig Farmer*.

The society is a volunteer-run program of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre dedicated to showing films of Jewish interest that "are either hard to see or hard to come by," said chair Ethel Teitelbaum.

This season the society will co-present films with Cinematheque Ontario, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Friends of Yiddish. Critic and author J. Hoberman is scheduled to introduce the Yiddish film, *The Light Ahead*, which screens next October.

All screenings take place at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St., Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Single tickets go on sale 15 minutes before showtime. Members are encouraged to show up early to guarantee their seats.

The Toronto Jewish film Society's membership costs $40 (including GST) and entitles individuals to eight screenings.

For more information, call Bill Emery at the Jewish Community Centre at 924-6211.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

On Being A Jew: A Reform Perspective by Rabbi Dow Marmur, Holy Blossom Temple $14.95 (paper)

On the occasion of his 10th anniversary as Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, grateful members have published this miscellany of Rabbi Marmur's articles on a variety of Jewish subjects.

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Some traditional Jews are concerned with abolishing discrimination against women in their synagogues. In similar fashion, "Reform Jews are putting on kippot and tallitot and creating chavurot. It is in these groups, not in rallies on behalf of Israel or in Holocaust memorial meetings, that Jewish life is being renewed. It is the common quest, rather than the denominational line of demarcation, that brings these people closer to God."

In a 1987 article, he points out the growing problems of Conservative Judaism. "In religion, you can be crazy, even lazy, but not hazy. It seems that Conservative Judaism is paying a price for its haziness." Many former members of Conservative congregations have affiliated with Reform. This has led to the introduction of traditional forms of observance and worship. Tensions have been created as a result, but today Reform speaks with greater confidence than ever. "I can see that it contains the possibility of becoming the normative Judaism of tomorrow."

The author argues against patrilineal descent in determining the Jewish identity of children. "It may be democratic, just and biblical, but it is not where normative Judaism is today . . . Is there not a danger that the possible institutional successes that the decision on patrilineality has brought to the Reform movement, may have detrimental long-term consequences for Reform in knesset Yisrael?"

Should the Canadian Jewish community be involved in social issues? Yes, asserts the author. He suggests that areas of concern should include economic justice, rights for women, unemployment and the disabled. Judaism should also have something to say about abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment.

For the author, Israel must be central to our communal concerns and personal identity. "Without that bond our future seems problematic. We may all have to adopt the mentality of yordim, men and women who have left Israel 'only for a limited time.' "

In a personal statement of how he found faith, he confides that both he and his wife, as children, survived the Holocaust. "Why did we survive? To serve our people seemed the most obvious response. And out of that service, coupled with personal experiences, we have come to serve God together."

His training at London's Leo Baeck College did not teach the rabbi "how to kiss babies at random in the community. I am still deficient in that art. But it taught me how to handle texts and read books." For this, all of us should be grateful as we welcome this seminal anthology and wish its author many additional years of vigorous and unselfish community service.

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Arts

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Essay Contest: Two top prizes of $1,800 and 10 secondary prizes of $750, are to be awarded in the fourth annual Kaplun Essay Contest, sponsored by the Morris J. and Betty Kaplun Foundation, P.O. Box 234428, Great Neck, N.Y. 11023. As well, entrance prizes of $18 each go to the first 50 essays received at each of two levels.

The Level 1 topic (ages 12 to 14) is: Goals for the American Jewish Community for My Generation. The Level 2 topic (ages 15 to 17) is: The Influence of Jewish Values on the Founding Fathers and The American Way of Life. Canadian contestants are invited to apply the topics to Canada instead of the United States.

Essays are to be typed, double-spaced, and no more than 1,000 words for Level 1 and 1,500 words for Level 2. Contestant's name, address, phone number, school name, grade and date of birth must appear at top right of his or her entry and contestant's name must appear on all additional pages.

Entries must be postmarked by March 6. Finalists will be notified by May 12 and prizes are to be awarded by June 30.

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Myth and Matter: This exhibit of art by Victoria B. Cowan opens Sunday Dec. 4 at the Annex Art Centre, 1073 Bathurst St., Toronto. Opening reception is 3 to 6 p.m. Canvases include *Ancestor from A Vanished World*, depicting an intriguing image of an Old World Jew. (416) 516-0110.

A canvas from the Myth and Matter exhibit.

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Ori Friedman in Performance: Thornhill's' 12-year-old piano prodigy Ori Friedman performs with the York Symphony Orchestra on Saturday Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., at the Marylake Shrine (2 km north of King Side Road off Keele St.), and again on Sunday Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Markham Theatre (171 Town Centre Blvd.).

The Israeli-born Friedman, who is to play his own cadenzas for *Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 in C (K 467)*, has had a meteoric career since he started studying music only three years ago. In the first 18 months, he won 12 first-place awards in Canadian music competitions and received several scholarships. Last year, he performed with the National Chamber Orchestra at the Recital Hall of the North York Performing Arts Centre (now the Ford Centre), and he recently debuted in New York City.

The concerts also feature the *Chanukah Suite No. 2* by another local artist, Milton Barnes. Tickets are $15 for adults. For tickets for Saturday, call (416) 410-0860; for Sunday, (905) 479-0201.

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Toronto Writer Profiles Dancer: Author and journalist Diane Solway, who was born in Toronto and did undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, writes frequently for the Arts & Leisure section of the *New York Times* and for many other American publications, often on her specialty of dance. Now a resident of New York, Solway has recently published *A Dance Against Time: The Brief, Brilliant Life of a Joffrey Dancer*, profiling the star dancer and choreographer Edward Stierle.

Currently at work on a biography of Rudolf Nureyev, Solway credits her mother and great aunt, Sylvia Schwartz, for her love of books, writing and ballet. Another great aunt, Ruth Schwartz, owned a popular bookstore in downtown Toronto; after the death of Ruth Schwartz, Canada's leading prize for children's literature was established in her honor.

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At the Israel Museum in Jerusalem: A major retrospective of 125 works by the famous impressionist of Jewish origin, Camille Pissaro, is on view until Jan. 9. In the Youth Wing, the show Heroes: Past and Present features true and false heroes from Moses to Mussolini, Homer Simpson to Captain Hook.

The Israel Museum also features a major exhibit from the collection of Japanese artwork of Jacob Pins, a Jerusalem artist in his own right. More than 175 examples of the art of the Japanese print are on view. Pins, who built his impressive collection of Japanese art while living in Israel, has bequested the entire collection to the Israel Museum.

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Chabad Chanukah Telethon: On Dec. 3 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. the seventh night of Chanukah, the annual Chabad L'Chaim-To Life Telethon hosted by Jan Murray will air in Los Angeles on KCOP Channel 13.

Among those scheduled to appear are Jon Voight, Mayim Bialik, Jack Klugman, Edward James Olmos, Estelle Getty, Perry King, Steve Allen, Dick Van Patten, William Windom and Lois Nettleton.

Foundation looks at the stars of the future

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The highly acclaimed chamber ensemble, Jerusalem Music Centre Young Trio, performed for a delighted audience of over 300 during a recent gala at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

The piano, violin and cello company represents the cream of young Israeli artists. Entitled Catch a Rising Star, the concert was hosted by the Toronto chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF).

"These are indeed the stars of the future," commented Ronald Bresler, CICF Toronto president. "They demonstrate the wealth of young talent currently being nurtured and developed in Israel. Artists of this tremendous calibre are intensively trained at the Jerusalem Music Centre under the guidance of true musical masters."

Bresler said that such cultural exchanges will bridge the gap between Israel and her neighbors.

Members of the Young Trio are Guy Gedayev, Michael Vittenson and Dmitri Steinberg.

Gedayev, a 14-year-old cellist, had already appeared as the featured soloist with the Israel Chamber Orchestra at the age of 10. A native of Israel, his most recent achievement was winning the Clairmont competition for cellists.

Vittenson, 16, emigrated to Israel from Uzbekistan and at the age of 8 made his solo violin debut with the Tashkent Symphony.

Pianist Steinberg, 17, a new arrival to Israel, was born in Moscow where he was a top student at the famous Gnesin music school.

The trio have performed together for two years and are currently enrolled at the Jerusalem Music Centre. The centre was opened in 1976 under the auspices of Isaac Stern and Pablo Casals.

Concert artists

Today, the centre's pride is its state-of-the-art recording studio, where students record tapes and demos for world distribution.

The evening's performance was the final stop in the trio's Canadian leg of their North American tour, which took them to Montreal, Ottawa, Washington, D.C., New York and Connecticut.

The music offered to the Toronto audience included Beethoven's *Piano Trio in D Major, Opus 1 (Ghosts)*; Schubert's *Adagio in E Flat Major, Opus 148*, plus works by Shalit and Shostakovich.

Accompanying the trio on their tour is Benny Gal-Ed, director of the Jerusalem Music Centre.

"It is very important for these young people to be heard, exposed directly to audiences as much as possible," he explained. "For musicians, this is crucial to their maturation process as concert artists."

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Travel

The spectacular scenery of Cape Breton

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

CAPE BRETON — One hour's flight north of Halifax, at the edge of the Atlantic, durable mountains meet the sea on beautiful Cape Breton.

Cape Breton has some of the most spectacular scenery in eastern North America. Physically reminiscent of the Scottish Highlands, the island boasts villages like Iona, where Gaelic is still spoken, and Acadian communities like Cheticamp, where French predominates.

Highlights include the Keltic Lodge, several very good museums and the magnificent 250-year-old Fortress of Louisbourg. The 300-km Cabot Trail, which follows much of the coast, is considered one of the world's great scenic highways.

Magnificently dominating the rugged Atlantic coastline at Middle Head, Keltic Lodge provides a relaxing oceanside atmosphere.

The hub of the region is Sydney, an industrial city of 28,000. For many tourists, the jewel of the region is the resort town of Baddeck, which sits on the gentle Bras d'Or Lake, a vast internal waterway with a thousand miles of coastline. For many years, renowned inventor Alexander Graham Bell and his family summered in a mansion that still stands near the lake. Nearby is the intriguing Alexander Graham Bell Museum.

A drive up the Cabot Trail brings one to Keltic Lodge, one of three provincially-run lodges in Nova Scotia, and to the rugged Cape Breton National Highlands Park. Here the waves are among the angriest anywhere on the Atlantic, and the views among the finest. People who have seen the Atlantic only in Florida will be overwhelmed by the beauty of the coastline.

At rural hideaways like the 65-year-old Normaway Inn, guests may hike the aromatic woods or fish the Margaree for its celebrated trout or salmon. South of the Cabot Trail and about three hours north of Halifax by car, the Dundee Resort has a challenging golf course with superb ocean views.

One of the most spectacular tourist sites on the continent, Louisbourg, the great fortress of New France, is also one of the best-kept secrets in the North American tourism industry. Construction of the fortress commenced in 1719 and, for a quarter century thereafter, it contained a thriving city with some 3,000 citizens and a bustling port. It fell in 1774 to the British, who razed it to the ground so the French could never reclaim it.

When I visited Louisbourg, my guide recalled playing in the vast ruins there as a child, some three decades earlier. A mammoth $25-million restoration has since brought about one-fifth of the immense fort back to its original exuberant magnificence.

Tours of Louisbourg National Historic Park are $4 from June to September, and free in May and October. The place is usually bustling with tourists, and dozens of costumed staff recreate the past. Although it is normally closed in winter, I had an opportunity to be guided through the almost-deserted fortress on an unusually mild day last February.

Even in summer, the wind blowing in from the ocean is cooler than temperatures inland. It's a cold Atlantic wind that blows across the Louisbourg plain in winter, too.

In winter, the stark hills of Cape Breton possess a grace as pure and inescapable as a bagpipe ballad. Although Cape Breton is most beautiful in late September and early October, when the wooded hills surrender to the poignant reds and golds of autumn, I wouldn't turn down another opportunity to circle the Cabot Trail on a calm winter's day.

I'd go back to Nova Scotia at a moment's notice, any time of year. Like its coastline, the province's history is colorful, long and dramtic, filled with French and British soldiers, pirates, rumrunners, wealthy ship captains and uprooted Acadian settlers. Halifax, the capital, was a thriving international seaport when Toronto was known as Muddy York and Vancouver was hardly known at all.

Israelis visit Jordan

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Three days after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordanian King Hussein exchanged ratified copies of their historic peace treaty, the first group of Israeli tourists entered Jordan using their Israeli passports.

The group of 35 people passed through the southern border, crossing at Eilat, for a two-day visit to the Jordanian cities of Aqaba and Petra.

"We feel excited. I think we have the luck to be able to participate in a kind of small personal history," Moshe Hananel, manager of Galilee Tours who organized the trip, told Israel Radio. "This is the real meaning of peace for us."

A second group of Israeli tourists was due to cross into Jordan using the Sheik Hussein Bridge, the northern border crossing that was officially opened almost three weeks ago.

The July 25 Washington Declaration which officially brought to an end the 46-year state of war between the two countries called for the opening of the two border crossings, but allowed only third-country nationals to travel between Israel and Jordan.

The Oct. 26 Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, which paved the way for full diplomatic, economic and cultural ties, enabled Israelis and Jordanians to visit each other's countries.

As a result of the peace treaty, an Israeli delegation from the Foreign Ministry, headed by Director-General Uri Savir, is scheduled to travel to the Jordanian capital of Amman to choose a site for the Israeli embassy.

Meanwhile, the daily newspaper *Yediot Achronot* has reported that senior Jordanian diplomat Ziad Al-Majali will assume the top post in the Israeli department of the Jordanian Foreign Ministry.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Author Ken Sherman (third child from left) with his mother, Shirley, and siblings at Jackson's Point in the summer of 1958.

Jackson's Point, Past & Present: On the prescribed advice of my friend, Dr. Shel Krakofsky, a physician-author living near London, Ont., I have read *Jackson's Point* (Oberon Press, 1989), a book of poems by 44-year-old Jewish writer Ken Sherman of Toronto. Sherman's many evocative images of life in this Lake Simcoe resort town, where many Jewish families took their summer holidays in the '50s and early '60s, include poignant word-portraits illustrating what it must have been like coming of age then in this cottage community an hour's drive north of Toronto.

Here is Sherman's poem, *Friday Night Services*: "Walking home down main street,/ I catch my reflection/ in the window of the hall/ where the local toughs/ drink and dance./ I am startled to see/ that I have forgotten/ to remove my skullcap."

And here is the beginning of his poem, *Synagogue*: "It still stands,/ its weathered bricks, yellowish,/ a tone of parchment/ besieged by the imperious pines,/ the thick, shadowing maples,/ a landscape/ verdant, non-semitic . . ."

I, too, remember Jackson's Point from the late '50s, when my siblings and I, watched over by parents and assorted relatives, would step carefully into the lake, wearing running shoes to protect our feet from the stony bottom. I remember the many times we went fishing off the pier with my grandfather, the way he gently showed us his fishing technique, and the way the fish always eluded my anxious line.

I remember the tall, trimmed roadside hedges that made the town seem like a polite English village, and the many Yiddish voices that assured us we were in the midst of a more familiar milieu. And I remember the small country synagogue that drew many of our relatives, walking solemnly down the road in their best clothes, each Saturday morning.

These and other reminiscences crowded my brain recently during my first visit back to Jackson's Point in about three decades. "The Jewish neighborhood was over here," says Hugh Sibbald, vice-president of the Briars Resort and Country Club, indicating a few square blocks of cottages on a large framed map hanging on a wall. "Unfortunately, the area really went downhill in the '60s. A lot of the town got really seedy and was frequented by bikers, and the Jews stopped coming."

Relax before inviting hearths

As a Jackson's Point tradition, however, The Briars Inn & Country Club is still going strong. It consists of a complex of comfortable wings built around an 1840 Regency House. The house was built by a sea-captain named Bourchier on land which the Crown granted to him as reward for his valiant service in the Royal Army during the Napoleonic Wars. Hugh Sibbald's great-great uncle, Frank Sibbald, purchased the house and its 1,200-acre grounds from Bourchier's widow in 1879, and it has been in his family ever since.

From the top of a 70-foot tower, which looks medieval and Florentine but was actually constructed in 1988, one gets a good view of the well-landscaped grounds, which feature several restored Victorian structures. One of these, an attractive round structure with a pineapple decoration on top, is actually the only octagonal, bell-roofed, brick peacock house in North America, Sibbald claims.

In winter, visitors enjoy hiking, cross-country skiing, and relaxing before one of the Briars' numerous inviting hearths. Winter rates range from $105 to $155 per person per day, including three meals. The Briars, 55 Hedge Road, Jackson's Point Ont. L0E 1L0. Toll-free line, (800) 465-2376.

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Russian Jewish life examined

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — A fascinating exhibition at New York's Jewish Museum (on view through March 5, 1995) is entitled Jewish Life in Czarist Russia: A World Rediscovered.

The treasure trove of objects and lore from Russian Jewish life prior to World War I comes from the Jewish collection of the State Ethnographic Museum in St. Petersburg, and has never before been seen in the United States.

The exhibit has been travelling for 2½ years, and has already been to the Amsterdam Jewish Historical Museum, museums in Cologne and Frankfurt, and the Israel Museum.

Remnants of a rich culture obliterated by the tumult and terror of the Stalinist period and partially destroyed by World War II bombing, they were assumed by Western scholars to have been lost forever. Relatively few of thousands of items originally collected by Russian-Jewish writer, ethnographer and revolutionary Shlomo An-sky have survived intact.

An-sky, author of the classic play *The Dybbuk*, led an expedition (1911-1914) to the Pale of Settlement — the region from Minsk to Warsaw and from Vilna to the Black Sea, where Russian Jews were forced to live from the late 18th century until World War I. He and his team rescued memorabilia of Jewish folk life and culture from the nearly five million Jews who lived in the Pale, the largest, most concentrated Jewish population in the world.

Susan Braunstein, a curator at the Jewish Museum, coordinated the exhibition. She corrected a common misconception that Jews were isolated from other Russian communities: "Although most Jews did live in shtetls, Jews also lived in cities, in small towns, and even in rural settlements. We want to show the public that the concept that all Eastern European Jews came from an isolated Jewish world is a myth. The exhibit clearly reveals that many Russian Jews interacted culturally and dynamically with people around them and interchange was prevalent."

The exhibit offers captions as a frame of reference: Interactions With Russian Culture; Jewish Population Beliefs; The Jewish Population, a Rich Diversity; The Men's Domain and Women's Roles; The World of Prayer; and Religious Study.

A Jewish family

Among the 330 objects are everyday costumes with styles greatly influenced by non-Jewish aristocratic fashions: a fur-trimmed hat (shtreiml) and caftan worn by Chassidim; prayer shawls, ritual fringed undergarments; and kiddish cups, menorahs and candleholders. Also on display are photographs depicting homes, workplaces and synagogues.

Shlomo An-sky in 1916

Preserved Torah ark curtain from 1751

Of an exotic nature are Chanukah lamps decorated with elements of Russian folklore, musical instruments from klezmer bands, magic charms and amulets to ward off sickness and the evil eye, chess sets with stars of David on the horses' heads and rabbi outfits covering the bishops, women's bodice ornaments made of costly fabrics and metallic embroidery, and a beautifully preserved gold and red Torah ark curtain from 1751 embroidered with Czarist crown.

A videotape, *Shtetl: Landscape of Memory*, outlines shtetl history from the reality of An-sky's days to a mythologized memory of the past. The production takes the viewer from home movies to shtetls to Broadway's *Fiddler On The Roof*.

Braunstein concluded: "What is most exciting about the exhibit is that this incredible piece of the past has resurfaced at this time in world history. We are delighted to bring it to New York and show it to the descendants of East European Jewry and to others who want to learn more about this important culture."

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5 HOUSES FOR SALE

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THE BRIDLE PATH $3,980,000
Architecturally designed 14,000 sq. ft. home with indoor pool. Two acres! Elise Kalles**.

PARK LANE CIRCLE $3,380,000
Beautifully set on 2 acres of impeccably manicured grounds. Pool/tennis court. Elise Kalles**.

HIGH POINT $2,780,000
Build your own dream home. Two acre lot. Most desirable area. Elise Kalles**.

ROOM FOR POOL & COURT
6,500 sq. ft. Soaring ceilings, stained glass wndws., 6 bdrms., 5 ensuites. South exposure. Glenn Graff*.

YORK MILLS GARDENS $1,399,000
Custom design. 3-car garage. Master with sitting room & fireplace. Motivated vendor. Cheryl Graff*.

COSMIC DRIVE — $1,288,000
This contemporary residence boasts the finest of craftsmanship & materials. Elise Kalles**.

DEMAND ST. ANDREWS AREA
Custom blt. 4,200 sq. ft. lib. fam. rm. Quiet ct. Master w/frplc. & jacuzzi. Fin. bsmt. $869K. N. Kopman*.

CHILDSAFE CRESCENT
5 bedrooms, 4 fireplaces, 3 w/o to ravine setting, UCCI built. Hardwood floors. Cheryl Graff *.

RAVINE LOT — 'NEW HOME' $749,900
Magnificent 4 bdrm., 4200 s.f., bleached flrs, Laurentide kit., dream pool. W/out bsmt. Jean Zinman*.

CONVENIENCE & SECURITY!
Tucked away on prime st., 4 BR Cape Cod, custom exec. Lge. lot. Could be yours! Brenda Abramson*.

1ST AD! BATHURST/SHEPPARD!
$545K! 3800' smashing dream home! Stunning decor & upgrades! Fab 56'x132 lot! Sandon Schwartzben*.

GREENLANE AREA 4 BDRM. $459K
Homes & Gdns. decor, 2 sty. foyer, 3,200 s.f. Thousands in upgrades. Fin. bsmt. To view, N. Kopman*.

THE PERFECT PACKAGE!
Spaciousness thruout this fully fin. 4 BR "Greenpark" home. Close to everything. Brenda Abramson*.

CENTRAL

CASTLEFRANK $2,180,000
Beautifully appointed residence. Custom detailing. Incredible views. $2,180K. Elise Kalles**.

REDUCED COUNTRY IN THE CITY
Approx. 3/4 acre on ravine, fully renovated, eat-in kit., marble baths. W/up bsmt. Cheryl Graff*.

DUNVEGAN ROAD $1,195,000
Gracious Forest Hill family home, 5 bedrooms, den, family rm. Custom detailing. Elise Kalles**.

1ST AD! BATHURST/LAWRENCE!
$1,100,000! Architectural masterpiece! 7,000'! Grand 5+2 BR, 6 bath! 71' lot! Sandon Schwartzben*.

NEW EXCLUSIVE! STUNNING T.H.!
$639,000. Best Annex location. Private enclave. Priced to sell! Move-in cond. Toby Farb*.

ARCHITECT'S OWN DREAM HOME!
Bloor West area features open concept, over 4500' lower level. 1500' offices. $599K. Pearl Godfrey*.

GLENCAIRN 2 BUILDING LOTS
1st time offered. East of Bathurst, lots 55'x231' & 60'x231', or could be sold as one. Marilyn Feldman*.

EXTRA LARGE CONDO — REDUCED!
Over 2,300 s.f. Sep. liv. & din. rms., Den, 2 BR, 3 baths. Pool, sec. Ave./Bloor area. $475K. A. Dlouha*.

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Must be seen to be apprec'd. 4 BR + 2, 5 baths. Mn. flr. den., fin. bsmt., skylite. Huge lot. Paula Bernstein*.

ROSEDALE — FABULOUS RENTAL
Rare find. Country house in the city. Cantilevered swimming pool. $12,000/mo. Elise Kalles**.

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$1,518/mo.! Sublease to Oct. 96! 1581'! Recept'n & 3 pvt. off. & brd. rm! Immed! Sandon Schwartzben*.

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Unique opportunity! Bathurst-Glencairn, development potential, 289' frontage x 132' depth, priced to sell, call now for details. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

JOICEY BLVD. — REDUCED $20,000
50'x115' lot, 4 bdrm. bung., fab. location near many new homes. Act now! Only $279,000. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

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BATHURST/ ANTIBES
2700 sq. ft. luxury townhouse. 4 bdrm. + fam. rm., cathedral ceilings. Close to all amenities – hard to believe price, only $219,000. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

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Custom-built 4,000+ sq. ft. of luxury, upgrades throughout, architectural gem, a MUST SEE at only $529,000. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

HILLHURST - NEW LISTING
"Upper Forest Hill" spacious side-split on 60x128 lot. Fabulous location. Only $439,000. Act now! Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

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GLEN PARK
4 bdrm., 2 storey architectural gem under construction, approx. 2700 sq. ft., choose your finishes! Only $529,000. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

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UPPER FOREST HILL – REDUCED $50,000!
4 bdrm., 2 storey, main floor family room, 2 single garages, 50'x120' lot, near West Prep., only $479,000. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

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Spacious corner lot, close to all amenities, $229,000. Act now! Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.

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Sales Representative
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BATHURST YORK DOWNS
Just listed. [SOLD]er, 3 bdrm., 2 bths, 2 ki[SOLD]nl. bsmnt.

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CLANTON PARK AREA
3 Bdrms., 2 bths, starter home, 50' x 120' lot, don't miss!

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ATKINSON CLARK
4 Bdrm. 3 bth[SOLD]din. comb., den, fam. r[SOLD]e gar.

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1ST AD-RAVINE-STUNNING
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HOUSES FOR SALE

BAYVIEW-GREEN LANE STUNNING EXEC. HOME
$345K on child-safe court, circular stairs, 4 bdrms, finished lower level, hurry on this one! *Helen Gould

RICHMOND HILL — REDUCED TO $335,900
Large 5 bdrm, 2 storey, family room & den, finished bsmt, all offers considered. *Mike Kamin

BATHURST-CLARK "SPRING FARM" $293,900
Unbelievable value! 4+1 bdrm, loads of extras incl. ceramics., appls, fin. bsmt + nanny's quarters ++ *A. Sidofsky

HILDA-STEELES — GREAT BUY! $288,000
Det. 4 bdrm with bsmt apt, huge family room, large kit, LR/DR combo, walk to bus, shops etc. *Leon Kogan

BATHURST-SHEPPARD — FAYWOOD BLVD.
Large 4 bdrm bungalow $279K must sell! Basement apt, 3 baths, reno'd kit, circular drive! **B. Kogan

BATHURST-CENTRE "WESTMOUNT"
4 bdrm, about 2,300 sq. ft., open concept! 9ft. ceilings on main floor, LR/DR combo! *Howard Skopitz

BATHURST-CENTRE ON CUL-DE-SAC
3 bdrm T.H., about 2,100', finished bsmt, cathedral ceil, steps to Promenade. *H. Skopitz

BATHURST-STEELES — $273,900
Stunning 2,000 sq. ft. home with dble gar, finished bsmt, oversized kit, 5 appls & more! *Allen Sidofsky

BATHURST-CLARK $272,900
4 bdrm on quiet crt, prof. finished bsmt, main fl. laundry, 2 walkouts, thousands $$ in extras! *Howard Skopitz

JUST LISTED — PRIME "ROSEDALE NORTH"
Magnificent 3 bdrm T.H., about 1,800 sq. ft., finished w/o bsmt. *Lioudmila Iampolskaia

BATHURST-STEELES — MUST SELL VERY QUICK!
Large 3 bdrm T.H. with w/o bsmt, premium location in complex. Great condition - spotless! *Leon Kogan

BATHURST-FINCH-ANTIBES $161,900
3 bdrm T.H. near bus! Finished bsmt, w/o kit, 2 baths, very motivated vendor, try an offer! **B. Kogan

CONDOMINIUMS

CASTLE IN THE SKY!
3 bdrm P.H. Marble & hardwood, large balcony, many upgrades, close to all! Must see! *C. Rosenzweig

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AVENUE/LAWRENCE — NEW LISTING!
$349,000 - Gorgeous 3BR, det., pegged hardwood floors, reno'd kit., open concept, fireplace, mn. flr. bath, pool, 2 car pkg., c/air - one of a kind!

AVENUE/LAWRENCE — NEW LISTING!
$279,000 - Det. 3 BR bungalow, excellent curb appeal, fireplace, in-law suite, south 40 x 106 lot, double drive and gar., c/air, alarm. Won't last!

WONDERFUL STRATHALLAN BLVD! NEW PRICE
Now $749,000 - Handsome centre hall, magnificent m.f. family room and reno'd kit., 5 BR, 4BA, dble gar., south lot, perfect location!

CORTLEIGH BLVD!
$379,000 - Spacious 3BR bung., att. gar., steps to the park. Best value for well-located 45x131 south lot, live in, renovate or build new!

BEACHES BEAUTY!
$259,000 - Spectacular ma[SOLD]replace and cathedral ceilings, c/air, parking for 3 c[SOLD]in. bsmt. - a perfect 10!

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$369,000 - Spacious 4 BR b[SOLD], m.f. fam. rm., fireplace, c/air.

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$339,000 – "WESTMOUNT" [SOLD] Bedrm. formal home on prem. walk-out lot! White & black sparkling decor!

$339,000 – "WESTMOUNT" [SOLD] mer lot 4 brdrm home in top cond! parquet, ceramics, approx. 2700'

$379,000 – "WESTMOUNT" – 6 yrs. new abt. 3850' on quiet street! Sprawling 2 storey staircase, 4 bedrms w/3 upper baths!

$494,500 – "WESTMOUNT" [SOLD] x 4+1 bedrm on prem. pie lot w/inground pool + spa. Grey & white decor!

$699,000 – "TRIBUTE" BUILT – stunning 4 + 2 bedrm on prem. court lot! Exclusive abt 4200' + f.bsmnt, pool + cabana - a beauty!

$1,199,000 – "RENAISSANCE COURT" – Custom 5 bedrm. Builders own residence on mature treed 110' x 220' lot! Peach & white decor, all the bells & whistles!

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Advertorial

TALMA GELLER

by Ross Fattori

"Agent Taps A Burgeoning Hong Kong Market"

When Talma Geller knocked on her first door as a real estate agent seven years ago she had no idea what to expect.

A short time later, she sold an exclusive home in the Bayview & 16th area of Richmond Hill. The buyer was a Hong Kong immigrant. Since then Talma Geller has sold hundreds of homes to Hong Kong - and local - buyers and has helped to develop a substantial niche market in the process.

"At the time (1987) a huge influx of Hong Kong residents began settling in Richmond Hill," she explains with soft-spoken modesty. "My timing must have been good because I soon began handling more and more transactions within that market."

Talma soon began circulating her feature sheets and flyers in Chinese and started learning Chinese as well.

Timing is one thing; so is customer satisfaction. Talma treats clients the way she would like to be treated - honestly, fairly and professionally.

"I try to take the fear and stress out of buying or selling a home," she states. "I do this by updating clients constantly so they know what to expect." Her clients concur. One satisfied Richmond Hill client wrote: "You have done a wonderful job of not only providing a very complete analysis but also guiding us every step of the way."

Her personal approach to selling continues to pay off for her clients. So far this year every one of her listings has sold!

As a top producer at RE/MAX REALTRON REALTY, Talma Geller credits much of her success to the company's highly professional and supporting environment.

A computerized front desk system, "hands on" management and a hard working staff make Talma's job a lot easier. "I particularly enjoy our 'Power Mondays' where top agents get together and brain storm new ideas," she says. Many of these ideas relate to improving customer service, which is an ongoing priority for the entire company.

"For most people, buying or selling a home is one of the most important decisions they will ever make," she says. "Helping them understand and feel comfortable with the process, and helping them achieve their goals - that's my job. My reward is when they recommend me to their friends and relatives and I end up selling or buying there too."

Talma is the first to admit that spare time is a luxury. What little time she does manage for herself is reserved for her husband and four children.

Talma Geller has received numerous achievement awards and her highest degree of success has been the result of her dedication, commitment to her clients and meticulous attention to details.

Indeed, this successful realtor has come a long way since knocking on that first door seven years ago.

Talma Geller is a sales representative at Re/max Realtron Realty Inc. (905) 764-6000

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70 FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT

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1/2 cup	sugar	125 mL
1/3 cup	unsalted butter, melted	75 mL
1	small ripe banana, mashed	1
1/2 tsp	pure vanilla extract	2 mL
2	eggs	2
1 cup	unflavoured yogurt	250 mL
1/2 cup	chocolate chips (optional)	125 mL

Preheat oven to 400°F/200°C. Butter 36 mini muffin cups or use mini foil cups. Combine dry ingredients in bowl. Combine melted butter with mashed banana, vanilla, eggs and yogurt. Pour wet ingredients on top of dry ingredients, combine only until mixed. Stir in chocolate chips (optional). Spoon batter into pans. Bake for 10-15 minutes.

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Here & There

From coast to coast

Philanthropist Leslie Dan, chairman and CEO of Novopharm, has given $1 million towards neurosurgical and neuroscience research at the University of Toronto and The Toronto Hospital. ***Page 5***

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre will be the first hospital in Canada to have a Jewish chapel. ***Page 16***

A Winnipeg teacher is leading a fight for paid religious holidays for non-Christian teachers. ***Page 18***

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

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THE PRECIOUS TOMATO

A shopper in Tel Aviv examines a tomato imported from Holland and priced at 9.9 shekels ($3 Cdn.) per kilo, more than double the normal price. Prices of tomatoes - a staple of the national diet - have skyrocketed in the past month due to a poor crop and a cholera scare in Gaza. In some places the price has hit 15 shekels a kilo, forcing many Israelis to buy the precious fruit one at a time. [Israel Photo]

Early empowerment gives Palestinians more control

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Implementation of Israel's peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization passed another milestone last week as officials transferred authority for taxation and health affairs in the West Bank to the Palestinians.

The transfers last Thursday marked the completion of so-called "early empowerment," under which Palestinians took over control of five key areas of authority in the West Bank, including education, welfare and tourism.

Israel formally handed over responsibility for tax collection at a ceremony in the civil administration building in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Health affairs were handed over during a ceremony in Nablus.

The ceremonies were delayed until the Palestinian Authority (PA) received confirmation from donor countries meeting in Belgium that money would be available to cover day-to-day expenses for the next few months.

At a two-day meeting in Brussels, a group of foreign donor nations, along with the World Bank, agreed to provide about $200 million (US) in grants and loans to support the cash-strapped PA.

The donor countries have pledged more than $2 billion to the Palestinians over five years, but little of the roughly $700 million pledged for 1994 has come through. Many nations have refused to fulfill their pledges because of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's refusal to demonstrate accountability for the funds.

Canada has pledged some $55 million over five years.

Shortly before the conference began, the World Bank signed a deal with Arafat for a $58 million line of credit to the PA.

The grant was provided by Saudi Arabia, Denmark and Switzerland.

World Bank sources said recent clashes in Gaza between Hamas and Palestinian police pressured the donors to start funneling money to the PA.

The transfer of powers came just days before Israel and the PLO were due to meet in Cairo to begin negotiations on the next stage of autonomy.

Those negotiations will focus on the redeployment of Israeli troops in the West Bank and the scheduling of Palestinian elections.

The talks are expected to be difficult. Israel has expressed concern that the security of Israelis living in the territories cannot be guaranteed if and when a troop withdrawal takes place.

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IKEA urged to expand business to Israel

TORONTO — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is urging Swedish furniture giant IKEA to dispatch a fact-finding team to Israel, to determine whether the Jewish State would be fertile ground for expansion.

Such a move would help dispel suggestions that IKEA complied with the Arab boycott of Israel and help redeem IKEA founder Ingvar Kamprad for his postwar flirtation with the fascist cause, said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, a spokesman for the centre.

Rabbi Cooper said he met with IKEA's North American president Goran Carstedt to discuss recent reports from

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Next Week

The Jewish community has undergone tremendous change in the past 13 years. Jewish Family & Child Services' Gordon Wolfe has seen it all. See Ron Csillag's report in the next issue of *The CJN.*

JCC saga nearing resolution — please see page 3

The News In Brief

CANADA

Support for Gun Proposals

OTTAWA — Jewish groups are applauding Justice Minister Alan Rock's tough proposals on gun control.

In a statement, B'nai Brith Women of Canada president Arlene Fagan urged Rock not to back down in the face of fierce opposition to his proposals from the gun lobby.

BBW/C said it is pleased the proposals call for banning certain hand guns and assault weapons. Fagan said polls have shown most Canadians support stronger gun control measures.

Canadian Jewish Congress national law and social action committee chair Prof. Gerald Gall called Rock's plan "reasonable," and urged the minister to table legislation "as soon as possible."

Israeli Refugee Claims

MONTREAL — The Immigration and Refugee Board's (IRB) third quarter report shows that Israel continues to be one of the major sources of refugee claims in Canada.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, the IRB heard to completion claims from 590 people from Israel, most of them originally from the former Soviet Union. Only Sri Lanka, Somalia, India and Iran were the country of origin for more refugee claimants.

During that period, the IRB granted refugee status to 344 Israeli citizens and denied it to 445. Seventy-two claims by Israelis were withdrawn or abandoned.

Quints at Mount Sinai

TORONTO — Quintuplets born last week at Mount Sinai Hospital here are in fair condition, a spokeswoman said.

The three girls and two boys were born 13 weeks early by caesarean section to a 30-year-old mother and 26-year-old father.

The parents had been on a fertility program. The quints are the couple's first children.

The parents "are feeling a little overwhelmed," said hospital spokeswoman Sara Taylor. The babies weigh between 14 ounces and two pounds, 6½ ounces. As of last week, they were on ventilators in the hospital's neo-natal intensive care unit.

Abe Arnold is Honored

WINNIPEG — Jewish historian, journalist and editor Abe Arnold is to be one of two honorees at a tribute dinner here Dec. 8.

Arnold and union activist Ed Blackman are scheduled to receive the sixth annual Manitoba Human Rights Achievements Award, bestowed by the Community Legal Education Association.

Arnold, a former editor of Vancouver's *Jewish Western Bulletin* and co-author of *Jewish Life in Canada*, is being recognized for his life-long work in human rights, civil liberties and race relations.

ISRAEL

Road Deaths Rise

TEL AVIV — Despite attempts to heighten public awareness about road safety, the number of fatal accidents on Israeli roads continues to increase.

Seven people were killed in road accidents throughout the country last Monday alone, bringing the death toll so far this year to 480 — a 10 per cent increase over the number of traffic deaths during all of 1993.

If fatalities among Israelis living in the territories are included, the death toll for the year so far rises to 600.

Cold Claims Homeless Man

JERUSALEM — With frigid weather here claiming the life of at least one homeless person over the weekend, attention has once again focused on the plight of the homeless in Israel.

As temperatures plunged and snow, hail and rain fell around the country, the body of a homeless man was found in the backyard of an apartment building in Bnei Brak, near Tel Aviv.

Police believed the man, whose name was not released, died of exposure.

HIV Numbers Down

JERUSALEM — The number of new HIV carriers in Israel has declined this year, but Health Minister Ephraim Sneh last week warned against becoming complacent about AIDS.

During the first 11 months of this year, 135 Israelis were diagnosed with AIDS, compared with 174 for all of 1993.

The number of known HIV carriers is 1,226, but the actual number (including those not tested) is estimated by the ministry at between 2,000 and 2,500.

Israeli Satellite

TEL AVIV — Israel will launch an advanced communications satellite next November, officials with Israel Aircraft Industries announced last week.

The Amos-1 satellite, which is being built by IAI in cooperation with Deutsche Aerospace of Germany and the French Alcatel Aerospace company, will be launched by a French-made Ariane rocket from the African nation of Guinea.

The satellite is expected to remain in orbit for 11 years and will relay video, voice and data transmission from Iran to Libya, and from Ukraine to Sudan.

Auschwitz Guides Train

TEL AVIV — Fifty Polish guides at the Auschwitz Museum have completed a three-week course at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem designed to provide them with a background in Jewish history.

The guides at the museum, located on the grounds of the former Nazi concentration camp, studied Judaism, Jewish history, the Holocaust and Israel. They also toured Israel.

The course was set up by Yad Vashem after it became known that the Auschwitz guides were unaware that most of the death camp's victims were Jews.

Jordanian Kids Arrive

JERUSALEM — More than a dozen children and their escorts became the first Jordanian tourists to visit Israel last Monday. They were guests of the annual Festigal Chanukah show in Haifa.

WORLD

Antonescu Statue

BUCHAREST — Another statue of World War II fascist dictator Ion Antonescu has been dedicated in Romania, the World Jewish Congress has reported.

The latest bust of Antonescu was unveiled last month in the Romanian town of Piatra-Neamt, at a ceremony attended by local officials and war veterans.

Jews in Romania, fearful of renewed anti-Semitism in the country, are concerned the dictator's reputation is being rehabilitated.

During Antonescu's rule from 1940 to 1944, more than 250,000 Jews died in territories controlled by Romania. Antonescu was executed in Romania as a war criminal in 1946.

In October 1993, Romania's first official statue of Antonescu was erected in the town of Slobozia, financed in part by local police.

Righteous Slovaks

PRAGUE — The Israeli ambassador to the Czech Republic recently bestowed a posthumous Righteous Among the Nations Award to a couple who gave refuge to three Jews in a Slovak village during World War II.

At a ceremony at the Israeli embassy here, Ambassador Moshe Yegar delivered the award to Ruzena Stepnickova, the daughter of Vojtech and Anna Mjartus, who risked their lives to hide in their home three Jews pursued by the Nazis.

Jeffries: Jews 'Stink'

NEW YORK — Leonard Jeffries, whose anti-Semitic remarks several years ago cost him his job at City College here, has taken another swing at Jews, saying they are like skunks and have "stunk up everything."

According to the *New York Daily News*, Jeffries told his cheering audience in a recent speech in New Jersey, "you have to have peace with these skunks, so they don't stink you all up."

Recordings of the speech were said to be on sale in Harlem.

Jeffries, a tenured professor who espoused unusual racial theories, lost his position as chair of the Black Studies Department at City College after a 1991 speech in which he accused Jews of financing the slave trade and portraying blacks negatively in movies.

Jeffries has sued to recover his position. He won his bid in two lower courts, including a federal appellate court.

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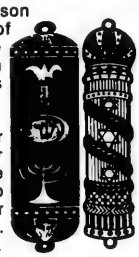

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JCC files proposals to creditors

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After months of negotiations, court appearances and dispute resolution, it looks as if there's finally a light at the end of the tunnel in which the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has found itself for the past few years.

Late last week the JCC filed a proposal to its creditors that is expected to satisfy their claims and allow the JCC to restructure itself.

The offer would see all the JCC's creditors paid in full, the Leah Posluns Theatre (LPT) endowment fund replenished and terminated employees paid in excess of statutory requirements.

The proposal must still be accepted by creditors representing two-thirds of the value of the outstanding claims and then be approved by court.

Although the proposal was filed by the JCC, "it obviously does not have the financial wherewithal to make this proposal without the help of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto," said Robert Harlang, spokesman for Richter & Partners, the court-appointed receiver.

Under the terms of the proposal, the Federation will be the primary source of funds to help the JCC pay off its debts, which total more than $16 million.

The proposal has the Bank of Montreal (BMO), which is owed $9.1 million (plus interest and other charges), receiving $4.5 million on closing of the deal, expected in January or February 1995. At closing, the JCC's Bloor and Valley properties will be sold to member groups and the Bathurst facility will be transferred to a new corporate group.

The Bloor facility will provide $3 million to the bank, and the Valley will give $1 million. The company that takes ownership of the Bathurst facility, called 4588 Bathurst Centre, will pay the bank $600,000 over the next five years.

Other creditors slated to be paid in full are: Revenue Canada, $500,000; the trades, $1.2 million; terminated employees, $400,000; the LPT endowment fund and other endowment funds, $3.4 million.

Negotiations are ongoing with Honeywell, which has placed liens on the Bathurst and Bloor properties for debts of $990,000.

Negotiations ongoing with Honeywell

Under a formula contained in the proposals, the 31 LPT and JCC employees who were terminated and who had more than five years experience will receive one week's wages for every year of service, plus an enhancement of three per cent per year of service. The enhancement is not required by law, Harlang said.

In addition, employees with less than five years service, who, under the Employment Standards Act, would not be entitled to any severance package, will receive a minimum of five weeks' pay plus three per cent, he added.

Turning to the LPT endowment fund, Harlang said philanthropist Wilfred Posluns had applied to court several weeks ago to raise his

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CHANUKAH HUDDLE

These children didn't feel the cold at a menorah lighting ceremony held at North York's Mel Lastman Square last Tuesday when temperatures dipped to -2C. Jason Stein, 5, brother Matthew, 3, and sister Liane, 1 1/2, huddle with nanny Margie Dayaday and mom Pamela Stein during the ceremony, sponsored by the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto. Afterwards, more than 1,000 people moved indoors to the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts for more celebrations. [Amy Sattin photo]

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Metro man subject of anti-Semitic harassment

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A North York man and his family have become targets of a vicious campaign of anti-Semitic and life-threatening hate mail, and police appear powerless to do anything about it.

Transport Canada worker Ned Godfrey said he has been the victim of a harassment campaign that has included letters bearing large swastikas threatening his life and that of his family. One letter obtained by *The CJN* has a hand-drawn swastika, Godfrey's address and the words, "Dead F...in Jew."

Another letter, in child-like handwriting, states "will (sic) get rid of all the f...ing Jews in this area but you Ned Godfrey will be the first dead f...ing Jew. You can count on this [epithet]."

Godfrey says the harassment dates back to late 1990. Incidents include flyers advertising a non-existent party at his home, people arriving at his home seeking drugs, and three instances where a firearm was discharged in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood has been subjected to a number of wild, all-night parties where party-goers urinated on front lawns and where patio tables in Godfrey's backyard were wrecked.

Godfrey said after he complained to police and a neighbor was charged with assault in March 1993, he began receiving anti-Semitic material, with the most recent arriving this past September. He has called police, informed Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada, asked city councillors for help and taken his case to the the media.

No one seems able to offer any permanent relief and Godfrey, a soft-spoken individual, admits his life has become a virtual nightmare. Friends and his doctor have recommended that he sell the house he has occupied since 1984.

Metro Councillor Norm Gardner said he took up the case at Godfrey's request, discussing it with police at 33 Division. "They have no evidence to lay charges at anybody. They see it as a neighbors' squabble," Gardner said.

Police "have a lot of difficulty proving where [the letters] came from, but they did put a lot of police manpower into the case. It wasn't as though it was a cavalier attitude," he said

CJC spokesman Steven Shulman said Congress became involved because "the letters contain clear, offensive statements of anti-Semitism that no one should be subjected to."

Congress has "contacted as many people as possible who could make a difference," including the police force's hate crimes unit. Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave, who heads the unit, told *The CJN* the investigation is in the hands of the local police, and the hate crimes unit is monitoring their progress.

Sgt. Lino Murarotto, a community relations spokesman for 3 District, which takes in most of North York, said police have been involved with the case for about four years. "A sizable file has developed" but so far, "we just don't have enough evidence to proceed with any charges," he said.

Although police see it is as a neighbors' dispute, the anti-Semitic aspect "has elevated it to a higher status," Murarotto said.

Forensic investigations of the letters have failed to turn up fingerprints and repeated police surveillance of the neighborhood has revealed nothing. All the police can do now is maintain increased patrols.

"We cannot provide 24-hour protection to Godfrey and his family," Murarotto said.

Willowdale MPP Charles Harnick said his office has contacted a property developer to see if they could exercise more control over tenants occupying a house in the neighborhood.

But Steven Ruse, general manager of Tocana Management, the company which administers the property for the owner, a numbered company, said: "The landlord has not had any problems with the tenants and we have not had any complaints with regard to these tenants in recent months."

He acknowledged there were problems with one tenant in the past, but that was rectified more than a year ago when the tenant left.

Ruse said "our company at no times condones racial prejudice or hate literature dissemination" and will "co-operate 100 per cent" in any police investigation.

While law enforcement authorities and politicians spin their wheels, Godfrey has been forced to take medication to calm his frayed nerves. He has finally decided to put his house on the market, but so far there have been no takers.

"The damage they've done will never be cured," he said. "It's been a nightmare, like a cancer growing. I have to look behind my back when I go to work, when I take out the garbage. . . Are we back in Nazi Germany?"

Atlantic Jew launches scholarship

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Norman Newman never had the chance to visit Israel, but this October his widow Barbara did for the first time.

After Norman died in December 1993, Barbara wanted to do something concrete in Israel to memorialize him.

"What she did was a breakthrough for Atlantic Canada UIA," said Reuven Rosenfelder, the Israel-based director of communications for UIA Canada. He said her contribution for a single project in Israel "sets a new standard for giving in the Atlantic region."

The establishment of the $250,000 Barbara and Norman Scholarship Fund will help 15- to 18-year-olds in the upper Galilee region attend Migal Research Institute or Tel Hai Regional College.

Barbara Newman

"I was a high school teacher and guidance counselor and always interested in education," said Newman. "I wanted to support a project dealing with bright young minds in Israel."

She visited the Migal Institute during the eight-day mission and knew "that was where I wanted to direct my donation."

Interest from the $250,000 donation will be matched by UIA for the next five years, and maybe 10, she said. The money will provide multiple scholarships.

The mission was attended by 16 community leaders from Atlantic Canada. "We were impressed with what had been accomplished in Israel where enormous problems have been faced and dealt with effectively," Newman said. "Now that I've been there, any news item I read or see will make me more interested in what is happening and give me greater understanding. I will definitely go back."

Norman Newman was a successful Halifax businessman who served on the boards of many business and arts organizations, including Dalhousie University, Symphony Nova Scotia and Shaar Shalom Synagogue. He was also a major benefactor of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

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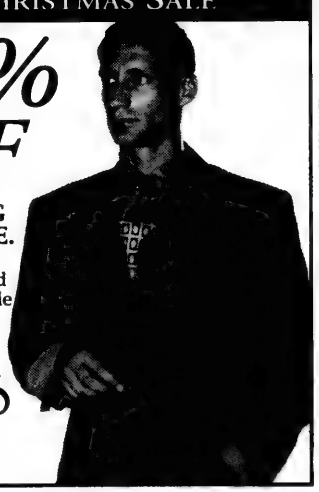
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From coast to coast

Nerve research gets $1M boost

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Toronto philanthropist has given $1 million for neurosurgical and neuroscience research at the University of Toronto and the Toronto Hospital.

Leslie Dan, chair and CEO of the pharmaceutical company Novopharm, was on hand at the Nov. 28 inauguration of the Dan Family Chair in Neurosurgery, held at the home of university president Robert Prichard.

Dr. Charles Tator, 58, is the chair's first incumbent.

The $2-million chair, jointly shared by the university and the hospital, will fund research into brain tumors, trauma, strokes and aneurysms.

Toronto Hospital president Dr. Alan Hudson, himself a neurosurgeon, told *The CJN* the Dan family donation is a "terrific stimulus" to research in the city.

"They asked for [$1 million] and I didn't say no. They needed it," Dan later told *The CJN*.

Tator, who like Dan belongs to North York's Reform Temple Emanu-El, will hold the chair for four years.

The U of T's division of neurosurgery, of which Tator is head, trains 30 residents and 20 fellows at six affiliated hospitals. The Toronto Hospital's 10-member neurosurgical staff is the largest in Canada.

The inauguration was preceded by a Chanukah candlelighting led by Dan's son, Dr. Michael Dan, currently a staff neurosurgeon at New Orleans' Charity Hospital, and his wife Camille.

The younger Dan will become Novopharm's medical director this June.

Prichard later confirmed it was the first chanukiah lighting held at the university's Rosedale mansion during his tenure.

The Dan family's other charitable bequests include a $1-million gift to the $5-million Leo Baeck Day School Dan Family Building, and $1.2 million towards the $2-million Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre, to be begun this Sunday in Thornhill.

Camille Dan and Dr. Michael Dan light Chanukah candles before the inauguration of the Dan Family Chair in Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto and the Toronto Hospital. [Amy Sattin photo]

Leslie Dan, Dr. Michael Dan, Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-El and Dr. Charles Tator at the inauguration of Dan Family Chair in Neurosurgery. [Amy Sattin photo]

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Liberal MPs learn about Israel during CIC trip

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A delegation of Liberal MPs returned last month from a Canada-Israel Committee (CIC)-sponsored trip impressed with the direction Israel is now taking.

According to CIC public affairs director Philippe Elharrar, who led the Nov. 7-13 trip with Shimon Fogel, CIC director of governmental affairs, the trip was an unqualified success.

"They met with new immigrants; they saw a lot," he said. "They understand Israel's raison d'etre."

Elharrar said the sites visited by the Liberal MPs — who included party whip Don Boudrias, Shaughnessy Cohen, Bonnie Hickley, Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, Gerry Pickard and Jane Stewart — included areas over the Green Line, like the West Bank, Jerusalem's Old City and the Golan Heights.

But according to Elharrar, the embassy did not ask that the MPs travel with a "neutral" Canadian escort over the Green Line because the trip was "private."

The Liberal MPs, Elharrar said, were accompanied at all times by either David Oren or Aliza Belman, who work for Israel's Foreign Ministry.

The only time that the embassy asked for a Canadian presence, Elharrar said, was when the group met with Palestinian representatives.

The MPs also visited a Druze village, an Israeli kibbutz and immigrant absorption facilities, as well as Yad Vashem and Masada.

They also participated at briefing sessions with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and a cross-section of Israeli MKs, including Tamar Gozansky (of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), Walid Sadik (Meretz), Eliezer Sandberg (Tsomet) and Avigdor Kahalani (Labor).

The MPs, all of them on their first trips to Israel and some of whom were accompanied by their spouses (who paid their own way), also met with academics, Raphael Goren, external relations director for the Centre for Interntional Cooperation, former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg, *Jerusalem Report* managing editor David Orivitz and Kamal Mansour, advisor to president Ezer Weizman on minority affairs.

Canadian ambassador Norman Spector also hosted a reception for the Liberal MPs at his home.

"I think they were surprised by the country," Elharrar said, "by the booming economy, the development.

"I also think they understand better the price of negotiations."

As part of its lobbying efforts, the CIC has for several years organized periodic trips to Israel for Canadian politicans.

Earlier this year, a group of Bloc Quebecois MPs went on a CIC trip. Elharrar said efforts are underway to organize a trip for Reform Party MPs next June.

CIC MEETS WITH RABIN

During Prime Minister Rabin's visit to Canada, leaders from the Canada Israel Committee attended a lunch hosted by Canadian Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet which was followed by a private briefing. Shown above (from left) are CIC officers Sheldon Lerman, Norman Godfrey, Prime Mnister Rabin, Stephen Victor and Stephen Lipper. Also in attendance was B'nai Brith Canada president Brian Morris, Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella and CZF representative Stella Torontow.

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די קאָנפֿערענץ האָט זיך געעפֿנט מיט אַ פּייַערלעכן און פֿאַרזלעכן קבלת פּנים, מיט אַ מחותקאַלישן פּראָגראַם און מיט וואַרעמע באַגריסונגען פון אָנפֿירער פון די אונטערשטיצונדיקע אָרגאַניזאַציעס. מיט אַן אינטערעסאַנטער רעדע: „פֿאַרוואָס אַ קאָנפֿערענץ פון ייִדישע קלובן", איז אויפֿגעטרעטן דער באַקאַנטער טאָראָנטער קולטור-טוער, אהרן פּייַער.

אַ שטאַרקן אייַנדרוק האָט אויבערגעלאָזט דער פֿאָרטראָג, שבת אינדערפֿרי, פון פּראָפֿעסאָר ירמיהו אָרעשטיין, אויף דער טעמע: „שבת, יום-טוב און טראַדיציע אין דער מאָדערנער ייִדישער קולטור". מיט זייַן פֿאַרכטיקן ייִדיש און רייַכן איהאַלט האָט דער רעדנער פֿאָרגעפֿט די צוהערער, און זיי אויסגעצייכנט אין אַ פּראָכטבאַראַר דיסקוסיע.

שבת נאָכמיטאָג, דעם 8-טן אָקטאָבער, האָט די באַוווסטע ראָמאַניסטין, פֿאָלקסע און לעקטאָרין פון מאָנטרעאַל, חוה ראָזענפֿאָרב, געהאַלטן אַ ביז גאָר רייַכן רעפֿעראַט אויף דער טעמע: „י. י. סינגער, דער אינטערנאַציאָנאַלער באַקאַנטער פֿאָלק, צו זיין 40-טן יאָרצייט". אין אוונט איז פֿאָרגעקומען אַ גאָלאַ קאָנצערט מיט דער באַקיילקונג פון „בוליאַר קלעזמער בערי" און דער פֿאָלקס-זינגערין פון וואַנקוווער, קלעיר קליין אָסיפֿאָוו, וואָס האָט מיט איר הערלעכער שטימע פֿשוט פֿאַרצוויבערט דעם עולם. עס זיינען אויך אויסגעטראָטן די „ייִדישע שפּיילערס" פון טאָראָנטאָ: אַלען פֿאָרקאָס, מייקל לעבאָוויק און גלאָריאַ וואַלענטין.

באַזונדערס אינטרעסאַנט איז געווען דער געדענק-אוונט, געווידמעט דעם פּאָעט און מחבר-שרייבער, פֿרץ מיראָנסקי. וועגן זיין לעבן און שאַפֿן האָט געראַטן ליבע אויפֿצופֿלד פון מאָנטרעאַל. איר רעדע האָט זיך אויסגעטיילט מיט איר רייַכן איהאַלט, סיינעם מאָמע-לשון און מיט דעם טיפֿן אַנאַליז וועגן דעם דיכטערס שאַפֿן. אַ גרויסע באַפֿרידיקונג האָבן אויך אָרעסגעווען די פֿאָרלייענער ווייזיען ריס און נעט גאָרניק, וועלכע האָבן מיט גרויס געפֿיל רעציטירט דעם פּאָעט'ס לידער. דעם אוונט האָבן אויך באַשטימט דער ביז-תקוה כאָר, ידידיזדט דורכן קאָמפּאָזיטאָר ישראל גליק, און דער באַקאַנטער און באַליבטער חזן, לוּאיס דאַנטע.

די זייער נרעלעכע און אינטערעסאַנטע אָרבעט סעסיעס, זונטיק און מאַנטיק, זיינען דורכגעפֿירט געוואָרן מיט גרויס דערפֿאָלג. מיט אַ ספּעציעלער רעדע איז אָרויסגעטראָטן דער גאָסט פון די שטאַטן (שרייבער פון די שורות), דר. משה נאַלף, אויף דער טעמע: „ייִדיש מאָמע-לשון — דער בן יקיר פון דעם אַשכּנזישן ייִדנטום" (אין צוזאַמענהאַנג מיט דעם 12-הונדערטיאָריקן יובל פון אויסקום פון אַשכּנז).

פֿאָרנעמיקנדיק דעם קורצן אינהאַלט פֿון איר באַזונדערס אונטערשטרייכן די אויסגעצייכנטע אָרגאַניזאַציע פון דער קאָנפֿערענץ און די פֿרייַנדלעכע אַטמאָספֿער, וועלכע האָט זיך אייגנעשטעלט פון דעם ערשטן טאָג אָן האָט געהערשט ביז דעם לעצטן. אַ באַזונדערער דאַנק קומט די אָרגאַניזאַטאָרן, בראש מיט בעס שאָקעט, וועלכע האָבן מיזאַם געאַרבעט, אַז די קאָנפֿערענץ זאָל דורכגיין מיט אַזאַ דערפֿאָלג. און דאָס האָט זיך זיי טאַקע אויסגעגאַנגן.

From coast to coast

Warning sounded over right's influence

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The extreme right is subtly influencing the political agenda in Europe, North America and the former Soviet Union, according to the authors of a draft study sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs, an agency of B'nai Brith Canada.

The Extreme Right: International Peace and Security at Risk, was presented at a seminar in Ottawa last week. The report details trends in racism, anti-Semitism, nationalism and right-wing violence in several countries. It concludes that although membership in extreme-right groups is relatively low, the groups have influenced the debate about refugee policy and immigration, gay rights and abortion.

Research and interviews were conducted in Canada, the United States, England, Wales, France, Hungary, Russia, Poland and Germany.

In Canada, the extreme-right numbers a few hundred members, said Stephen Scheinberg, a co-author of the study and a professor at Concordia University. Nevertheless, violent skinhead gangs are active in every major Canadian city.

Scheinberg says the American extreme-right is poised to move into Canada by attaching itself to moderate movements. For example, the radical anti-abortion group Human Life International plans to hold its international convention in Montreal in April. Group founder and president Father Paul Marx has singled out Jewish doctors, Jewish feminists and Jews in the media as leaders in the abortion field.

Among other observations from the study:

* A 1994 public opinion poll in Poland found that 36 per cent of those polled believed Jews have too much influence, despite there being only 8,000 Jews in a country with a population of 40 million.

* In Russia, right-wing organizations and publications are thriving. Leaders exploit a feeling among the majority that the average citizen is a victim of the country's political transformation. "The growing xenophobia and demonization of ethnic minorities and refugees, compounded by a lack of respect for human rights, threatens not just those targeted groups, but democracy itself in Russia," says Aurel Braun, a professor of international relations and political science at the University of Toronto, who wrote the chapters about Russia, Poland and Hungary.

* In France, the popularity of the extreme right party, the Front Nationale, has influenced national policy. Refugee claimants have lost the right to work, and local mayors, who might belong to the party, now have the authority to decide whether a foreigner can marry a French national.

However, even as public policy moves to the right, governments are also clamping down on racist activities. In England, the law against incitement to racial hatred has been strengthened, says David Matas, a Winnipeg immigration lawyer and president of the Canadian Council for Refugees who researched the extreme right in France and the United Kingdom for the study.

In France, anti-racist organizations have joined forces to launch civil suits against those who have committed racially motivated crimes.

Canada's Parliament is reviewing legislation that would see harsher sentences for crimes motivated by hate.

The B'nai Brith study is part of an ongoing 16-month research project funded by the Cooperative Security Competition Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Department of Canadian Heritage and the B'nai Brith Foundation.

A final report will be released following seminars in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg.

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Surrealistic spectacle

Later this week, on Dec. 10, a committee of the Norwegian parliament will confer the Nobel Peace Prize for 1994 on Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat. It will be as surrealistic a spectacle as any painted by Salvador Dali. Things will seem out of place. The imagery will be grotesque and even disturbing.

The incongruity in the choice of Arafat was missed by four of the five members of the selection committee. Apparently they felt no personal misgivings at choosing the planner of the massacres of Munich and Maalot to be worthy of the Nobel award. Or if they did, the burden of their responsibility was too great to straighten their stooped and bowed backbone into a posture of rectitude and integrity.

Irrespective of the worthiness of Rabin or Peres as recipients, the instability and uncertainty of the current situation makes this year's peace prize quite premature. There is as much chaos in Gaza as order. Killing continues unchecked. In most Gazan mosques, the sermon is hatred towards Jews. The Palestinian National Authority appears incapable of reigning in the forces of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and at times unwilling do so. In the territories the devolution of self-rule proceeds very slowly.

The inclusion of Yasser Arafat makes the prize particularly inappropriate. Regrettably, only one member of the selection committee had the conscience and rare courage to express this. Kare Kristiansen, a former cabinet minister in the Norwegian government, resigned from the committee, stating that Arafat had "too much blood on his hands."

The majority of the committee ignored the deep red stain. They felt that the chairman of the PLO had "transcended his past." But until Arafat rises to the urgent challenges of the present, an expedient signature and a publicity-bonanza handshake on a sun-soaked day in Washington will not be sufficient to dispel the doubts which linger surrounding his "transcendence."

It may be that the committee thought to boost the fragile peace by focussing the international spotlight on Arafat and on the sputtering negotiations through the light and the credibility of the rare Nobel occasion. We commend the committee's motive — namely, to do their part to ensure that this tenuous process of peace between Israeli and Palestinian, yet early in its gestation, is neither aborted, nor stillborn. But we regret their method. Both the light and the credibility of the prize have now been diminished.

Unlike the canvasses of Dali which hang permanently on display in some of the most famous art galleries around the world, the spectacle in Oslo will be noticed only once, celebrated by few, then consigned to a dark corner of our memory.

Computer hate

It was the Psalmist who said that the "wicked spring up like the grass," in reference to the proliferation of evil in ancient societies.

Today the frequency of its appearance has not changed but its medium has. One aspect of computer technology has now become a major vehicle for the dissemination of evil.

Chad Skelton, a media researcher, indicates in a recent study (*Id Magazine*. Oct. 6) that various bulletin board systems (BBS) have become the foyer for racial hatred, religious bigotry, anti-Semitism and Holocaust revisionism.

In the United States alone there are 11 different BBS devoted to spreading hate. Because the much publicized Internet, the world's larget computer network, is a collection of computers rather than a single computer network, it is virtually ungovernable. It has, therefore, attracted a phalanx of anti-Semites who, on the dark side of cyberspace, ply their squalid trade.

As Internet becomes more and more widespread, purveyors of hatred have become more subtle in their advocacies. Thus one group which calls itself Cyberspace Minutemen, appeals to men and women to preserve their "North European culture, Nordic ideals and freedom of speech and association."

The Jewish community, one of the major targets of the BBSs, has not been sufficiently alerted to the threat posed by electronic hate literature because it has become fixated on the hard copy variety.

The magnitude of the assault against Jews, Judaism and Israel on BBS warrants an immediate response because so many of those involved in using BBS are young impressionable people. Often their first contact with hatred towards Jews comes through the computer.

Letters to the editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

NOT REFORM'S FAULT

Your editorial of Nov. 17 again shows your bias against the Reform party.

If the Liberal party is proposing changes to our immigration policy, obviously it is Reform's fault that it does not meet your idea of what the policy should be. The Bloc Québécois and Conservatives would agree with most of it, but forget about that, let's blame Reform.

The policy you are referring to does not apply to refugees. For the others, why should we not allow immigrants who can speak one of our languages in preference to others that can't? If they really want to come here, preference should be given to those that put the effort into learning our language(s). Quebec has been applying that policy for years and you seem to accept that. Why can't Canada do so as well?

I guess pandering to the public occurs when the vast majority want something and the politician does so. I call that democracy — doing what the majority wants done.

Marvin Jason
Ottawa

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JEWS IN BELGIUM

A sentence in Cynthia Gasner's article about the Peretz family (*CJN* Nov. 24) gives a sadly erroneous view of Jewish survival in Belgium: "There were more than 30,000 Jews in Belgium at the beginning of the war. Only a handful survived."

From authoritative sources, such as *Le Comité de Défense des Juifs en Belgique* by Lucien Steinberg, here are the most accepted figures:

In 1939, there were close to 90,000 Jews in Belgium. That included several thousand recent refugees from Germany and Austria.

About 20,000 were trapped in France after trying to escape the advancing German armies. Many of them were interned and about 7,000 were later deported.

As of October 1941, 57,000 Jews had been identified by the German authorities in Belgium, largely as a result of compliance with the registration order issued a year earlier by the Agence Juive Belge. An estimated 12,000 Jews did not register.

The total number of Jews who had survived in Belgium by the end of the war would then be about 45,000. That includes over 3,000 hidden children.

Belgium was an exceptional country in its attitude to Jews, providing, despite some collaborators, a basically friendly and compassionate environment. The other reason for the high survival rate was the Jewish Resistance. Its main body, the Comité de Défense des Juifs en Belgique, aided by two smaller groups, counted close to 1,000 men and women in its ranks, of whom 250 paid with their lives. Underground papers, in Yiddish and French, were disseminated throughout the entire war. False I.D. cards, stamps for rationed foods and actual cash were distributed to hidden people in heroic cloak and dagger operations.

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BELIEF IN AFTER LIFE

In the Letters of Nov. 24, Rabbi Abraham Cohen questions views imputed to me, which he gleaned from *The CJN* report on Nov. 3.

I presume that Rabbi Cohen did not hear my actual remarks, and is reacting to the context of the written word.

It is obvious that belief in afterlife is important in Judaism. Clear statements to this effect in the Talmud are enough evidence, as is the additional rationale offered by Rabbi Cohen.

But this does not make belief in afterlife a major concern. The major concern in Judaism has always been the here-and-now. "Better is one period of repentance and good deeds in this world than all of life of the world to come" (Talmud, Avot, 4:22).

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REPLY 45 YEARS LATE

Allan Peters, a U.S. Army Lieutenant, was the commandant of the captured town of Waidring in 1945. He met seven Polish Jewish teenager boys. One of these boys, Michael Cherny whose last known address was 705 Manning Avenue in Toronto, wrote to Mr. Peters on December 22, 1949. Unfortunately at the time Mr. Peters didn't respond, which he regrets.

He would like very much to get in touch with Cherny or to find out his whereabouts.

Please contact Pnina Zilberman, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, at (616) 635-2883 ext. 144, or Jonathan H. Strauss at (310) 275-6511.

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DELAYS EXACERBATE PROBLEMS

Would-be peacemakers prematurely rewarded?

By Yeshayahu Anug

For many here in Israel and in the outside world the improbable handshakes of over a year ago in Oslo and Washington represented the triumph of courage over hopelessness. I looked at my columns from the months following these events; soon after the celebrations, they started registering the growing opposition to peace in both camps and the fluctuating moods of the peacemakers under the attack of the opposition and the assault of Hamas terrorism.

Now, as last year's commitment to peace between Israel and the Palestinians is being rewarded by the most cherished prize statesmen can aspire to, the Nobel Peace Prize, the peace process itself is running out of steam. Confronted by reality, the chief protagonists seem to be losing their self-confidence as well as many of their supporters.

Yet, while the momentum for peace in the Middle East has slowed down considerably, efforts to pacify the region are continuing. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher returned to inject life into the stagnating trilateral contacts with Syria.

Hafez al-Assad will probably reassess the disposition and the stamina of the U.S. administration, before deciding if the time has come for him to show some flexibility in response to whatever incentives Washington can now offer. His country is still on the U.S. list of "terrorist states," but last week it received a morale booster from the European Union, which for reasons of its own has lifted its nine-year-old arms embargo on Syria.

The practical consequences of this gesture are limited. It was an act of defiance by the Europeans at a time when the U.S.-European relationship is in crisis over many issues, principally the handling of the war in Bosnia. The European self-assertion vis a vis Syria is meant to signal to the Americans, and also to the Israelis, that Europe cannot be expected to merely finance the costs of peace in the Middle East, if it is not allowed to play a more active role in the political aspects of the peace talks.

With different considerations in mind, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government too will watch the current Syria-U.S. contacts carefully to see what is emerging from Damascus that could justify a moderation of its own attitude to Syria. Although the Golan issue stands in the way of any progress in the uneasy dialogue with Assad, he still holds the master-key to Israeli-Lebanese normalization.

For now, Syria tolerates a measure of Iran-inspired Hezbollah activity against Israel, but could curb it any time if Israel agreed to discuss withdrawal on the Golan Heights. The security aspects of a Syrian-Israeli settlement are still undefined and the government hesitates to confront the Golan settlers and their strong lobby. It points at Assad's failure to earn credibility in Israel as to his ultimate intentions.

In sharp contrast to the negotiations with the Palestinians and Syrians, the peace with Jordan already shows signs of vitality. Groups of private Israeli tourists, who now visit Jordan, are well received there and enjoy the new experience. A trickle of organized Jordanian groups, officials, business people and even Jordanian schoolchildren, have started coming to Israel. And as diplomatic relations have already been established, the two ambassadors are to present their credentials in Jerusalem and Amman next week. The precise timetable of normalization is working. Will it be affected by what happens in the other sectors?

Between one peace celebration and another, the government here is, as mentioned above, running out of ideas on how to go on. Rabin's rhetoric is tough and quite confusing. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's grand designs for a booming Middle East have also lost much of their magic. The opposition needs no imagination to harass the government. It only has to point at Arab terrorism to discredit the government's policies. And, in fact, since the Oslo agreement of 1993, Hamas terrorism has murdered a hundred Israelis, both soldiers and civilians.

If the negotiations with the PLO on the interim automomy period are to make any progress, Israel will have to find a way to re-deploy its forces in the territories, so that Palestinian elections can be held there without their presence, as the agreement demands. This will inevitably affect the safety of the Jewish settlements. The problem could be minimized by the evacuation of the most isolated and exposed ones, by the relocation of others in existing, defensible clusters, while a smaller third category would have to chose between dissolution and Palestinian jurisdiction.

It seems that in its present precarious situation, PLO acquiescence to such a scheme (which would entail a significant loss of autonomous territory) could be obtained more easily than that of the settlers. For understandable reasons of internal stability, Rabin still hesitates to openly confront the explosive subject.

But if he continues to stall on the issue, there will be little progress in the forthcoming talks with the PLO and more turbulence among the Palestinians. On the other hand, even if the wisest policy is adopted, the preparation of a new infrastructure of roads to separate the two populations will mean many months of public works and enormous costs to the Israeli taxpayer. And most importantly, before all that can start, a decision must be taken and none is yet in sight.

Israeli and Jordanian politicians cross the new border point between their two countries.

Arafat's incompetent cronies give boost to Hamas

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Special to The CJN

Dutch journalist Caroline de Gruyter isn't surprised by the growing strength of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, where she has lived with her hydrologist husband for the last few months.

As she tells both readers of the Amsterdam newsmagazine *Elsevier* and Israelis she meets, Arafat is responsible for Hamas successes. This is because the self-styled president of Palestine has surrounded himself with too many incapable and corrupt officials who arrive at work late, enjoy a leisurely lunch and, in some cases, then embark upon drinking sprees.

There are, de Gruyter hastens to add, plenty of well-educated and dedicated PLO supporters in the Gaza Strip whom Arafat could have appointed to senior positions, but, for the most part, he has not done so.

As a result of PLO ineptitude and corruption, the Dutch newslady goes on, Hamas has gained considerable support from elements of the Gaza population who by no means favor Islamic fundamentalism. They back Hamas because it is the only large movement that strenuously opposes the PLO and because its own institutions — like clinics and schools — are well run.

According to de Gruyter, "overseas agencies know that $10,000 given to PLO institutions may simply disappear, while the same $10,00 given to those of Hamas is used to fund their activities."

While most Israelis see Hamas as a single, extremely dangerous entity, de Gruyter speaks of an organization split down the middle. On the one hand, she says, there are the old-timers, whose single goal is a war to the death with Israel, which, they declare, has no place in the Muslim Middle East. On the other hand, again according to the Dutch journalist, there are younger Hamas members who favor negotiations with the Jews about a two-state solution, albeit on terms that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin — let alone Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu — would never accept.

Pursuing her thesis about "moderate Hamas elements," de Gruyter claims "they have learned the lesson of Iran, namely that not even a devoutly Islamic nation can afford to turn its back on Western culture. Their aim," she says, "is simply to create a Muslim alternative to communism and capitalism, both of which, as they see it, have failed to emancipate the people."

The Dutch lady, who is clearly an outsider in Gaza, finds no difficulty communicating with the Palestinians, "who are anxious to talk to journalists." At the same time, she is careful to take their sensibilities into consideration. So, for example, when she goes to interview someone at the Islamic University, a fundamentalist stronghold, she wraps herself in black from head to toe. "The only thing I refuse to do," she adds with a smile, "is to wear gloves."

As de Gruyter sees it, the future of the Gaza Strip and of the emerging Palestinian entity depends on whether Arafat gets his act together, whether he appoints competent administrators and stops trying to make all the decisions himself. "Today," she notes, "he even decides who is to have telephones in the Strip!"

Should things improve, she predicts that Hamas will remain with its hard core of supporters, "who make up less than 20 per cent of the population. If, however, the chaos and corruption go on, Hamas will continue to grow."

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Opinion

A remarkable story of success

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

A few days ago in the Toronto *Globe and Mail* I read a little story which was printed next to the customary obituary notices. I was shocked to see it, because the one who was eulogized was someone whom I had admired and who had died at the young age of 54.

When she was a little girl she was stricken with double pneumonia that brought her to death's door, a bout followed immediately by a severe case of scarlet fever.

When finally she recovered from these double onslaughts she contracted polio, for which no cure had as yet been invented. As it was, the case was relatively mild and eventually she could walk again with a brace on her left leg. When she was nine years old, this contraption was replaced by a high-top shoe, allowing her a fairly normal gait. But of course she could neither jump nor run.

Still, she had a dream. She was always entranced by those who were fleet of foot and had often thought of herself as a potential champion athlete. Polio seemed to have ended the realization of this dream — except for the fact that this little girl had guts, stamina and will. She managed to join her high school's basketball team and to everyone's surprise became its leading scorer. She had not, however, forgotten about her dream.

She had practised running secretly and when she was 15 years old she entered a major American track event. She won it and not long thereafter made the U.S. Olympic squad. In 1956 she was a member of the 400-metre relay team which won the bronze medal.

Her great moment came four years later at the Olympics in Rome. She won the gold medal in the 100-metres and tied the world record. She also won the 200-metre sprint setting an Olympic record. Then, with three of her team mates from Tennessee State University, she anchored the 400-metre team which finished in world record time.

Ollan Cassell, executive director of *U.S.A. Track and Field* called her "the greatest" and compared her to Jesse Owens — but perhaps it should be the other way around.

Upon leaving the field of sports she became a United States ambassador, starred in a network radio show and held corporate positions. She wrote an autobiography which was made into a film.

If by this time you have not as yet guessed who this lady was — she was Wilma Rudolph.

When I read about Ms. Rudolph, I remember admiring her magnificent stride, imprinted on my mind after all these many years. And I thought that in many ways she, who was not Jewish, nonetheless represented something that we Jews have always known.

Theodor Herzl expressed it perfectly in his motto to his book *The Jewish State:* "If you will it, it is no dream.

Bosnian kids unite adversaries

By MICHELE CHABIN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Can Israelis and Palestinians really work together in peace and understanding?

A unique joint project, which is helping five wounded Bosnian children get back on their feet, furnishes proof that people on both sides can put aside their differences for the good of others.

Initially conceived by the Jewish community of Sarajevo, which first brought the plight of the young Muslim children to the attention of international aid workers, the project in the West Bank town of Beit Jala has begun to heal wounds between Israelis and Palestinians as well.

The participants have worked together in the past — sending shipments of food and medicine to Bosnia in cooperation with the World Conference on Religion and Peace — but the latest venture marks the first time that Israelis and Palestinians have provided joint humanitarian aid on their own soil.

The project, which has been a year in the making, is helping to rehabilitate five youths — ages 10 to 17 — all of whom sustained serious injuries during the war that has rocked their nation.

Four of the youth are amputees; one girl is partially paralyzed after sustaining a back injury.

Unable to receive the care they needed in the war-devastated Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, the children and their mothers were evacuated by French United Nations peacekeeping forces. The fathers were forced to stay behind, since no men of army age are permitted to leave Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Upon their arrival in Israel earlier this year, the group settled into a guest house at Neveh Shalom, a mixed community of Israeli Arabs and Jews located west of Jerusalem.

The children were transported each day at the Sheba Hospital at the Tel Hashomer government medical center in Ramat Gan, where they received extensive medical treatment and, ultimately, prostheses to replace arms or legs.

The second stage of their recovery is now taking place at the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, a state-of-the art rehabilitation center located in Beit Jala, a predominantly Christian Arab town on the West Bank, not far from Jerusalem.

Too disabled and war-weary to indulge in games and laughter just weeks ago, the children are clearly making a fine recovery. Fitted with prostheses, they are now well enough to tour the West Bank and Jerusalem.

While the program's first priority is to heal the children's physical wounds through physiotherapy, Israeli and Palestinian professionals are also concerned with the youths' emotional well-being.

Edmund Shehadeh, director of the rehabilitation center, said the children "are suffering many problems as a result of their years in a war zone.

Israelis, Palestinians work together

"At first, they were extremely fearful, distrustful, and wouldn't cooperate," he said. "They suffer from sleeping problems and become frightened at loud noises. They also hide and store food, probably because they went hungry in Sarajevo."

All of the children are receiving psychological counseling, Shehadeh said.

Yoel Weinberg, Israel coordinator of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, noted that "although the kids seem very happy to be out of Sarajevo, they are anxious to return home to their fathers and siblings.

"In a way, it's very difficult," he said. "They and their mothers are so relieved to be out of the fighting, and they feel guilty for leaving others behind.

"After being in peaceful surroundings, it won't be easy for them to return home," he said.

Both Weinberg and Shehadeh stress that part of the healing process has been through example.

"One of our goals," Shehadeh said, "is to show the children that people who were once enemies can live in peace.

"These are Bosnian children, I am Greek Orthodox. Joel is a religious Jew. People from two different religions are working to help people of another religion. We need to teach by example, not just through preaching," he said.

As for relations between Israelis and Palestinians, Shehadeh said, "I am a great believer in the peace process, but I want to see a peace that promotes equal rights. I hope that this project is showing Palestinians that in any one given community or population, there are good people and bad people."

By cooperating, he said, "our two peoples can get to know and understand each other. By helping other people of war, the Palestinians are learning that there are other people in the world who are suffering.

"There is a lesson here," he added. "There are other people even more miserable than we are."

Thank heaven for little girls

When her parents went out of town for a week, our youngest granddaughter packed her prized possessions and moved in with us. It did not take long before we rediscovered that accommodating a live-in 2-year-old can be both an energizing and enervating experience.

Our granddaughter is an exceedingly lovable child. Her prevailing mood is effervescence. Her stream of questions never stops flowing. One minute she can be as simple and clear as pure water and in the next breath retreat into abstract language too cryptic to convey meaning to anyone.

The world is new to her every morning and almost everything in it interests her. She is sometimes exhausting but never inexhaustible — she never flags, she is relentless, never pausing for rest, rejuvenation or revival.

Her unbelievable reservoir of knowledge, comprehension and perception is astounding — as is her candor. One day, totally unrelated to the game we were playing, she looked at me and said, "Zaydie you write in the newspaper but you never write about us." Us, being all our granddaughters. She was acting as a surrogate for her older female cousins, who seemingly felt neglected when I wrote about our grandchildren on another occasion.

By Jack Chisvin

Talk about Jewish guilt. So Sara, Lisa, Rikki and Deborah, I write exclusively about "us." To state the obvious, our granddaughters are the most beautiful, the most intelligent, and most talented children on the face of the earth. I say this, not because it is expected of a biased grandparent, but because it is true. Truth of course is judged by its consequences not by its origin.

Our granddaughters have a propensity for laughter and joy and are naturally happy. They are cheerful, exuberant virtuosos of fanciful flights of the imagination: the twins, Sara and Lisa, counterweights on a balance beam; Rikki, the vicarious Princes Jasmine; and Deborah, the dilettante. To meet them is to be captivated by their warmth and engaging unique personalities.

Thank Heaven for little girls goes a popular song — "For little girls get bigger every day. Thank heaven for little girls; they grow up in the most delightful way." I don't know how our granddaughters' lives will unfold as they grow up, but for now they are delightful. While their mothers are wonderful role models, theirs will be a world with a more distant horizon for they were born in another time. What is certain is that having achieved equality, their orbit will encircle much more than just kuchen and kinder and they will be free to explore other uncharted space.

The most endearing moment spent with our granddaughters arrives every Friday, as the diminishing light of the day infuses the house with the tranquillity of the coming Shabbat. In the centuries-old tradition of Jewish women, our granddaughters gather around their Bubbie to light the candles and offer a benediction. It is a moment stopped in time.

The radiance of the flickering flames animate their angelic faces, and images of their foremothers, whose names they bear, come alive.

"Strength and honor are her clothing . . .
She openeth her mouth with wisdom . . .
Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

And I thank heaven, and all who dwell in it, for our little girls.

Karski — a Holocaust hero

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Heroes are few and far between, but Jan Karski surely qualifies as one. Karski, a Catholic, was a courier and a spokesman for the Polish underground and the government-in-exile during World War II. In 1942, after enduring both Soviet captivity and German torture, he escaped from Nazi-occupied Poland, embarking on a crusade to tell the world about a horrific event — the Holocaust.

Karski's heroic feat is not unknown. It has been noted in passing by historians. But with the publication of *Karski: How One Man Tried To Stop The Holocaust* (John Wiley & Sons, $24.95), the full story is finally told.

Written by Thomas Wood and Stanislaw Jankowski, *Karski* is an inspirational tale of courage and decency in the face of cruelty and incredulity. This absorbing biography confirms Karski's place as one of the "righteous among the nations."

Born in Lodz in 1914, the youngest of eight children, he was raised in a religious household where ethnic prejudice was frowned upon. From an early age, he maintained cordial relations with his Jewish neighbors.

An internship in the ministry of foreign affairs was interrupted by Germany's invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Having recovered his wits, Karski set out on a tour of Nazi-occupied western Poland on behalf of the London-based Polish government-in-exile. There, he witnessed brutalities on a numbing scale against the Jewish population. He reported his findings to Stanislaw Kot, the government-in-exile's interior minister, who deliberately watered them down.

Eventually, Karski became a courier for the Home Army, the largest underground movement on Polish soil. He spent much of his time working for its Bureau of Information and Propaganda, whose task was to maintain close contact with the Jewish leadership of Poland.

In this capacity, Karski visited the Warsaw ghetto more than once. Jewish leaders, having told him that the Germans intended to exterminate Polish Jewry, gave him a rare opportunity to visit a Nazi death camp to see for himself.

Karski was taken to Izbica Lubelska, a town near Belzec, a camp which played an essential role in the murder of hundreds of thousands of Jews. There he saw unparalleled atrocities.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Information and Propaganda had produced a roll of microfilm containing documents and letters attesting to the Final Solution, both in Belzec and in the Warsaw ghetto. In November 1942, Karski smuggled the incriminating evidence out of Poland to London.

As the authors correctly suggest, it was not the first report of Nazi crimes against humanity. A German industrialist had already informed the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland of Hitler's diabolical scheme to wipe out the Jews of Europe. However, his report had elicited skepticism in some quarters.

The reaction to Karski's revelations was different. Anthony Eden, Britain's foreign minister, said he had "little doubt that a policy of gradual extermination of all Jews... is being carried out by the German authorities."

On Dec. 17, 1942, Eden rose in the House of Commons and read the text of a joint Allied communique, approved by the governments of 11 nations at war with Germany. After reviewing the barbarities committed by Germany and denouncing its "bestial policy," Eden promised vengeance.

But, as Wood and Jankowski point out, Karski privately felt that the Allied statement fell short. It avoided promising that Jews who escaped the terror would be given sanctuary in Allied countries or in Palestine. It did not threaten reprisal bombings. The official Allied policy was that only victory could help the Jews, and that their suffering would not influence the military effort.

Jan Karski today

In the spring of 1943, Karski met with Ignacy Schwartzbart, a Polish-Jewish leader living in London. Karski told him he was "flabbergasted" by the Polish government's lack of understanding of the true nature of German policy.

Inspirational tale of courage, decency in face of cruelty

As recorded by Schwartzbart in his diary, Karski said: "I have to agree that there is a substantial difference between the sufferings of the Poles and the sufferings of the Jews. One can fittingly speak about the biological liquidation of the Polish intelligentsia, whereas you have to speak in relation to the Jews about the liquidation of a whole people."

During his travels abroad to publicize the ongoing Holocaust, Karski visited the United States. In Washington, he met with Justice Felix Frankfurter of the U.S. Supreme Court. Frankfurter, a Jew, expressed utter disbelief upon hearing Karski's chilling expose of Nazi atrocities.

Wood and Jankowski claim that the ostensible purpose of Karski's mission to the United States was not to sound an alarm about the Holocaust but to warn the Americans that Moscow was up to no good in Poland. They add that Karski raised the plight of European Jewry on his own initiative.

Karski brought his bleak message to the White House, having been granted an audience with President Franklin Roosevelt.

"There is a difference between the German-orchestrated systems of terror against the Poles and the Jews," he argued. "The Germans want to ruin the Polish state as a state... With regard to the Jews, they want to devastate the biological substance of the Jewish nation."

During the course of his American tour, Karski met with Jewish labor leaders, notably David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

Karski heard complaints about anti-Semitism in the exiled Polish army and misgivings about the Polish government's commitment to equal rights in postwar Poland for Jewish survivors of the Holocaust.

In 1944, Karski wrote a book about his experiences, *Story Of A Secret State*, and excerpts were carried by such major magazines as *Harper's Bazaar*, *Collier's* and *The American Mercury*.

After the war, Karski's star waned. As the authors put it, "...he became just another European refugee, albeit a rather wealthy refugee."

Karski, we're told, was bitter that his efforts to stop the extermination of Jews failed. And he was haunted by the scenes of barbarism he had personally witnessed.

But through sheer will power, he forced the past out of his mind, promising himself that he would never again speak of the war unless there was a compelling reason to do so, and that he would remain silent about his experiences involving the Holocaust.

Content to live in the United States rather than in Communist-dominated Poland, Karski turned his attention to matters of the heart. He wed the daughter of a South American diplomat, but the marriage lasted only two years.

Picking up the pieces of his life, he enrolled at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Washington. After obtaining a PhD, he joined the faculty as a lecturer, a job he held from 1953 until his retirement in 1984.

In 1965, he remarried. The bride was a Polish Jewish woman, the dancer Pola Nirenska. Nine years later, having received a grant to write a book on Polish diplomacy, Karski visited Poland. In the late 1970s, he broke his vow of silence on the Holocaust when he agreed to appear in Claude Lanzmann's epic documentary, *Shoah*.

Karski and his wife travelled to Israel in June 1982 at the invitation of the Israeli government. At Yad Vashem, he planted a tree bearing his name, and was presented with a medallion recognizing him as a Righteous Gentile.

Last year, he returned to Poland once again, travelling in the company of U.S. Vice President Albert Gore to take part in commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

In May of this year, in a ceremony at the Israeli embassy in Washington attended by President Bill Clinton, he was made an honorary citizen of Israel.

Fittingly enough, *Karski* ends there, leaving the impression that yet more accolades will be showered on this brave and concerned human being.

Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

Israel's quasi-alliance with the United States is sometimes taken for granted, as if it were pre-ordained. But, as Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman caution in *Friends in Deed* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $34.95), a popular account of Israel's friendship with the United States, it has had its share of rocky moments.

Although President Harry Truman basically supported Jewish statehood, the U.S. State Department and Department of Defence were concerned that American identification with Israel would harm U.S. interests in the Middle East.

Despite pro-Arab sentiment at the highest levels of the American government, the United States was the first country to recognize Israel.

In 1951, the year David Ben-Gurion visited the United States for the first time in his capacity as prime minister, Israel put in a request for U.S. arms, but was rebuffed. Dwight Eisenhower viewed Israel through unsentimental eyes. During the 1956 Sinai crisis, he cut off all financial and technical assistance to Israel.

The Kennedy administration annoyed Israel with its proposals for the repatriation of Palestinian refugees and the monitoring of Israel's nuclear facility in Dimona.

Yet, Raviv and Melman write, John Kennedy was the first president to openly sell defensive arms to Israel, and to speak of a "partnership" between the United States and Israel.

Kennedy's successor, Lyndon Baines Johnson, was the first president to welcome an Israeli president to Washington. Better still, he raised U.S. aid to Israel dramatically, and sold Israel offensive military equipment — tanks and then aircraft.

Richard Nixon held private anti-Semitic views, but he considered Israel a strategic asset. During the Yom Kippur War, when Israeli supplies ran perilously low, he authorized an airlift of arms to Israel. Nixon's decision made the difference.

Yet another chill descended on U.S.-Israel relations when Israel's talks with Egypt on Sinai in 1975 broke down. The Ford administration's reaction was swift and brutal. Gerald Ford announced a "reassessment" of Washington's relationship with Jerusalem. Finally, Israel modified its terms for further withdrawals from the Sinai.

The chapter on the Carter administration's relations with Israel focuses on the 1978 Camp David Accords, which spawned Israel's historic peace treaty with Egypt.

Ronald Reagan assumed office as an outspoken friend of Israel. But due to a number of events — Israel's air raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor, its annexation of the Golan and its invasion of Lebanon — mutual relations suffered.

Raviv and Melman break new ground in their chapter on the 1991 Gulf War. They claim that the Bush administration reluctantly agreed that, if necessary, Israel could fire Jericho missiles at Iraq. However, they add, these missiles were not fully operational and, therefore, Israel did not have a ready option for an unmanned strike on Baghdad.

As might be expected, *Friends in Deed* is not only a readable chronicle of Israel's bilateral ties with the United States since the Truman presidency. The book also explores a whole range of issues, from Christian fundamentalists' links with Israel to pro-Israeli lobbying on Capitol Hill.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

I am writing this article on the first night of Chanukah, just days after Hashem blessed me with a grandson. The brit milah, G-d willing, will be in a few days. I would therefore like to try to combine all three — Chanukah, this week's parshah, Vayigash, and my personal simchah — in creating this article.

In this week's sidrah Yehuda says to Joseph while he is pleading for the return of Binyamin, "For how shall I go up go my father, and the lad is not with me?"

Commentaries have played with these Hebrew words to make them applicable to all of us, not words from Yehudah to Yosef referring to their father Yaakov Avinu. How shall we all go up, return after 120 years to our Father in Heaven, the Almighty, if the children are not with us — if we have not raised our sons and daughters to be Torah true Jews, faithful to the Torah and mitzvot?

There is a verse in Mishlei (Proverbs 17:6) that says: "The crown of grandparents are their grandchildren, and the glory of children is their parents." When explaining why Hashem chose Avraham Avinu as the great Patriarch Hashem says: "For I know him that he will command his children and household after him that they should keep the way of Hashem to do righteousness and justice . . ." (Breishis 18:19).

The commentaries generally offer two main reasons for the mitzvah of the brit milah, the covenant of circumcision. One is as Maimonides expresses it, "To weaken the physical desires of man," the other as Nachmanides expresses it, "To stamp the seal of Divinity on the flesh of man."

How different is ours from Greek culture. They deified the body and pursued hedonism. We agree the body must be kept healthy but only in order to be a proper vessel and vehicle for maintaining the soul, for being able to perform physical mitzvot, for serving Hashem.

The greatest physical act of mankind can lead to emulating the Creator: man can procreate and populate the world with sons and daughters who will recognize from whence they came, where they are going, and before Whom they will give a reckoning at the end of their days, as the mishnah in Avos states. On the other hand man can perform that great physical act and emulate the animals which also copulate and procreate from lust. The Jew sanctifies his physical acts, sublimates them to the spiritual and in so doing curbs the animal appetites.

The Jew is also proudly conscious that wherever he goes he carries this badge of Divinity with him, as King David remarked in the mikvah when he was deprived of fulfilling any other mitzvah. And is is precisely because this mitzvah was given as a reminder to weaken the lustful desires that it is a badge of Divinity.

The Greeks understood how this mitzvah of circumcision clashed with their definition of culture. Hence they targeted it as one of the three major observances to be eradicated from the practices of the Jews.

Thus Chanukah and the brit milah are very closely interconnected. The Maharal also explains that the number eight, in contrast to the number seven which signifies the natural (seven days of the week), indicates being above nature. Chanukah and brit milah raise us from the physical to the realm of the spiritual.

But it takes a Torah to teach us how to maintain that standard of life. Living as we do in the very real physical world, with all of its allurements and glittering desires, it is a real struggle to remain conscious of the higher purpose of creation. The mitzvah of honoring parents was placed on the first tablet between man and G-d. Because only if our parents and grandparents are faithful to Torah, and in turn we as their children and grandchildren are faithful to their teachings and our upbringing, will those golden links of tradition remain intact.

Becoming a zayde is a great blessing. To see one's offspring blessed in turn with their own fruits, perpetuating the family name and carrying on the generations, is truly a Divine gift. But it is also an awesome responsibility.

Whether I have been faithful to the task thrust upon me to raise my children as Torah true Jews, faithful to our heritage and all that it entails, will be demonstrated by seeing how my children successfully pass the test of raising their own children. Hence I am now burdened with a dual responsibility, which will hopefully result in a dual crown, for G-d-fearing grandchildren truly crown their grandparents.

May my grandson carry on the high standards of love for Torah learning and observance that I have tried to impart to my son. I am confident my son will be blessed with as much naches from his newborn as he has given to me. In this way we shall both, after 120 years, be able to return to our Heavenly Father and say proudly, "The lad is with me." Amen.

NAME GAME

KRIEGSMAN — KRIEGER

I received an interesting letter from Vahn Pailakian, of Montreal, enquiring not about his unusual surname, but that of an American friend named Kriegsman. The suggestion is that since Kriegsman literally means a warrior or a quarrelsome person it is an odd name for any person to adopt.

The problem arises from a curious pronunciation of the German and Yiddish word Krug — which means a jug or a mug. Correspondingly, Kruger denotes an innkeeper who sold beer by the tankard. Krieger and Kriegsman are misspellings of Kruger.

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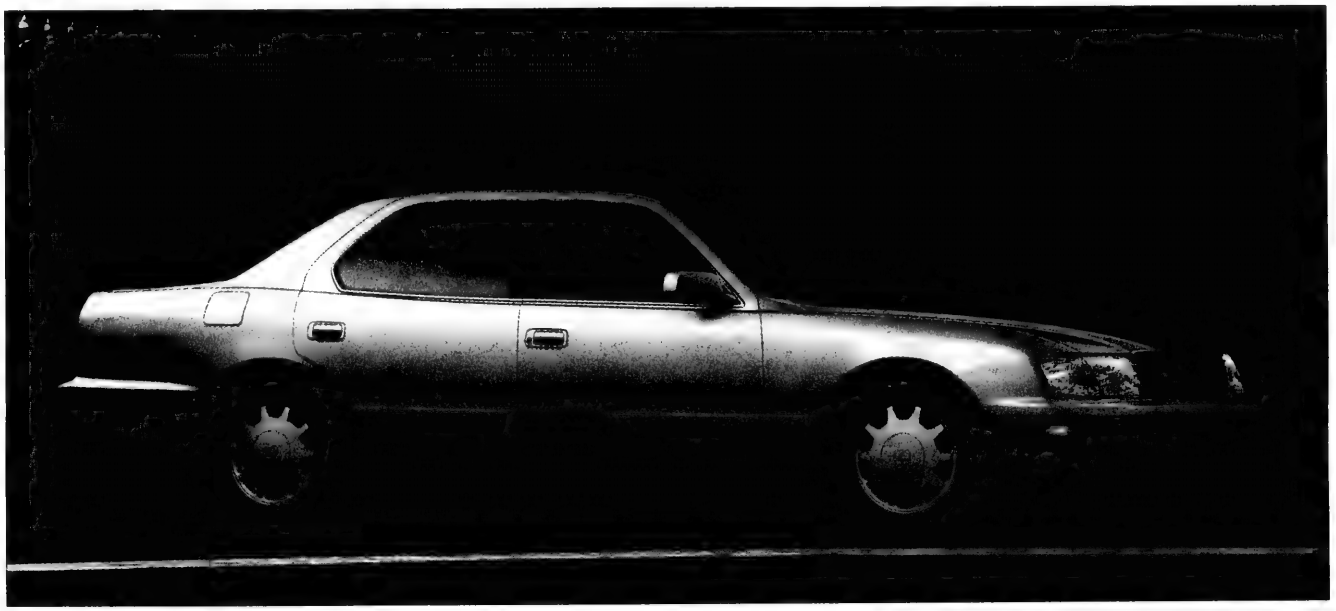

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Ontario's Jackman sings praises of monarchy

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The monarchy received a public endorsement recently when Henry Jackman, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, took the podium at a gala dinner in his honor.

"We must always remember to separate individual peculiarities from institutional strength," Jackman told 400 people at the Inn on the Park Hotel, where he was presented with B'nai Brith Canada's (BBC) 1994 Award of Merit.

Jackman referred only briefly to the "unwarranted fascination" with recent gossipy reports about the royal family.

"I believe, as I did prior to my assuming this post [representative of the Crown in Ontario], that the quality of life in Canada is different because of the traditions of the Crown. The Crown has given us our relevance as a nation," Jackman said.

"Whether the Crown is the cause or simply the symbol [of Canada's tolerance and distinctiveness] really makes no difference. To turn our backs on our symbols is to turn our backs on our history itself."

Jackman's speech, in which he also praised B'nai Brith for its outreach work beyond the Jewish community, was received with a standing ovation.

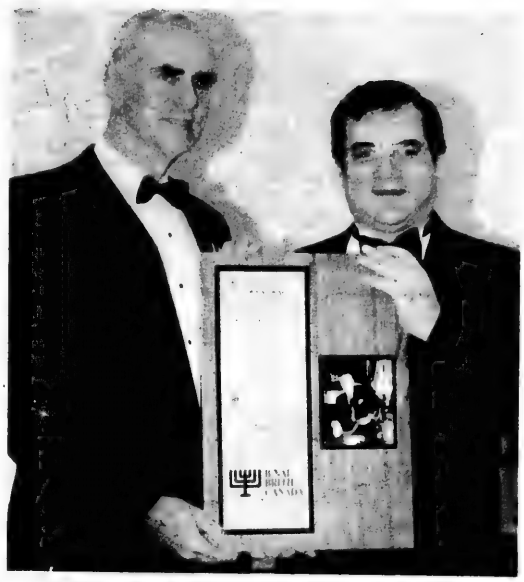
BBC president Brian Morris, who presented the award, said Jackman is "an outstanding leader in the Canadian community."

The lieutenant-governor, 62, "takes the values of industry, philanthropy, community service and volunteerism to all parts of this province," said Hugh Segal, dinner chair and former adviser to then-prime minister Brian Mulroney.

Prior to his appointment, Jackman "often spoke out in the defence of change and community responsibility," said Segal. Over two dozen charitable organizations have "benefited from his donation of time, resources and counsel as a board member."

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC, made a special presentation to Judy and Leslie Dan, who recently contributed $1 million to the B'nai Brith Foundation. BB's newest housing project at Finch and Torresdale Avenues will bear the name of the Dan family.

David Colodny, BBC financial management cabinet chair, and Pearl Gladman, BBC national director of field services, presided over a candlelighting ceremony.



B'nai Brith President Brian Morris (right) presents the 1994 Award of Merit to Henry Jackman, lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

Art Eggleton, president of the Treasury Board of Canada, and Anne Swarbrick, Ontario minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, brought greetings on behalf of Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Premier Bob Rae respectively.

Gabriel Nachman, BBC affordable housing chair and immediate past president, gave the invocation.

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Sunnybrook Hospital to get Jewish chapel

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Sunnybrook Health Science Centre will soon have the first free-standing Jewish chapel in a Canadian hospital.

Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital has had a room for Jewish services since 1973.

Sunnybrook administrators and Jewish community leaders recently held a symbolic ground-breaking inside the 1,300-bed hospital, Toronto's second largest.

Chief operating officer Tom Closson and Rabbi Barry Schneider of the hospital's pastoral services joined in shovelling earth from the hospital grounds into a decorative container. A tree of life for the chapel will be planted inside the container.

The $330,000-chapel, due to be completed next June, is funded by the Jewish community and dedicated to the late Harvey Lister, a Jewish war veteran and a past president of the Steeles Memorial Chapel.

An extension of a small corner room in Synnybrook's H wing, the chapel will include a sanctuary for day and evening services, a library, a movable partition that can be used as a mechitzah, a rabbinic consultation room and a sukkah patio.

The chapel will be used for prayer, study and rabbinic counselling, but Rabbi Schneider said its most important function is to provide services for those who lose touch with the Jewish community because of disability or illness.

"We envision a sanctuary where we will have services continuously," he said. "We will be asking the different rabbis in our community to come, to bring with them volunteers ... and to conduct services."

Rabbi Schneider said it was important for veterans and patients to feel connected to their Jewish heritage. Sunnybrook was built in 1948 as a veterans' hospital.

Rabbi Schneider said hospital administrators were "enthusiastic" about building a Jewish chapel at Sunnybrook.

Rev. Alan Tipping, a United Church minister and hospital pastor, helped plan the Jewish chapel.

Rev. Tipping told *The CJN* the current "multi-purpose" chapel, which opened in 1950, is "really Christian," with stained-glass windows depicting Christian images. He said he hopes the Jewish chapel will be a place in which people of other faiths will learn more about Judaism by participating in discussion groups on subjects such as Jewish practices and what it means to be an observant Jew.

Sam Pasternak, the national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, said it is fitting that Jews and their non-Jewish comrades who fought side by side to defeat a common enemy also have their respective places of worship under the same roof.

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"This place of worship, solace, prayer, comfort, meditation was nobly conceived and I'm certain that it will be nobly completed," said Pasternack. "While wars are a debaser of man and a destroyer of civilization, an edifice dedicated to our belief in the oneness and the glory of a living God brings out the nobility to which mankind can aspire, and occasionally, very occasionally, can reach."

Rabbi Schneider thanked Steeles Memorial Chapel for supporting the chapel, and the Brotherhood of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue for visiting patients and helping to raise funds to build the new chapel. He also thanked members of the General Wingate branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, who attended the ground-breaking in full uniform, for their visits with residents of the two veterans' wings at Sunnybrook.

From left: David Smuschkowitz, chair of construction and major gifts; Ralph Snow, chair, Sunnybrook Jewish Chapel committee; and Rabbi Barry Schneider, spiritual advisor and chaplain.

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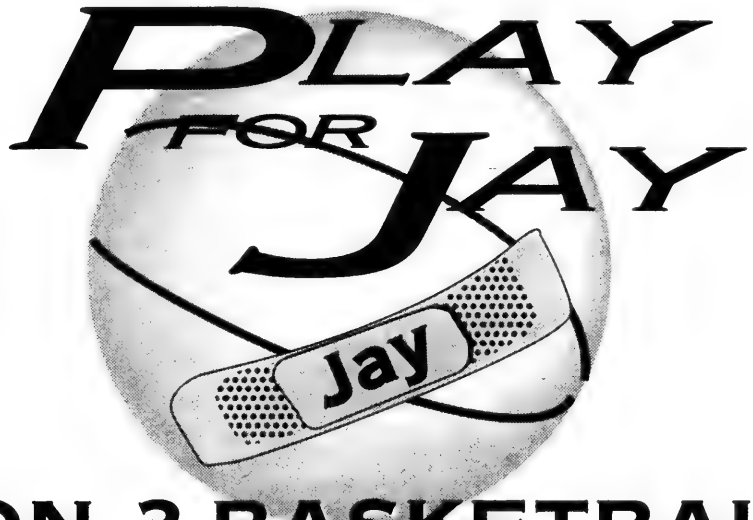

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IKEA urged to expand to Israel

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Sweden that Kamprad had been a follower of Swedish fascist Per Engdahl. He also raised concerns that IKEA, which has eight stores in Canada, has complied with the Arab boycott.

Rabbi Cooper told *The CJN* Carstedt showed him IKEA documents indicating the company had received 84 requests in the last two years to open a store in Israel. IKEA's position is that it makes such decisions on purely economic grounds and that IKEA has received similar requests from 40-50 other countries.

But in light of Kamprad's past and considering that IKEA's products would be ideal for Israel's apartment lifestyle, Rabbi Cooper said that looking at a possible expansion to Israel would alleviate concerns about the company.

He pointed to a letter sent to him by a Toronto businesswoman, which stated that in the late 1970s she contacted IKEA about the possibility of opening a store in Israel. "The response was a curt and rather terse letter, informing us that IKEA had no desire to do business in Israel," she wrote.

The woman added that "every time I saw a new IKEA store open, I was reminded of that proposed business venture which met with a rather un-businesslike attitude."

Carstedt, who has been with IKEA for four years, told Rabbi Cooper he would check IKEA's corporate records to determine whether the company complied with the boycott. He was also expected to indicate early in the week whether IKEA will study the Israeli market for purposes of expansion.

"Our reaction to a boycott would be as severe even if there was no fascist connection," Rabbi Cooper said.

Engdahl, the fascist leader Kamprad admired as a young man, would have been a Swedish quisling if Nazi forces had occupied the country and would have turned over the country's Jews without losing a night's sleep, Rabbi Cooper said.

In a letter to his employees in the wake of Swedish media revelations about his past, Kamprad explains his ties to Engdahl. Tracing his background, Kamprad says his grandmother was a "Sudeten-German" whose "happiest day" came when the Czechoslovak-occupied Sudetenland was reunited with Germany in 1938.

As a youth in 1942, Kamprad attended meetings of the Engdahl movement and after the war, he met Engdahl on a couple of occasions. He also sold some of Engdahl's books, "mostly collections of poems," and published "a small political reference book written by Engdahl. I did this as a businessman to earn money only."

Kamprad said his association with Engdahl lasted into the 1950s. He attributed it to the influence of his grandmother and the mistakes of youth.

Rabbi Cooper said, "We've been told [Kamprad] does not harbor fascist views. We'll accept that but we expect him to be more forthcoming in condemning what Engdahl stands for. . . We want an explicit condemnation of what that man stood for."

Winnipeg teachers fight for paid religious holidays

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Encouraged by a Supreme Court decision last summer, Richard Swyston is leading a fight for paid religious holidays for non-Christian teachers in southeast Winnipeg.

Swyston is one of 10 Jewish teachers who work in the 550-teacher Fort Garry School Division. An elementary and special education teacher for 23 years, he is currently in his third term as president of the Fort Garry Teachers' Association.

The division's current policy is that non-Christian teachers can take days off for Rosh Hashanah, for example, or Ramadan for Muslims, but teachers have to pay for their substitutes or are docked pay. The Teachers' Association has given division school trustees until Dec. 8 to change the policy or face legal action.

As precedent, Swyston cites the recent Supreme Court ruling involving a Quebec school board and three Jewish teachers who successfully argued for paid leave for the High Holidays.

"Reaction has been swift with response in equal measure from those who agree and those who don't," Swyston said. "I have addressed every call."

The most frequent complaint, he said, is the concern about double holidays for the non-Christian teachers. Swyston's response is to point out that the Minister of Education determines when schools are to be opened and closed.

" 'If the minister ever opens the schools on Christmas and Easter, then ask me if I will work on those days,' I tell people who ask," he said. "We have no control over that."

Swyston has contacted the ministry and several Fort Garry school trustees have approached the Teachers' Association about negotiating days off.

"We are not ready to negotiate yet," Swyston said. "One non-Jewish, non-Christian teacher expressed a fear that the division may only hire Christian teachers if this passes. I have a lot of faith though in the people in the Superintendent's Department. They are honorable people."

If the case should proceed to court, however, Swyston has told Michael Werier of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council that the Fort Barry teachers will ask for a statement of support.

Scheininger seeks Liberal nomination

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Les Scheininger

TORONTO — Les Scheininger, a former national president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), has announced he will seek the provincial Liberal nomination in the Metro Toronto riding of Willowdale.

If he becomes the Liberal candidate in the next election, Scheininger will go head to head against Tory MPP Charles Harnick, a popular figure in the Jewish community.

Scheininger, a 47-year-old lawyer, is seeking the nomination against Gino Matrundola, who held Willowdale for the Liberals from 1987 to 1990, when he was defeated by Harnick.

A third candidate, Howard Shore, has dropped out of the race and will support Scheininger. Earlier this year, Shore's Markham house was defaced with swastikas and messages warning him to get out of the running. There have been no arrests in the case.

Harnick, the only Jewish MPP on the Conservative benches, has been strong on behalf of the community's concerns. He's worked on issues ranging from how neo-Nazi Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege obtained a provincial bailiff's license to the activities of pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel.

Scheininger, a long-time Liberal insider, tallies a lengthy list of community involvement. In addition to heading CJC nationally, he was chair of Congress's Ontario region from 1983 to 1986. He's a past president of both Associated Hebrew Schools and Jewish Family & Child Service.

Scheininger said in a statement that he wants to "give something back" to public service by making decisions and helping to shape public policy in Ontario.

The statement adds that Scheininger's candidacy has been endorsed by Joe Volpe, the Liberal member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence.

Many observers agree Scheininger played a key role in helping Volpe win the Liberal nomination in the federal riding several years ago, when Volpe ousted sitting MP Roland de Corneille for the nod.

Meantime, the president of the Willowdale Provincial Liberal Association last week accused the Ontario Liberal party of "giving Willowdale up for lost and unfairly discriminating against the riding" by not calling for a nomination date.

In a statement faxed to *The CJN*, Mary Eapen warns the riding association "will do all that is necessary to force" leader Lyn McLeod and party president Richard Mahoney to set a nomination convention, including possible legal action and a sit-in at McLeod's office.

Similar allegations arose last week in the riding of Downsview, where two rival candidates for the Liberal nomination accused the party of "overt, biased and unfair actions," which they charge have given a third candidate an upper hand.

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Israel Koschitzky remembered as businessman, philanthropist

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Prominent businessman and philanthropist Israel Koschitzky died Nov. 22 in Israel at the age of 89.

Koschitzky was born in Oswiecim, Poland. He was educated at cheder and later by private tutors in Vienna.

When the Nazis invaded Poland, Koschitzky and his family fled to Russian Poland. In an irony of fate, his son Saul told *The CJN*, they, along with others considered untrustworthy, were shipped to Siberia — which saved their lives.

In 1948, the family came to Winnipeg before settling in Calgary, where Koschitzky founded IKO Roofing, carrying on the family business legacy from Poland.

The family, and the business, moved to Toronto in 1959.

In 1972, at the age of 67, Koschitzky made yet another move. Leaving IKO in the hands of sons Saul and Henry, he moved to Antwerp, where he built a successful asphalt shingles factory.

In the 1980s, he became a resident of Israel.

Koschitzky believed in contributing to the community. Saul remembers his father discovering there was no community mikvah. "Rabbi [Gedaliah] Felder was astonished when my father came in and offered to build one, without being asked first."

Israel Koschitzky

The Israel and Golda Koschitzky Mikvah Society for Family Sanctity opened on Sheppard Avenue near Bathurst Street in the late 1960s.

He was instrumental in purchasing and remodelling the Or Chaim yeshivah facility on Almore Drive, and more recently, in its renovation and addition.

He believed in institutions that promoted both Torah learning and secular education, and supported like-minded institutions in Israel: those that either encouraged learning and job training, or learning and army service.

Among his chief interests were Orot girls' yeshivah and hesder yeshivot Or HaTorah and Or Etzion.

He was also instrumental in building Beth Jacob Mikvah Yisroel synagogue, the only Orthodox synagogue in Calgary.

Israel Koschitzky is survived by his wife Golda, sons Saul and his wife Mira, and Henry and his wife Julie, and seven grandchildren.

Aneurysm claims oldest Mountie

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Harry Woolfe, the oldest surviving member of the Royal North-West Mounted Police (RNWMP), died Nov. 23 of an aneurysm at his Vancouver home. He was 95.

Woolfe, who was profiled in *The CJN* Sept. 8, would have celebrated with wife Debbie their 70th wedding anniversary in June.

Woolfe joined the RNWMP, predecessor of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, at 17. He was also a charter member of the Variety Club of British Columbia and a designated Canadian Motion Pictures Pioneer.

Debbie, hospitalized with a broken hip, attended the funeral at the Schara Tzedeck chapel in a wheelchair. Rabbi Wilfred Solomon of Beth Israel synagogue officiated.

"[Debbie and Harry] had a long, long love affair and were looking forward with great excitement to their anniversary," the rabbi said.

Born in London, England, Woolfe moved with his family to Calgary in 1910. He served in France with the Canadian calvary as part of a RNWMP contigent during World War I.

"He had a lovely personality," Rabbi Solomon said. "He was a man of distinction, and had a good life."

In addition to his wife, Woolfe is survived by a daughter, Dianne Levy, of Vancouver, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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What else could you expect from the Accountants Division but canvassing efficiency? Led by ***Robert Furman***, ***Joy Shuchat*** and ***George Weinberger***, the divisional ledger looks like this: About three-quarters of contributors covered, with an average increase of 17% each. No wonder ***George*** has found time for some humour. "What is the difference," he asks, "Between an accountant and an actuary?" The answer: "The actuary is the guy who is good with numbers but didn't have the personality to become an accountant." Okay, so it's not Seinfeld, but it's still pretty good for an accountant.

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The Physicians Division, chaired by ***Drs. Jack Mandel*** and ***Howard Price***, is also within reach of its Campaign '95 objective. They report pledges covering 75% of their $1.6 million goal.

Physicians Division co-chairs Dr. Howard Price (left) and Dr. Jack Mandel with Campaign co-chair Wendy Eisen at a recent parlour meeting.

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Here's a remarkable story of courage and compassion which tested the UJA-funded ***Jewish Agency's*** ingenuity. Just before Rosh Hashana, six orphans from one Indian family landed at Ben Gurion airport. Ever since their parents died within two months of each other four years ago, the Malyanker children have been taking care of themselves. Moses, 19, Yael, 17, Yakobeth, 16, Danny, 14 and 12 year old Rebecca lived in the village of Pali, a five hour drive from Bombay. When the Malyankers decided to make aliyah, the ***Jewish Agency***, assisted by the ***Joint Distribution Committee***, worked out a way for the kids to continue living together in Ashkelon without an older adult. The city assigned the family outside help, including a daily care provider. Even more fortunate is the presence in Ashkelon of their Indian social worker who communicates with the Malyankers in Marathi, their mother tongue.

The first day in their Ashkelon home for the Malyanker family.

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Happy 80th birthday to the ***Chenstochover Aid Society***. Founded in 1914, the Society's mission was supporting and comforting refugees to Canada from the Polish city of Chenstochov. The first wave of newcomers coincided with World War I. The second significant immigrant entry followed the Holocaust. These were survivors, who had lost everything but their lives. The Society not only offered them a large helping hand but has always displayed generosity to others through ***UJA***. The ***Chenstochover Aid Society***, led by its president ***Philip Skovronek***, is one of many demonstrating enormous loyalty to ***United Jewish Appeal***.

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Now to end with this inspiration tale of beginner's luck. Early September, the Young Construction Network's ***Howard Kumer*** made his very first canvassing call. The result? A $3,000 gift from someone who had never contributed before. Who needs Las Vegas?

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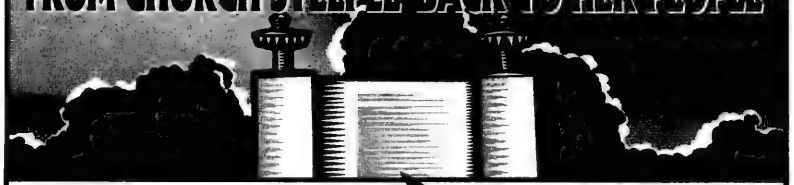

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Mazon responds to proposed cuts

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon Canada is asking its supporters to help alleviate the possible effects of the federal government's proposed social program cuts by contributing to its hunger relief efforts.

With Finance Minister Paul Martin set to wage a "holy war against the deficit," the result will be "much suffering from those least able to defend themselves," says a front page article in *Mazonews*, the organization's newsletter.

"Helping organizations and institutions, Mazon included, will be faced with greater demands under more difficult circumstances. I also fear that today's budget cuts will be tomorrow's social costs because of the loss of key early-intervention and prevention programs which 'pay for themselves' by preventing or minimizing social dependence," states the article, written by Mazon board member Roger Hyman.

"The lights we kindle at Chanukah have always represented an affirmation of hope and faith against darkness. This year, many people who depend on us may be approaching a dark time — literally and figuratively. They may well be looking through the gloom to see just how brightly our candles burn," the article states.

Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive director of Mazon, said the organization is not staking out a political position. It is merely suggesting to its contributors that, regardless of the state of the economy, hunger in Canada continues to be a problem.

Mazon has been told by a number of food banks that they predict increased demand for their services, she added.

Mazon bills itself as "a Jewish response to hunger." The seven-year-old organization collects contributions through a variety of fundraising means and allocates them twice yearly to frontline organizations like food banks, which tackle the problem of hunger.

It has grown from a Toronto-based group which allocated $25,000 in its first year, to a country-wide organization which allocated $143,750 in 1994. Since its inception, Mazon has distributed $617,400 in all.

In recent years, 67 synagogues from across Canada have supported Mazon by making pledge cards available to members. Thirty thousands of the cards were distributed during the High Holidays.

Mazon also raises funds through the sale of personalized place cards for simchahs, by offering certificates in the name of departed loved ones or in honor of bar/bat mitzvahs and through the solicitation of donations from restaurants and individuals.

The recipients of Mazon allocations included Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, from Truro, N.S., to Victoria, B.C.

For more information or to get a copy of the newsletter, contact Mazon at 788 Marlee Avenue, Suite 206, Toronto, Ont., M6B 3K1, telephone: (416) 783-7554. Mazon's Montreal address is 2255 Lambert Closse, Suite A, Montreal, Que., H3H 1Z9, telephone: (514) 931-5212.

Granddad graduates from York University

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Henry Wexler, 79, is the third generation of his family to study at York University.

Earlier this month, the visually impaired grandfather graduated from the university with a BA in history. He told *The CJN* he was helped by his professors and study aids like talking books.

Wexler fulfilled his dream of attending university after retiring 14 years ago.

His Romanian parents operated a dry goods business in Welland, Ont., where he lived until his mother died when he was 7 and he and his two brothers went to live with their maternal grandparents, Joseph and Rae Moscovitz, in Hamilton, Ont. Ten years later, he and his brothers moved to New York where their father had remarried and settled.

"Since this was during the Great Depression, it was necessary for me to go to work and school was out of the question," Wexler said.

After serving in the U.S. army, he worked in men's wear and the automotive parts business, marrying Rose Persofsky of Toronto in 1949.

The Wexlers have two children, Alan and Marlene, and five grandchildren. Alan graduated from York before studying law, and grandson Jason Flicht "will receive an honors degree there this spring," Wexler said. Daughter-in-law Nita also attended York.

Henry Wexler

Wexler retired in 1980 and took courses at various institutions before settling in at York in 1984. He said his is now thinking of going back next year. "I would like to get an honors degree in history and political science.

"I finally reached my goal. My graduation was beautiful and it was one of the highlights of my life — and to be surrounded by my family, it was great."

From coast to coast

Kaplan feted in evening of unabashed sentimentality

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some politicians are popular in office and fade away once they retire. Others win sudden popularity only after they quit politics. Then, there's Bob Kaplan.

He served as a Liberal MP for 25 years. And judging by last week's gathering at the Montecassino Hotel, the now-retired Kaplan can still pack a room.

Some 600 Liberals, community and religious figures, current and former politicians, friends and family paid tribute to Kaplan in an evening that flowed with unabashed sentimentality.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien, in a video tribute, lauded Kaplan as a great Canadian. Chretien reminisced about the days when the two were cabinet ministers in Pierre Trudeau's government.

Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Jews sat side by side to hear Solicitor-General Herb Gray and Treasury Board president Art Eggleton praise Kaplan, one of the few Jews to have served in the federal cabinet.

Joining them were Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi, former Tory cabinet minister Gerry Weiner, Sen. Jack Austin, Federal Court judge Bud Cullen, Liberal MPPs Greg Sorbara and Elinor Caplan, and several municipal figures.

Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi (right) and Solicitor General Herb Gray (centre) were on hand for last week's tribute to Kaplan. [Ron Csillag photo]

Kaplan sat with his wife Estherelke, mother Pearl, three children and four grandchildren.

Rabbi Irwin Witty and Monsignor Joseph Sbrocchi recited Grace and blessings.

Kaplan, who retired from politics last year, has been appointed the honorary consul general in Canada of Khazakstan, the former Soviet republic, Gray announced.

Kaplan was first elected to Parliament in 1968, with a stunning victory in the Toronto riding of Don Valley over Tory stalwart Dalton Camp.

He won re-election in York Centre in the next five federal votes and announced in 1991 that he would not run in the next election.

As solicitor-general under Trudeau, Kaplan earned both the praise and ire of Canada's Jewish community for his pursuit of alleged Nazi war criminals living in this country.

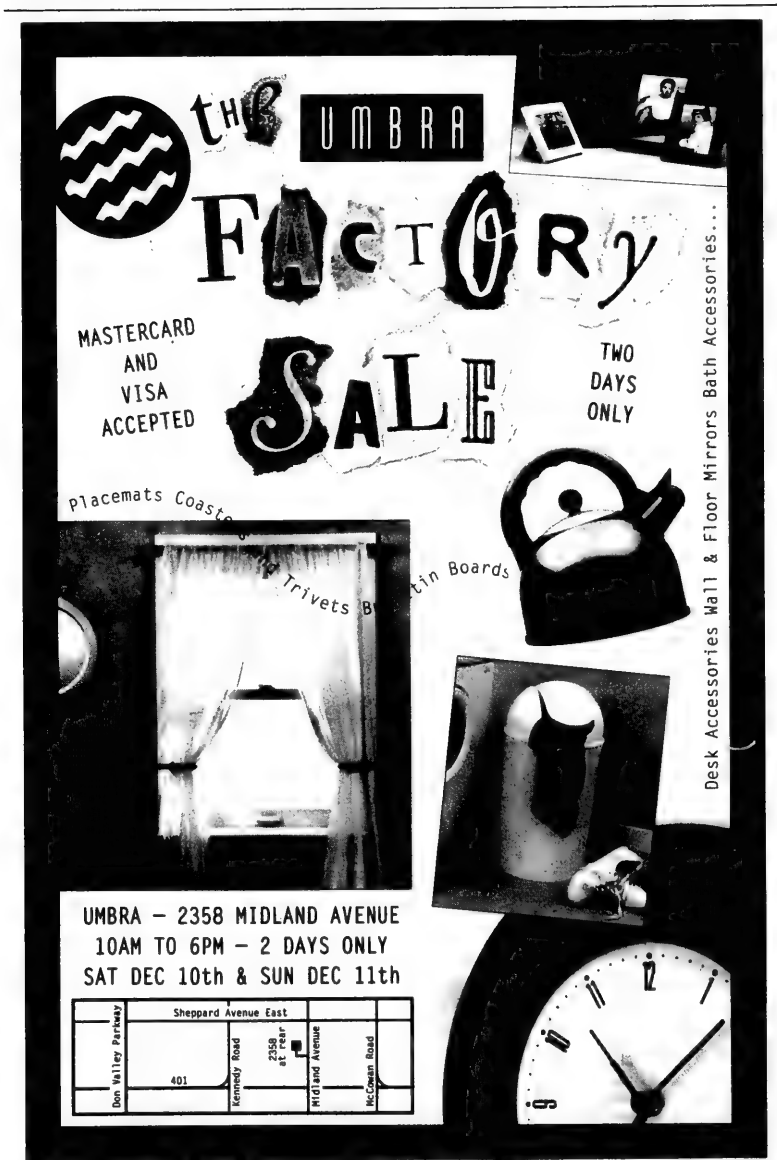
His efforts resulted in one conviction — the deportation of Helmut Rauca from Toronto to what was then West Germany, where he was wanted for the murder of over 15,000 Jewish civilians. Rauca died in his German jail cell awaiting trial.

Many in the Jewish community slammed Kaplan for doing what they said was too little on the war criminal file.

It was also Kaplan's watch that led to the Young Offenders Act and legislation that set up Canada's domestic spy service, CSIS.

In his remarks, the honoree confessed to having mixed feelings about leaving politics. He mentioned former Tory cabinet minister Erik Nielsen and former Liberal cabinet minister Mark MacGuigan as friends and mentors.

Proceeds from the $75 per plate dinner will go towards establishing the Robert P. Kaplan Scholarship Fund, to be awarded annually to graduating high school students in York Centre who show strong academic skills in history or political science, leadership abilities, a sense of community and financial need.



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From coast to coast

Danforth Shul grows in Greek community

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The souvlaki restaurants and sidewalk cafes of Greektown, the trendy strip of the Danforth east of the Don Valley Parkway, seem unlikely neighbors for an Orthodox congregation, but the Danforth Shul is taking root in this east end community.

The shul, founded seven months ago, made headlines when it held High Holiday services in the Athenian Gardens, a local Greek restaurant.

Documentary filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici, a founder of the Danforth Shul, told *The CJN* that when he married three years ago he and his wife, both observant, were torn between moving out of Riverdale to live close to a shul, and staying in the area and starting one.

"I consulted with a rabbi and he told me you're supposed to 'light a match where there is darkness.' He said, 'Stay where you are and start a shul,' " Jacobovici said.

He said he doesn't know how many Jews live in the Riverdale area but thinks there are a lot; he and his wife counted 18 houses with mezuzot on his street alone. Records from the Hebrew heritage program held in a local public school show that more than 60 families have used the program in the last four years.

Jacobovici said many of his friends tried to discourage him from starting the shul because they didn't think Jews in Riverdale — many are intermarried and very assimilated — would affiliate with a synagogue.

Between 150 and 200 people showed up at the Athenian Gardens for the holiday services and close to 90 came to Jacobovici's house on Sukkot.

Despite the strong turnout, the Jews in the community have not given the Danforth shul their full blessings. Some commented privately that they would prefer an egalitarian shul.

Members of the Danforth Shul celebrate at a recent Chanukah party. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

But many non-Jewish members of the Riverdale community, and Jewish institutions, are very supportive. Toronto city councillor Peter Tabuns helped secure a public office at 235 Danforth Ave. for Shabbat services. It is a temporary location.

"I see them as a legitimate part of the community, like any other community group," he told *The CJN*. "They asked for assistance and I was able to give them the assistance. I'm glad I could."

Richard Chartash, another shul co-founder, said Saul Korman of Korry's Clothiers for Gentlemen on the Danforth has hooked the congregation up with Greek business leaders.

They see the synagogue as a valuable addition to the neighborhood, and they're trying to help the congregation find an affordable and suitable permanent space, Chartash said.

Jacobovici said he tried four years ago to start a minyan, but received only two responses — one from Chartash and the other from Korman. "Saul (Korman) told me, 'If you ever get your shul going contact me and I'll help you,' " Jacobovici said.

Chartash and Jacobovici then started communal services on Shabbat, Chartash told *The CJN*. "We decided that if we pray they'll come." By mid July there was a core group of six men and six women, and in August they had their first minyan. Today 15 to 20 adults attend the weekly services.

Jacobovici's wife Nicole took Korman up on his offer to help the fledging shul when it came to planning High Holiday services. "I went in there a little nervous about approaching someone who my husband spoke to two years earlier," she told *The CJN*. "He said, 'Let's do it,' and within a half an hour I was standing in the Athenian Gardens."

Yossi Sapirman, an Orthodox bicycle repairman, is the shul's spiritual leader. He led High Holiday services and told *The CJN* he was drawn to the congregation because they're "building a community not just a shul.

"I love coming down here. It's fresh," he said. "Some of the people are seeing Torah Judaism for the first time in their lives and some of them like me are seeing it again and appreciating it for the first time."

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Minhagim defy universal definition, expert says

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sometimes it's the simplest question that's the hardest to answer.

Rabbi Daniel Sperber, Talmud scholar, Bar-Ilan University professor, recipient of the prestigious Israel Prize, author of 15 books, and expert on minhagim (customs), hesitates when asked to define this field of expertise.

"You can't define a minhag," he says. "All the simple definitions don't really answer the basic questions. Some would say that a minhag is very localized, but there are many minhagim which are universal."

During medieval times, Jews fasted from morning to night and refrained from conducting business during the three weeks preceding Tisha B'Av — minhagim which have been "totally forgotten," Rabbi Sperber said during a recent interview at the Toronto office of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

Rabbi Daniel Sperber

The Welsh-born rabbi, 54, who was educated in England and Israel, is also an expert on art history and a broad spectrum of Jewish history. He was in town to help raise funds for the university's institute of advanced Torah studies and midrasha for women.

"I don't think there's a conscious effort to cancel [minhagim], but they do cease to become operative," Rabbi Sperber said.

Minhagim with rabbinic recognition are difficult to do away with, he said. One exception is that when Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews marry, the wife adopts the husband's traditions.

"Ashkenazi women [who marry Sephardi men] have a unique opportunity," said the rabbi with a twinkle in his eye, referring to the Ashkenazi prohibition against eating legumes during Passover.

In Rabbi Sperber's own family, a new cultural element was added when he and his wife adopted an Ethiopian orphan, the youngest of their 10 children.

Ethiopian Jewish traditions predate Halachah, which means certain customs contravene Halachic law and cannot be adopted in his household, Rabbi Sperber explained. The multilingual rabbi, who speaks more than 12 languages, considers himself limited because he cannot read Amharic texts on Jewish customs.

Not all Jewish minhagim have Jewish roots. Rabbi Sperber recalls his Eastern European grandmother dropping rinds of bread into a glass of water and saying "Pui, pui" to ward off the evil eye, a custom which he said can be traced to non-Jewish cultures.

Rabbi Sperber's interest and expertise in minhagim (the subject of three of his books) is connected to his position as rabbi of Yad Tamar, an independent community he founded in Rehavia, Jerusalem, in 1970. For several years he gave 10-minute Friday night talks on different minhagim, which he researched extensively.

For almost two years he had a weekly radio spot, *Minhag VaDin*, on Kol Yisrael.

"I always saw the Halachah as being like the outlines on a painting. The shading is minhag."

A PREMIER CHANUKAH

Ontario Premier Bob Rae is flanked by Rabbi Mendel Bernstein (left) and Rabbi Yossi Gansburg at last week's menorah lighting at the Promenade Mall in Thornhill. The event, which included storytelling, latkes and prizes, was sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario. [Ron Csillag photo]

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WINNIPEG — On Nov. 24, the newly reformed Second Generation group for children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors held its first public program.

Thirty-two people watched the film *Dark Lullabies*.

"It was a good opportunity for second and third generation people to get together and discuss what direction our group should go," said co-chair Sharon Goszner Tritt.

Winnipeg's original Second Generation Group was formed several years ago to compile audio interviews with survivors. It then faded away. Morris Henoch, one of the organizers of the first group, is working with the new group as a mentor.

The group's resurgence was sparked by an April presentation by Dr. Robert Krell, a Vancouver psychiatrist who works with Holocaust survivors.

The new organization is open to the community as a whole but, Tritt said the group hopes to attract the children and grandchildren of survivors. — **M.L.**

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Survivors' traumas overlooked in past

By ROSE TOGMAN HEILBRONN
Special to The CJN

Dr. Eva Fogelman

TORONTO — When Holocaust survivors most needed a kind word, mental health professionals, like the rest of society, denied their persecutions and their traumas.

And in the late 1950s, when clinicians began treating the few Holocaust survivors who sought help for severe psychiatric symptoms, therapists generalized the problems of their patients and branded all survivors sick, thus establishing damaging stereotypes, according to Dr. Eva Fogelman.

Social psychologist, psychotherapist, film-maker and author, Fogelman is a pioneer in group work with children of survivors in the United States and Israel. She recently addressed the third annual conference for health practitioners working with Holocaust survivors and their children, co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Jewish Family and Child Service.

Fogelman stressed that only a small percentage of survivors have sought professional help.

To understand survivors, she said, it is important to consider not only their experiences before and during the Holocaust, but how they were treated after the war.

Jewish communities in North America shunned them, she said. Immigrant hardships were compounded because of survivors' loneliness and isolation.

"American Jews felt they would be tainted by the stench of Auschwitz," Fogelman said.

She credited Toronto's Dr. Vivian Rakoff with being among the first professionals to confront the denial about the Holocaust that persisted after the war.

In the mid-1960s, at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, Rakoff and his colleagues pioneered therapy with survivor families.

"Their sensitivity was tremendously healing for these families, because it helped them understand their current situation in a way they couldn't understand it before," she said.

Therapists, she said, must recognize survivors' strengths and resiliency. With no extended families, they still built new lives. In the wake of "layers of losses," after liberation they created new families, reclaimed their Jewish identity and helped build the State of Israel.

In the United States, the Jewish day school movement was initiated by survivors, she claimed.

By creating their own social groups like landsmannshaft organizations, synagogues and community centres, survivors helped each other and became extended families. They learned to heal themselves, Fogelman said.

Today, survivors are using their experiences in constructive ways to deal with their own aging, she said. Many write memoirs, give oral testimony or become Holocaust educators.

Understanding survivors, she said, is important for other traumatized groups, such as rape victims.

Winnipeg trust fund promotes Yiddishkeit

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The newly created I.L. Peretz Folk School Endowment Trust is now accepting funding requests from organizations or individuals which promote Yiddish language, education and culture.

School board chair Joe Elfenbaum said the invitation extends to scholarships, Yiddish lectures and concert programs. "In October, we sent two cheques to Israel to support Yiddish programs," he said.

Funding will come from the interest earned on a $363,000 permanent trust fund the board has established with the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to perpetuate the Yiddish-language I.L. Peretz Folk School, which after 69 years was amalgamated with the Hebrew-language Talmud Torah in 1983.

The Peretz School building was sold in June 1991 to a Christian private school for $363,000.

"Our goal was that the Peretz School should not die," said Elfenbaum, one of the 12 living school presidents that make up the board of governors. "Our decision has paid off."

The Peretz board of governors has the final say as to how the interest is to be distributed. However, $100,000 has been set aside to support the Jewish Community Campus, the kindergarten to Grade 12 school and community centre scheduled to open in 1997. Interest will pay for a Peretz School corner in the Jewish museum which is to be part of the complex.

"Forty or a hundred years from now, we want people to see that there once was a Peretz School," Elfenbaum said.

Some funding has also been directed to Winnipeg's Yiddish choir, the Jewish library and the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre.

From coast to coast

Plaque dedicated in memory of Rabbi Steinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the first time, a plaque in the lobby of the Lipa Green building has been dedicated to the memory of a communal employee.

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg was community chaplain from 1973 until his untimely death in 1993.

Nearly 100 colleagues, friends and relatives of Rabbi Steinberg, including his widow, Shirley Steinberg Zimberg and daughter Chana, gathered for the dedication.

Master of ceremonies Stephen Speisman, director of the Ontario Jewish Archives and a close friend of the rabbi, said that "the mere mention of his name calls up stories of how he influenced people's lives, of how much we depended upon him."

Rabbi Steinberg, he said, put into practice the ideal of the love one Jew should have for another. "He raised the level of holiness of the building."

The principal speaker, Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Board of Jewish Education and also a close friend, said that Rabbi Steinberg "had a dream that all human beings could be brothers."

The plaque, he said, is an important and ongoing reminder of the rabbi. "It is a symbol — those who didn't know him will pass by and wonder what kind of man could it be to have such a plaque dedicated to him."

'He made a difference'

He eased the pain of those who were sorely tried, Rabbi Witty said; the sick, the bereaved and those incarcerated, without regard to blame.

"They had their lot made better because another human being cared.

"This was a man of whom it can truly be said 'Yes, he made a difference.' "

An emotional Shirley Steinberg Zimberg praised her late husband as a person who "believed life was a gift. He served G-d with joy."

The plaque was placed in position by Avrum Rosensweig, a campaign associate of UJA/Federation, and a member of the special dates committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, composed of Federation staff, which organized the event.

Beginning with a verse from Psalm 15, "L-rd, who shall abide in thy tent? He that walks uprightly, and acts justly and speaks the truth in his heart," the plaque refers to Rabbi Steinberg as a "colleague, mentor, and friend," who is "fondly remembered by a grateful community."

WORKS OF ART

The works of Ellen Manel-Derrick (seen above), Ofra Nadel and Eileen Nussbaum, are being featured at the Holy Blossom Synagogue until mid-December. Approximately 20 paintings will be shown in the Philip Smith Foyer.

Shirley Steinberg Zimberg (left), Avrum Rosensweig and Chana Steinberg affix plaque in memory of community chaplain Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg in the lobby of the Lipa Green Building. [Alron photo]

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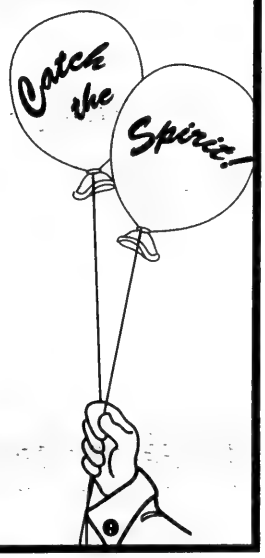

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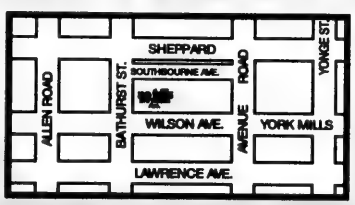

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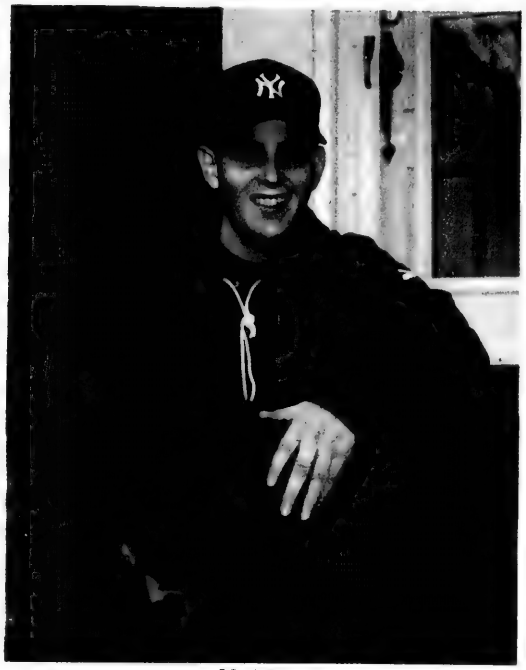

Mark Hart

Toronto teen battles leukemia

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — All just-turned-17 Mark Hart wants is to be a normal teenager. He wants to hang around with his friends. He is passionate about basketball. He even looks forward to attending classes at Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School.

These do not seem like terribly ambitious goals — until you realize that Mark has fought a three-and-a-half-year battle against acute lymphocytic leukemia.

Increasing chemotherapy seemed to be working for him, until a routine doctor's appointment disclosed that his condition was rapidly deteriorating.

His only chance is a bone marrow transplant.

Now Mark's family is following in the footsteps of New Jersey man Jay Feinberg and Toronto six-year-old Elizabeth Lue in a desperate search for a compatible donor.

Mark's ethnic origin is Jewish, Eastern and Western European, and native Canadian.

Doctors have indicated that it is even more difficult to find a donor for those of mixed ethnic descent.

Nobody in his family is a match, and his father and stepmother, Russell and Audrey Hart, and his mother Carol, are appealing to the Jewish community.

A mass blood screening will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Holy Blossom Temple, Philip Smith Hall, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Stepmother Audrey Pollock-Hart said, "By all working together, we can benefit Mark and Jay [Feinberg] and 9,000 others looking for bone marrow transplants."

The cost for each test is $60, and the Harts are also trying to raise necessary funds. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Elizabeth Lue Memorial Fund (Mark Hart), 700 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto, M6B 1L3, or through the Bank of Montreal.

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Canadians help Israel's ambulance service

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — This year Tsippi Shainhouse, 18, was a Magen David Adom ambulance volunteer stationed in Jerusalem.

It was the first time the former lifeguard ever used her first aid training.

She bandaged wounds, took blood pressure, laid accident victims on spinal boards and applied neck braces from mid-May to the end of July.

Shainhouse recalled that on one of her calls the distraught wife of a stroke victim was speaking French to ambulance attendants who could not understand her.

"No one knew how to deal with it, and I turned around and I started speaking to her. My French isn't so amazing in Toronto — I dropped it in Grade 10 — but I was able to calm her down."

A biology major in her second year at York University, she hopes to study medicine.

Jeffrey Spodek, 22, a first year medical student at the University of Western Ontario, learned about the emotional aspects of illness while he was a volunteer in Jerusalem. Through interviewing the patients in the ambulance, he said he gained "an understanding of what the patient feels and what the family goes through in terms of the crisis."

Shainhouse and Spodek are two of 10 Magen David Adom (MDA) ambulance volunteers — nine from Toronto and one from Winnipeg — who were recently honored at Toronto's Israel Aliyah Center (IAC).

They received plaques, $400 MDA scholarships and letters of appreciation. Trees have been planted in Israel in their names by the Aliyah Department of the World Zionist Organization.

According to program director Ron Wald, a 1991 and 1992 ambulance volunteer, participants experience Israel from "front row centre." When you work on an ambulance, he said "you go into the lives of people who are unfortunately experiencing very difficult situations, and that is the true way to see Israeli society, from the inside to its rawest extent."

MDA provides emergency services throughout Israel and relies heavily on volunteers to provide first aid.

The IAC in Montreal began sending ambulance volunteers to Jerusalem five years ago, and this year, for the first time, five of the fifteen volunteers from Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal, were sent to Tel Aviv. Participants are expected to pay most of their own expenses, including training, air fare and living expenses.

Itzhak Dahan, executive director of IAC Montreal, said the program, which currently operates out of IAC offices in Toronto and Montreal, will soon go national and be expected to accommodate 25 volunteers. The IAC, he added, is confident that the young volunteers will eventually make aliyah.

Kurt Rothchild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, praised the volunteers for their humanitarian efforts and for setting an example to other young Jews, many of whom are drifting away from Judaism.

"Judaism and Israel doesn't mean enough to them. You who have gone to Israel and have volunteered are showing a wonderful example of both the humanitarian, compassionate aspect of what Jews are all about, what Judaism is all about, and the tie to Israel."

MDA representative Judge Alfred Segall and Ehud Savion, regional director of Toronto's IAC, attended.

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concerns about replenishing the fund (the theatre is named after his mother). Ontario Court Justice John Farley ordered Posluns and the Federation to participate in an Alternative Dispute Resolution, after which the Federation agreed to replenish the JCC's endowments.

However, control of the theatre will vest in the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), which will operate the facilities owned by 4588 Bathurst Centre.

A spokesman for the BJC was upbeat about the latest developments while Federation President Bernie Ghert was much more reserved.

"We're very enthusiastic about this proposal," said BJC spokesman Howard English. "It's the best solution to ensure the long-term financial viability of the BJC."

Asked to comment on the progress made in negotiations, Ghert said, "Whether it's progress or not, I have no idea."

Ghert, who during the summer said the Federation did not have the money to pay all the JCC's debts in full, said "the Federation will have to raise the money [through] . . . an overall community capital campaign . . . It's additional money that will come out of the community in the future."

He added, "I'm concerned there will be a lot of criticism in the community about this."

Ghert said a possible negative reaction might come from those "who have other priorities as to how community money ought to be spent. They ask, why not spend it on education,. . . to endow senior care, for supplemental assistance [a Jewish Family & Child Service program]?"

Ghert said he had heard such comments in private, "but it's not good enough to say it in private.

"I'm visualizing a very, very large campaign," he continued.

Campaign requirements

He said the Federation's finance resource development committee will examine the campaign requirements and make their recommendations to the Federation's officers.

Ghert said "the Federation's policy is to give the community what it wants. It might not get what is provident [prudent]."

Referring to the long-term lessons of the JCC saga, Ghert said, "We shouldn't permit communal agencies to be governed in such a way, with such a lack of care and attention, that the directors of the agencies are permitted to put [the agencies] in such difficult financial situations."

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Alumni recall Habonim as central to their lives

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Helen Klingman calls her involvement with Habonim "a life-moulding experience.

"You can't begin to imagine the closeness of the group," she said at the recent Habonim Dror reunion held at the Borochov Centre.

Recalling her days with Habonim in the 1940s, Klingman said "we were at [the Farband Shule] cheder together all week, spent weekends at Habonim [activities] at 24 Cecil Street and summers together at Kvutza (camp). You were more like a family than just friends. It really was the centre of our being."

The Habonim and Dror Zionist youth movements merged in the early 1980s.

Habonim was the source of Naamat president Etty Danzig's ideological grounding, she said. "It's the basis for everything I've done ever since."

In the late 1950s and early '60s, Habonim was "a very big part of the vibrant Jewish life in Toronto," said Faigie Wise, who recalls the weekly Onegei Shabbat held at the Borochov Centre on Lippincott Street.

Julie Sokoloff, 74, national president of the Labour Zionist Movement (of which Habonim Dror is the youth movement), remembers when Habonim was known as Young Poale Zion, just prior to his joining the movement in the mid-1930s.

Idealism of state

"The idea was to educate [youngsters] zionistically and give them the concept of a Jewish state with a Jewish majority. The idealism of the state was a big part of what we talked about," he recalled.

Following high school, Habonim members could train at Hachshara, a working farm in Smithville, Ont., designed to prepare chalutzim (pioneers) to settle in what was then Palestine.

Before Smithville, the training farm was located in Cambridge, Ont., said Sokoloff, who was scheduled to begin his own training when World War II broke out.

Charlotte Cheifetz met her husband Cocoa in Smithville in 1949. They married shortly before making aliyah in 1950. Cheifetz, now back in Canada, lived for six years on Kibbutz Urim in the Negev.

These days, Habonim Dror's focus is on the summer camping season, said the organization's Toronto shlichah, Orit Praag.

Camp Gesher, located on Pringle Lake, is its only camp in eastern Ontario, and draws children from Hamilton, Kitchener, Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa. This past summer, there were 260 campers, Praag said.

Gesher is one of two Habonim Dror camps in Canada, the other being Camp Miriam in British Columbia.

During the year, local kenim (chapters) have educational and social activities in Vancouver, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston and Montreal. A new chapter in Kitchener is in the works, said Praag. The Kingston chapter was started last year by Meir Moran, Ottawa's Habonim Dror shaliach.

A brief program at the reunion included music by singer Ilana Milman, accompanied by Doron Ophir, and a poem read by Gesher counsellors Jannice Friedman of Toronto and Yona Randor of Hamilton. Gerry Anklewicz was emcee

The Habonim Dror reunion gave Moishe Wolfish (left) and Chaim Kornberg (right) both 46, an opportunity to reminisce about camp experiences with Harvey Goldfarb, 51, their former counsellor. [Frances Kraft photo]

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note the following schedule changes. As there is no edition on Dec. 29, items normally included in that issue will appear on Dec. 22. Deadline for the Dec. 22 issue will be Dec. 8 and deadline for the issue of Jan. 5 will be Dec. 15. I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, Dec. 9

ONEG SHABBAT

Adult education committee, B'nai Torah Congregation invites the community to an Oneg Shabbat, 465 Patricia Ave., 8 p.m., with **Shmuel Shilo**, former chair of Jewish law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and current visiting professor of law, Osgoode Hall. Topic is Modern Responsa on Jewish Conversion.

Saturday, Dec. 10

BBYO DANCE

All teens are welcome to BBYO's Winter Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Bathurst Jewish Centre in the gym. Admission $5 members; $7 non-members. For information call **Yael**, 635-9411.

Sunday, Dec. 11

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network is an organization whose aim is to provide emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre and information exchange. Next discussion meeting is 4-6 p.m., Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information call (905) 669-0904.

ART SALE

Mini art sale, 43 Camberwell Road (Bathurst & Eglinton), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds to Older Women's Network, ORT and to Friends of Rwanda. Call 783-0781 for information.

ISSUES AND INSIGHTS

Rabbi David Wolpe will discuss How to Talk to Children and Yourself About G-d, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Co-sponsored with Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. Tickets $22; students $20. Call 485-8000 for information.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim presents musicologist **William Westcott**, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst & Glencairn). Topic is What is Blue in Gershwin? Breakfast and lecture, $6.

OHR SOMAYACH

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach, Thornhill will deliver a lecture entitled Blurred Boundaries: A Jewish View on Gun Control, The Private Lives of Public Figures, Religion and Government, 8:30 p.m. Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. Admission, $5. For information call (905) 886-5730.

BACK TO THE SOURCE

Jews for Judaism presents **Tova Mordechai**, author of *Playing with Fire*, who will talk about what it was like for a young ordained Christian to discover the true secret of her Jewish roots, 8 p.m. Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W. Admission, $5. Call 789-2851 for information.

Monday, Dec. 12

UNIVERSE AND SPIRITUALITY

Discover the Torah's view towards science with **Dr. Jonathan Ostroff**, 8 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach, 2939 Bathurst St. For information call 785-5899.

I'VE GOT A FEELING

Rabbi Mitch Mandel discusses Judaism's path to emotional integration, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah, Thornhill, Promenade, Suite 303. Free Admission.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

BETH DAVID SISTERHOOD

Rabbi Philip Scheim will talk about Living Wills, 8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Sisterhood members, no charge; non-members, $3.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

The Classical Selections from Maimonides series continues, 8 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave., when **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** will discuss Shabbat; Categories of Work.

HALACHAH SEMINAR SERIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation adult education Halachah seminar series with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** is at 8 p.m., at the synagogue. Tonight's topic is The Use of Electricity on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League, Vaughan presents Nutrition and Weaning, the last in a series of monthly meetings, 8 p.m., 81 Bedford Park Ave., Richmond Hill. Topics include starting solids, discipline and weaning. Meetings open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies welcome. Phone **Robin**, (905) 886-8364 or **Joyce** (905) 881-8779.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich presents an adult education lecture entitled A Looking Glass to the Future, 7 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue. For information call 226-0111.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles will discuss Fabric Arts of Japan with **Sheila Birenbaum** and **Dorothy Ross**, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

KOLEL MINI-COURSE

Beyond the Beyond: Judaism and the Afterlife is the theme of this year's one-week mini-course, Jan. 21-26 sponsored by Kolel: a Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Opening program of the five-night course is an evening of storytelling with **Leslie Robbins** and **Justin Lewis.** For brochure and schedule call (905) 709-1900.

VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL

You do not need to be a trained teacher to join the Yad BeYad program in Israel this summer, teaching English to immigrants. Volunteers teach 15 hours a week in two-and-a-half week segments during July. Training provided prior to departure. Costs cover airfare, accommodations, some meals and transportation to classes. Call 445-4554 or 481-1568 for information.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Jewish Information Service seeks homeowners with rooms, basement apartments or apartments to share, or anyone looking for housing, to register with the JIS Accommodation Registry. Most rooms and basement apartments are located near or close to Bathurst St. in Thornhill, Richmond Hill or North York. To register for this free service call 635-5600.

SECRETS OF THE JEWISH WOMAN

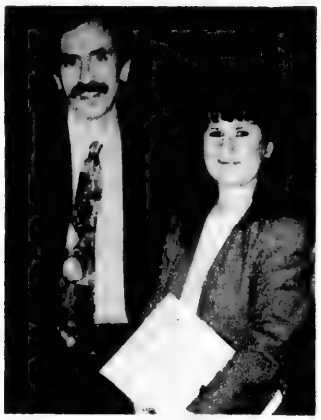
Denah Weinberg, dean of Eyaht College for Jewish Women, Jerusalem will speak Tuesday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. on The Power of the Jewish Woman; and Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. on Candlesticks and Freedom: Capturing the Majesty of Shabbat. Lectures held at Aish HaTorah, Thornhill, Suite 303. $10 donation for the series.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Swimmers who are able to withstand water temperature of 94 degrees F, be active for about 45 minutes and give two afternoons a week are needed for Baycrest Centre's hydrotherapy program. Call volunteer services, 785-2850.

WINTER CAMP

Camp Shomria offers indoor and outdoor activities including cross-country skiing, skating, arts and crafts and Jewish and Israel-focused programs, Dec. 18-23. Cost, including transportation is $330. Call 736-1339 for information.



WEIZMANN MEET

Dr. Alan Bernstein (left) spoke on the Future of Medical Research at the recent Joint national and Toronto chapter board meeting of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science. He is seen here with Carol Gordon, co-chair, Weizmann Women for Science.

BIKUR CHOLIM HOSPITAL

Volunteers are needed to donate their time and energy to the upcoming fundraising campaign for Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital of Jerusalem. The campaign includes a series of receptions, lectures and concerts. Call **Hindy Abelson**, 789-0834 or **Leah Aryeh**, 783-6500.

MIDWEST SHABBATON

Young couples and singles are invited to a Shabbaton, Dec. 23-25 at the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Centre, West Bloomfield, Michigan. Celebrity guest speaker is **Rabbi Laibi Wolf**, founder and director, Institute for Jewish development, Melbourne, Australia. Call **Anita Turtletaub**, (708) 329-0632, (708) 675-3335 or **Nechama Lowe** (810) 737-0407.

GLASER MEMORIAL LECTURES

Dr. Gershon Bacon, professor, Bar-Ilan University, is the guest speaker at the Dr. Emil & Bessie Glaser Memorial Lectures, Dec. 10-11, Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Shabbat services 9 a.m. Sunday morning lecture, 10 a.m. Nominal charge for breakfast.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Israeli folk dancing, Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., main dance studio. Beginners, 8-9:15 p.m.; intermediate, 9-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Intermediate and advanced, Sundays, 8-11 p.m. Call **Teme** 636-1880 ext. 364 for information.

HEALTH SEMINARS

Introduction to acupuncture and traditional Chinese herbal medicine is the topic, Monday, Dec. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. and Massage Therapy in the '90s is discussed, Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30-9 p.m. Both seminars are at Dufferin-Steeles Chiropractic Centre, 1520 Steeles Ave. W., Suite 102. Proceeds of $10 cover charge go to charity. To register, call (905) 738-6303.

WINTER HOCKEY CAMP

Holiday hockey camp runs Dec. 19-23 and Dec. 26-30. Includes daily scrimmages, puck control, shooting and passing. Register for the full week(s) per day or half-day. For information and to register call (905) 884-6965.

SAJAC SKI TRIP

South African Jewish Association of Canada is holding its annual ski trip, Sunday, Dec. 18. Families, couples, singles welcome. Prices run from $37-$52. For information call **Shawn Lipman** after 6 p.m., 481-6833.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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JF&CS GROUPS

One Marriage: Two Religions begins Jan. 12; Taking Care of Aging Parents begins in January; Widows/Widowers discusses coping with grief, living alone and changing relationships, daytime group begins Jan. 19. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SUCCESSFUL STEP-PARENTING

A group for couples living with other people's children to discuss the myth about stepfamilies, building a solid couple relationship, guidelines and strategies for stepparents and helping children adjust to stepfamily life, begins Feb. 7. Call **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

at the JCC/BJC

Howard Engel, author of the Benny Cooperman Mysteries will read on Sunday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m., Bloor JCC, Wallin Lounge. Members $5, non-members $7. Call 924-6211 for information.

Israeli folk dancing takes place at the Bloor JCC, every Monday 8-10 p.m. Instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** leads the beginners from 8-9 p.m. and intermediates from 9-10 p.m. For information call Marco, (905) 771-0363 or **Lindsay** at the JCC 924-6211.

BJC Senior Adult Services, 4588 Bathurst St. presents Costa Rica, a slide presentation by **Eadis Vaughan**, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Information regarding future programs will be forthcoming shortly. North York Board of Education programs include exercise 9:45 a.m. and yoga 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, and line dancing 10 a.m. Wednesdays. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At a recent general election, the Earl Bales New Image-Fifty Plus Singles Dance Group elected Earl Mandell (left) as president and Mollie Rothman as vice-president. Other officers elected include Larry Lobel, secretary, and Eva Schwebel, treasurer. (Larry Lobel photo)

Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Seniors' Big Band Dance featuring the Bobby Herriot Band, singing, dancing and complimentary refreshments, Sunday Dec. 11, 7-10 p.m., North York City Centre. Free admission. For information call Event Hotline: 395-7350.

Young at Heart Seniors is going on a trip to Miami Feb. 1-March 1. $1950 Canadian includes taxes, hotel, plane, airport pickup, entertainment and much more. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club's Saturday dance in the clubhouse, Dec. 10, 7-10 p.m., members free, non-members $1; Sunday dance with live band, Dec. 11, 7:30-10:30 p.m., community centre. Members $4, non-members $5; Wednesday movie, *Meet me in St. Louis*, clubhouse, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Members free, non-members $1; New Year's eve dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m., community centre. Members $30, non-members $35; *Showboat*, Wednesday, Jan. 11, members $50, limited seats; bingo every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. For information on all events call 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information call 661-4689.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Boardroom. Next meeting is Friday, Dec. 9. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Sunrise is going to Cincinnati Dec. 29-Jan. 1, $475. Florida supersaver, Jan. 14-27, $795, selling fast. Call **Esther** 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

LZA SENIORS CLUB has closed its registration for the Miami trips. The executive will continue to make arrangements for its 1995 trips to such places as the Catskills, West Coast, Stratford, Stage West and more.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

A joint trip to Daytona Beach is being planned by Bernard Betel Centre and Bathurst Jewish Centre Jan. 19-Feb. 2 at the deluxe Ramada Resort. Cost $1,431 twin occupancy, $1,832 single. For details and reservations, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880 ext. 364 or **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

About People

PRIDE OF ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

The following women were recently installed as the Pride of Israel Synagogue Sisterhood executive for 1995/96: **Sherryl Haberman**, president; **Donna Lindo**, first vice-president; **Trudy Gelber**, second vice-president; **Sima Rosen**, recording secretary; **Noreen Burton**, corresponding secretary; **Donna Atkin**, financial secretary; **Honey Goldberg**, treasurer; **Toby Goldberg** is immediate past-president.

BAYCREST APPOINTMENT

Margaret MacAdam has been appointed senior vice-president, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

With a PhD in social welfare, MacAdam, has had extensive experience in developing programs for older adults and has consulted with a wide range of public and private organizations serving the elderly. She has been with Baycrest for two years as vice-president of social services.

BOWLING HALL OF FAME

The late Joseph "Rusty" Starr was one of 7 people recently inducted into the Five Pin Bowling Hall of Fame by the Ontario Five Pin Bowlers' Association.

Starr, whose career spanned nearly 30 years, until his death in 1974, earned his bowling skills while working as a pinboy and honed them at Spadina Bowl, a centre where bowling for money was a frequent weekend activity. Throughout his career he played for the City Major League and qualified for the first Ontario Championship conducted by the Ontario Bowler's Congress.

Starr's brother David received the honor on behalf of his brother at a dinner sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association and the Ontario Bowlers' Congress. The purpose of the dinner is to honor individuals who have contributed to the growth of the bowling industry over a period of time.

KOLLEL ESH DAT DINNER

Rabbi Moses Burak, Beth Jacob Congregation (left); Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue (centre) and Robert Rosen, honorary president, Beth Jacob Congregation are seen at the annual Kollel Esh Dat Dinner held at Beth Jacob. The proceeds of the dinner go to the Kollel Esh Dat Yeshiva in Tel Aviv.

AIDING EZRATH NASHIM

The Cooper family hosted their third annual Afternoon of Tea and Music at the home of Clara and Richard Cooper, to benefit Alzheimer's research at Ezrath Nashim Sarah Herzog, a geriatric and psychiatric hospital. Established in 1895, the hospital is a world renowned research institution and an oustanding treatment and rehabilitation centre. From left are Amy Cooper, Clara Cooper, Florence Cooper, Tobie Bekhor, Lynda Latner.

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Arts, cultural programs expand at Bloor JCC

TORONTO — Signalling yet another break from the old Jewish Community Centre, the new Bloor Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) has expanded its arts and culture programming.

Theatre, book readings, films and art exhibits are now as much a part of Bloor as aerobics and the shvitz.

Dec. 12 is opening night for the Medina Theatre Ensemble's production of *Cheaters*, a comedy in two acts by Michael Jacobs. Directed by Sean Mulcahy, the production will run from Dec. 12-18 at 8 p.m. with a Dec. 18 matinee at 2 p.m.

The Medina Theatre Ensemble, which is comprised of professional and amateur actors, will offer workshops in directing, improvisation and other phases of acting. They also welcome new members interested in other aspects of the theatre, such as administration, set design, lighting, costumes, publicity and programming. Membership is $25 per year.

The Jewish Theatre Committee (JTC) of Toronto, an organization which uses theatre to promote Jewish continuity, held its first program recently with a rehearsed staged reading of the Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest's 1994 winner, *This Night the Kapo*.

The JTC has inaugurated a new project called First Words, to give playwrights a chance to have their works read professionally in public with the audience providing feedback. The first program was held Dec. 6 with an interactive drama on a Holocaust theme. The next program is scheduled for March.

On Dec. 11, Howard Engel, author of the popular Benny Cooperman mysteries, will read from his works as part of the Sunday Books & Bagels reading series.

The next program is scheduled for Jan. 29, when Libby Scheier, author of the recently published collection *Saints and Runners*, will read.

The BJCC has established a new association with the Koffler Gallery to stage a series of exhibitions in the Centre's Wallin Lounge. The program will include a variety of exhibitions of painting, sculpture, photography and the decorative arts.

In January, North York artist Sandra Silverzweig will hold her first-ever exhibition of paintings and works on paper.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society will offer screenings throughout the year at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

For more information, contact the Bloor JCC at 924-6211.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Committee, 35 Plus (Bathurst and Wilson) presents a Sunday Brunch December 11th, 1994- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Roy Green, Professional speaker, motivator and trainer in the field of quality and excellence. **Topic:** "The People Secret" to getting things done! An entertaining and unusual look at the people-aspects that are so essential for motivation and achievement, yet which often get overlooked in our day-to-day life. (Roy has also hinted at a little musical surprise!) **Cost $8.00** Prepaid reservations **only** at the Synagogue office. Deadline is Thursday, December 8th. VISA accepted For further info or if you wish to serve on our Singles Committee contact Rabbi Sheldon Kom at 635-5340

*****7th Annual Chanukah Party** Why is this night different than all other nights? Because all the stores are closed and Metro Toronto Singles is presenting its largest party of the year: On Saturday Dec. 24th at 7p.m. (Christmas Eve) at the **Berlin Nightclub** 2335 Yonge St. (N. of Eglinton Ave.) **Cover $15. We are open till 2 a.m.** Come early to avoid long lineups! Call 222-7111 for info.

*****NEW YEAR'S EVE***** Mark & Ari invite you **New Year's Eve at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel** Saturday Dec. 31, 1994. Complimentary champagne, party favours, D.J. Dance Music, prizes & surprises! Sit-down dinner & dance (4 course meal) $69.00 Dance only $25.00 advance (at door $29.00) Special room rates available! Advance tickets call Ticketmaster 416-870-8000. Ari Huber & Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419. **This is a Mark & Ari Semi-Formal affair.**

*****The Matzo Ball***** T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse--------NOT! **Mark and Ari's Matzo Ball is here.** The No. 1 holiday party returns Saturday December 24, 1994. 8:00 p.m. to Whiskey Saigon., 250 Richmond St.West (at Duncan). Pool Tables, D.J. Dance Music, Door Prizes and Surprises. Admission $12.00, at door $15.00. Advance ticket holders do not wait in line. Call Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin hotline 416-733-1419

***Games Jewish Singles Play Reminder!** Sat Dec. 10th 7:30 p.m. Beth Torah. 47 Glenbrook ***Bridge**, scrabble etc. $5. **43 couples have already met!** Mollie 733-3634

3 MACCABEES present... **SHAKE YOU KISHKAS** at **OZ The nightclub** on Christmas Eve Sat. Dec. 24th. Experience T.O's Wildest Holiday Bash. $10/ door. 8p.m. **Follow The Yellow Brick Road To OZ.** 15 Mercer St. 506-TOTO. Welcoming: YORK, U OF T, WESTERN, JSF, HILLEL.

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FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES (Ages 40-65) presents a Round Table Discussion on **Dec. 18,** 8:00 p.m. Pride of Israel Synagogue, Bathurst St. north of Finch. $5.00 Refreshments and social to follow. (416) 225-8745.

Tour of Israel and Jordan. Ages 30+. Includes tour of Amman and the ancient city of Petra. 4-Star hotels. Information meeting Tues. Dec. 13 B'nai Brith boardroom, 15 Hove St. R.S.V.P. Collect (514) 489-2884 to Cranie.

VIEWPOINTS meets **Tues. Dec. 13.** Beth Tzedec. Speaker: **Sam Joseph,V.P. McDonald's Restaurants, "What Makes McDonald's Tick?"** 8:00. Refreshments. $5.00. Call 781-9245

"YOUR BESHERT" Social Club Proudly presents our Gala New Year's Eve Extravaganza Dec. 31 7:30 p.m. at Omei (Bathurst & Sheppard Ave.) Featuring a delictable 7-course Chinese Dinner, Karoake, dancing, champagne toast, party favours, door prizes, cash bar, midnight countdown to the New Year, lots of free parking. For a super deal, all inclusive $30/ person if you RSVP by December 17, or $40 after and at the door. Dress code semi formal. To reserve your seat call 416-781-0602

JNF honors survivors' families

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For its 43rd annual Negev Dinner, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) for Manitoba and Saskatchewan has chosen to honor the 200 or so local families of Holocaust survivors.

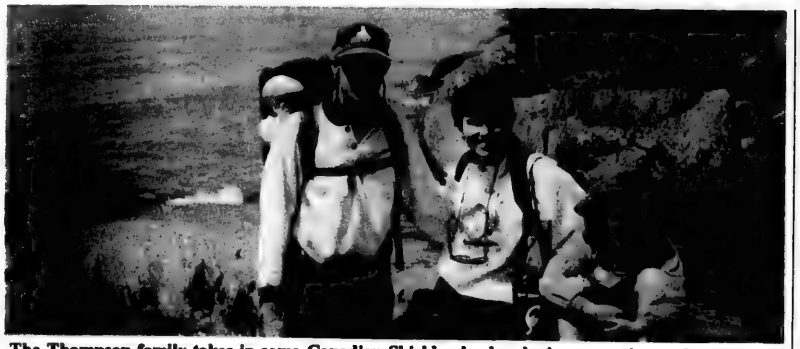
"We have spoken to some of them and they are very enthusiastic," said Zeev Kedem, the JNF shaliach in Winnipeg.

"We felt with 1995 marking the 50th anniversary of the war's end that it was an appropriate time to give tribute to survivors and their families. They symbolize the victory of the Jewish People over the evil that was Nazism."

Winnipeg's JNF Negev Dinner is the largest fundraising event of its kind in North America. It normally draws up to 1,500 people. The 1995 dinner, slated for June 20, is expected to attract over 1,800, including children and grandchildren of the honorees and members of the general community. There will also be a special commemorative book distributed at the dinner.

"In the past, we have generally honored individuals (with the exception of the Simkin Family in 1992)," Kedem said. "This is a unique event. We wanted to honor the survivors before it was too late. We are hoping this will be an opportunity for the families to come out and celebrate."

From coast to coast



The Thompson family takes in some Canadian Shield splendor during an outing at Pukaskawa National Park on the north shore of Lake Superior, about one hour from Manitouwadge. Seen here are Ivan, carring baby Danielle, Alison and daughter Rachel.

It's hard to keep Shabbat in remote Canadian Shield

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's hard to say who gets around more, South Africans living in Canada or Manischewitz's sticky-sweet wines.

In a small town in northwestern Ontario, is just about the last place on earth you'd expect, the two exotic commodities to coincide on a weekly basis come erev Shabbat.

It's tough trying to maintain a home with a Yiddishe atmosphere in the remote mining town of Manitouwadge, said Alison Thompson, a native of Durban, South Africa.

But as Shabbat approaches, she bakes a challah and heads down to the local liquor store where the racks of reds hold Manischewitz's prized sacramental wine.

Who in Manitouwadge besides the Thompsons would be interested in Manichewitz, Alison doesn't know. Nevertheless, it's become a key ingredient in preparing for Shabbat for herself, husband Ivan and children Rachel, 5, and Danielle, 1.

As the only Jewish couple in Manitouwadge, located north of Lake Superior midway between Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay, the Thompsons miss the traditional Shabbat atmosphere of Durban. But thanks to links forged at a get-together in Sudbury sponsored two years ago by Canadian Jewish Congress, they were able to celebrate a Shabbaton recently in the company of other Jewish couples.

Alison said she invited Fred and Judy Ball of Thunder Bay and Gill and Ginny Cymbalist of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (just across a river from its Ontario counterpart) to visit Manitouwadge.

"We got together and shared kiddush," Alison said. "Having Jewish families together [created] a little Yiddishkeit. We miss going to shul and having family together for Shabbat. That's what we're used to."

Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities for Congress' Ontario region, lauded the Thompsons' efforts to create a Jewish environment in such a remote location. She said the family is plugged into Congress' Family Project, designed to enhance the Shabbat experience for those living in smaller centres.

They receive a weekly storybook version of the Torah parshah with arts and crafts for the children.

The materials are distributed to Jewish families in North Bay, Thunder Bay, Niagara Falls, Sarnia, Peterborough and even in two Michigan locales, Sault Ste. Marie and Pickford.

Jackson said Jewish families populate the unlikliest places. There another South African family in the small town of Nakina, northeast of Thunder Bay.

"South Africans tend to be all over the show," Alison said.

But it's Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. that is the hub of Jewish life in that part of the province, she said. The community there boasts an expanding synagogue and a slate of community activities. The Thompsons try to make it there for holidays like Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah, weather permitting.

Moving to northern Canada from South Africa "took a lot of adjusting to the cold," Alison said. "I imagined people stayed indoors, but they're out skiing, hiking and skating." Ivan has taken up downhill skiing and Rachel has made her first lap on an indoor skating rink, practically qualifying them for Canadian citizenship. They hold landed immigrant status.

Alison said the family enjoys the community they've chosen. "We're right in the middle of the bush, in hilly terrain. When it snows, it's a Chanukah wonderland," she said.

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Grocers greet immigrants with consumer pack

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Thousands of new immigrants have been introduced to Canadian manufacturers and products in the last five years, thanks to the innovative Canada Welcome Pack.

Any newcomers who have been in Canada for less than two years and are Ontario residents may register with Canada Welcome Pack. They will receive a certificate in the mail, which they can take to the Oshawa Foods Food City, Price Chopper or selected IGA stores near them. After showing their passport, immigration papers or work permit, they exchange the certificate for the package, worth about $35.

There is no obligation or charge, and all costs are borne by the manufacturers.

This is not a charity, and there are no government connections, organizer and creator Kurt Brundtland told *The CJN*.

Everyone benefits, he said. The new immigrants learn about Canadian household products, and the manufacturers get to have their products tried by potential consumers.

As well, Oshawa Foods grocery stores, which distribute the packs, get the opportunity to meet new customers.

Excellent response

Brands include Kellogg, Cloverleaf, Red Rose, Halls, Ivory, Vim and Sunlight, and products range from food and cough drops to soap, mouthwash and household cleaning supplies.

Most of the products are kosher, although, Brundtland admits, that is "just good luck."

Response has been excellent, he said. Research conducted in participants' homes show that the average repurchase rate for the products in the pack is 72 per cent, much higher than the usual repurchase rate of 20 to 25 per cent.

Newcomers to Canada from England, Hong Kong, Peru, Russia and Vietnam, along with the program's founder, Knut Brundtland, help launch this year's Canada Welcome Pack.

(Interestingly, Heinz ketchup has the highest score at 90 per cent.)

Brundtland, who came to Canada from Norway in 1969, compares it to his own experience as an immigrant. "You really don't know what's up [about shopping]."

With the Canada Welcome Pack, you get to try different common products without any obligation. Also, when the new consumer sees the package again, he or she recognizes it and will be more likely to buy it again.

Finally, Brundtland said, there is goodwill built up by the whole project, "and you can never measure goodwill!"

To make the packs more effective, product education and information is in English, Russian, Spanish, Farsi, Chinese, Vietnamese and Polish.

Applications are available at many ethnocultural centres and immigrant societies in southern Ontario, or by writing Canada Welcome Pack, 4981 Highway 7 East, Unit 12A, Suite 241, Markham, Ont. L3R 1N1. The pack is offered in the greater Toronto and Montreal areas and in the lower mainland Vancouver area.

Israeli-Arab firm may hold key to Mideast markets

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

ISRAEL — Jaffa Communications, an Israeli-Arab owned ad agency is set to inaugurate its Middle East division and new Jaffa offices.

Only three of the many advertising agencies here cater to the Arab sector, and Jaffa Communications is the only one which operates independently, says director Makram Khoury Machool.

As Israeli companies begin assessing regional markets, Khoury Machool says, Jaffa Communications is in a unique position to market Israel to the untapped potential in the Arab world.

This is due largely, he says, to lack of awareness of market size by advertisers and poor judgment on the part of ad agencies, who do not target campaigns correctly.

He points to a campaign he created for Kupat Holim Clalit, who wanted a campaign geared specifically to the young.

"We found that most of the Arab population in Israel is young [between 18 and 25]," he says.

Jaffa Communications estimated the potential clientele for Kupat Holim Clalit at 60,000.

"We were conservative," says Khoury Machool. Their comprehensive campaign, which included TV, radio, wall posters and print media, brought 90,000 new members from the Arab sector into Kupat Holim Clalit.

"That's what a tailor-made campaign can do."

Khoury Machool, 31, has spent the last 12 years of his life in communications. After graduating from Tel Aviv University's school of communications, he worked as a radio reporter in Arabic, served as consultant and researcher for Educational Television, and wrote for the Tel Aviv weekly *Ha'ir*.

Khoury Machool then opened the Tel Aviv bureau of the Haifa-based daily paper, *Al Ittihad*, running its editorial and advertising departments and winning a Reuters award for journalism. He went to Oxford in 1990 as a Post-Master Research Fellow in Communications and Middle East studies.

The Gulf War convinced him that a Middle East peace was "only a matter of time, and what would move it was economics and communications."

The contacts Khoury Machool made at Oxford — including Prince Hassan of Jordan — form the basis of what he calls his "network for Israeli businesses to reach the Arab world, and for Arab entrepreneurs to reach Israel."

In late 1991, he founded Jaffa Communications, which, in addition to advertising, also provides services such as research, surveys, marketing and business consulting.

"Our secret — well, it's an open secret — is that we are Arabs in Israel and know both markets," he says.

This means knowing how to get the right message across in the best way. Any English speaker who has been treated to misspelled, poorly translated Hebrew ad campaigns can appreciate Khoury Machool's ironclad rule: "We do not translate campaigns. If we did, the campaign would lose all content."

He continues: "Many advertisers are unaware of the local Arab sector, one million people who need consumer goods, food, women's items, children's items and services.

"Part of the advertising done in Hebrew is supposed to appeal to the Arab sector and does not."

The most effective means of communication in the Arab sector, he says, is radio, then wall posters. There are no posters affixed to bus stops in Arab areas.

In the Jewish sector, marketing directly to the home is perceived as an annoyance, but among Arabs, he says, "People like to have visitors come to the home. It is considered impressive, an honor."

Another difference is the ranking of TV advertising and the print media. Fifteen per cent of the Israeli Arab population read the Hebrew press, but, says Khoury Machool, they do so to get information; they are not open to advertisers' messages.

For advertisers to deliver their message to the Arab sector, he says, "they must rely on alternative sources."

And Khoury Machool's agenda is far-reaching. Israeli Arabs have gone through a speeded-up modernization process, he says.

Income levels have increased, consumption patterns have changed and the level of education has risen.

Aware of his target audience, he explains his approach. "We use gentle humor, without making fun. You need to give respect."

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TIPS FROM PROS

By JEFF ANSELL
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Effective presentations should be a two-way dialogue between the audience and the speaker.

Imagine two close friends having a lively discussion about politics, a movie or a recent business deal. Although they aren't completely conscious of it, both are working very hard to understand what the other is saying, explain their own point of view and evaluate each other's response.

Both are constantly changing their inflection and using facial expressions and gestures. They look intently at one another and often pause for emphasis and to make sure the other person is following them. Occasionally, the two break off into excited agreement because some kind of understanding has been reached and a kind of connection has occured from this sharing of ideas.

It is hard to share ideas and spark understanding in a presentation, especially when the physical separation of standing before an audience sometimes translates into a kind of psychological isolation. The speaker feels pressure and may abandon his or her natural style of communicating.

Although the presenter usually does most, if not all, of the talking, a presentation is really a kind of conversation and all the usual rules apply.

A successful presenter involves the audience by generating a kind of mental conversation in which the listener evaluates, manipulates and modifies each idea as his or her own.

This cannot work if the presenter reads hurriedly through a prepared text, looks down at notes, talks in a monotone and kèeps arms pinned to the sides. When that happens, the audience's eyes are bound to glaze over — just as they would if someone behaved that way during a normal conversation.

The key lies in learning to "talk" your presentation by:

- Trying to make your presentation as two-way as possible.
- Visualizing.
- Maintaining strong eye contact.
- Pausing.
- Gesturing.

Talking your presentation will make you a more dynamic and credible speaker. But to create a true dialogue, speakers must also be sensitive to the audience's information needs. Rather than focusing solely on what they think is important, good presenters try to see things from the audience's perspective and to give them news they can use. You can do this by having a clear focus, with three or four key points, and by explaining your messages in a way the audience will find relevant and interesting.

One of those ways may be through visual aids. For maximum impact, use visual aids sparingly:

- Instead of relying on acetates for every presentation, consider using props, charts, videos or handouts.
- Handouts should be given out as they're discussed, or after the presentation.
- Charts should be easy to understand without little verbal explanation.
- All messages should be clear and readable from the back of the room and presented in large, bold type.
- Overhead transparencies should be uncluttered. Never place more than 12 to 15 words on each screen or the audience will be unable to retain the information.
- Horizontal transparencies and slides work better than vertical ones.
- Don't use boring slides — if they aren't compelling, the darkened room will make your audience tune out quickly.
- Know in advance who will operate audio-visual equipment and practice in advance to ensure a smooth delivery.

When fielding Q and As keep in mind that questions are generally a positive sign, because they show involvement and participation from the audience.

Questions give participants the opportunity to:

- Clarify information.
- Gather additional information.
- Test your credibility.

Remember that most questions are not objections. Treating every question as an objection becomes confrontational and will discourage people from participating.

No matter how small and insignificant it may seem to you, treat each question with respect. If one person asks, chances are others are wondering the same thing.

Jeff Ansell is a presentation skills specialist with the public relations firm Hill and Knowlton Canada.

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

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Sunnybrook Foods

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

TORONTO — For three generations **Sunnybrook Foods** has been serving the needs of the Jewish community, with the city's largest selection of kosher foods.

Importers of a wide variety of products from the United States, Israel and beyond, they are a favorite shopping destination for many families.

David Goodbaum, vice-president and general manager, explains that Sunnybrook is able to keep prices down on kosher products by buying in large quantities. Their kosher foods are 10 to 15 per cent cheaper on average than at their competitors and they keep their prices low every day.

There are three Toronto locations, including the store on Bayview south of Highway 7. Now in its second year, the Bayview store boasts a large selection of kosher products, a full-service kosher meat department and items of a gourmet nature.

Goodbaum notes that "people have a certain hesitancy to purchase gourmet items in a traditional supermarket. The irony is you pay a tremendous premium when buying from a gourmet shop."

He says the customer pays a higher price to cover the retailer's fancy fixtures and high rent in downtown locations.

Specialty food and gourmet shops have taken away a lot of business from supermarkets, says Goodbaum. There has been a definite fragmentation in food retailing. Today's busy schedules provide less time for shopping, and often it is convenience that dictates where food dollars are spent.

He says people are also buying household items in places like Canadian Tire and Price Club, which are "very aggressive in terms of pricing. The food market is being taken out of the hands of traditional food retailers."

People are tending to shop more frequently and shopping from meal to meal is more common, he says.

And another reflection of today's fast-paced lifestyle is the availability of prepared foods, which sell well in the Bayview store. The Wilmington store, Goodbaum observes, has a more traditional clientele, one not as quick to buy prepared foods.

Last Passover, Sunnybrook began importing foods from South Africa, a mature manufacturing market with good quality products, many of which are kosher.

Free trade

"We start thinking about Passover a good two-and-a-half sometimes three months before," Goodbaum says. Canadian suppliers do not pay duty on U.S. imports for Passover because they are considered religious items.

Free trade has not yet had a great effect on the food industry. However with the introduction of the GST where there was once a hidden tax on foods, the customer must now pay an additional seven per cent on many items.

As a result, Sunnybrook prices are marked down so that there is still some savings for the customer. Some prices are actually cheaper now than they were 10 years ago. In the food industry, inflation has been kept at zero.

Goodbaum says certain trends are evident in food shopping today. The quality of frozen foods has improved substantially, and people are not buying canned produce the way they used to.

There is a "full complement of fruits and vegetables available all season long, which historically weren't available." With the Chilean market and other tropical markets exporting their produce, strawberries and other more unusual fruits are now available year round.

Goodbaum notes other changes. "Consumption of red meat has declined steadily and poultry is picking up the slack. When we first introduced ground chicken, we threw most of it away." Now people are purchasing ground chicken instead of beef. Turkey, which used to be mainly a seasonal item, is now being sold regularly.

In addition, "people are reading labels and the manufacturers are responding accordingly," with the emphasis on less salt and sugar.

Billed as the Kosher Specialists, Sunnybrook will continue to provide the best in kosher foods.

"We've got to keep carving out a niche for ourselves. Our future is really with the stores that cater to a Jewish clientele," Goodbaum believes.

"The key to retail is to exceed expectations," he says. Sunnybrook Foods will continue introducing new products that are kosher, always with the emphasis on customer service and quality. There's nothing about that policy that's not kosher.

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Judy Sarick (standing) looks on as author Patti Stren (seated) reads her new book, For Sale: One Brother, to a group of young fans.

Kids' lit store thrives

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In 1974 Judy Sarick gave up a prestigious administrative position at the Toronto Board of Education to open The Children's Book Store, the first book store in Toronto to cater exclusively to children.

"Nobody could understand why I would leave a well-paying job," Sarick said. "My father was hysterical. He thought I would never make a living."

But she proved her father wrong. This year The Children's Book Store is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Sarick also branched out into the wholesale market and now the business occupies a space more than 10 times the size of the original store.

The Saricks bought and renovated the former YWCA building at 2532 Yonge St., a three-level, 10,000-square foot art deco structure, and moved the store from Markham Street a year ago.

When the store first opened, Sarick couldn't afford to hire any staff. Her husband, Hy, who was tired of commuting between Kingston and Toronto, left his teaching position at Queen's University to help out "temporarily."

Today there are 30 employees, but Hy never did leave the Children's Book Store. He found a niche for himself in children's music, an area virtually untapped back in the early '70s.

Sarick, a specialist in children's literature since 1962, said she went into the business because she was convinced there was a market for high quality children's books.

Her job at the school board gave her access to quality books available only in libraries, and she would buy them from the wholesalers to give as gifts, she said. "The parents went wild over them."

These type of parents were her targeted market group, she said. "I thought if I could get 600 people to spend $100 on books for their kids, I could make this work."

Sarick's instincts were right. "We were an instant success," she said. "It was as if there was a market waiting there for us. My first year [sales] figures were double the projections."

In 1978 Sarick went into wholesaling. Today the wholesale business makes up 75 per cent of the annual sales. "We're a big book store and a small wholesaler," Sarick said.

She said business can be tougher for book stores than for other retail stores because unit costs are low and there's only a 40 per cent sales margin.

Sarick said there has been too much growth in children's publishing. In the United States more than 4,000 new children titles are published annually, she said, and "it's too many. . . . They can't sell that many titles."

The Saricks are selective about what they carry in the store. They promote quality children's writers and entertainers by inviting them to the store to read or perform. Raffi, the highly successful children's entertainer, and author Patti Stren were featured at the store this fall.

The two have a long association with the store. In fact, Hy Sarick is credited with launching Raffi's career. In 1976 Raffi approached the store about carrying his first record: after listening to it, Hy Sarick ordered 25 copies, he told *The CJN*. "[Raffi] was a bit overwhelmed that we would sell so many."

Sarick is considered by many to be the godfather of Canadian children's music, because The Children's Book store was one of the first places to promote major children's entertainers like Raffi, Sharon, Lois and Bram, and Fred Penner. What little was available sold quickly. "The record companies were shocked," he said. "They didn't think there was any money in children's music."

Three years ago Hy Sarick established a new company, The Children's Group, to market the *Classical Kids* series, the brainchild of Sue Hammond. The audio series incorporates music and narration to introduce children to classical composers.

It was a hard sell, but the series has taken off in North America, proving sceptics in the music industry wrong again, Sarick said. "It gives me great satisfaction to know that my instincts were right. . . . which proves there's always room for innovation."

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Israeli court grants gays landmark victory

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JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court of Justice handed Israel's gay community a major victory last week, ruling that a company must extend the same benefits to gay couples that it does to heterosexual couples.

In the landmark 50-page decision, the court ordered El Al Airlines to grant the partner of steward Jonathan Danilovitz an annual free ticket and other benefits the company has long extended to heterosexual couples.

The ruling brought to an end a five-year legal journey that wound through Israel's court system, reaching the High Court after El Al appealed a labor court ruling in favor of Danilovitz, a native South African.

The decision was based on an amendment to Israel's basic law for equal rights in the workplace, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The High Court ruling drew the ire of Israel's religious political parties.

Knesset member Shlomo Benizri of Shas said his party views the decision as "a challenge to the sacred values of Judaism." He added that his party was planning to take steps in the wake of the ruling, but declined to specify what they would be.

Gay rights activists hailed the decision, saying it would have far-reaching implications for Israeli society, which is regarded as conservative when it comes to homosexuality.

"I feel this is a major breakthrough on several levels. One of the justices explicitly said the decision is based not only on the law itself, but on the principle of equality of all human beings," said Amit Kama, executive director of the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights.

"I believe that as long as our laws and court decisions are tolerant and liberal and pro-gay, then more and more people and heterosexuals will get rid of homophobia. Homosexuals and lesbians will feel more comfortable to come out in the workplace, to be open about themselves," said Kama.

The ruling held personal significance for Kama. He and his partner, a full-time professor at Tel Aviv University, have sued the school to grant Kama the social benefits given spouses of university employees.

It could also affect the case of Adir Steiner, who has unsuccessfully sought pension rights from the Army after the death two years ago of his partner, the late Chief Army Medical Officer, Col. Doron Meisel.

DEGREE FOR RABIN
Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently received an honorary degree from Ben Gurion University. Seen (from left) BGU rector Professor Nachum Finger, Rabin and BGU president Dr. Avishay Braverman.

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U.S. visitor named two-millionth tourist

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JERUSALEM — When Marian Graves, the wife of a Baptist pastor from Albany, N.Y., boarded an El Al plane to fulfil her life's dream of seeing Israel, she never dreamed that she would be met at the airport with music, flowers, and a greeting from the prime minister.

Graves, who came for an eight-day tour together with a group from the Welcome Chapel Baptist Church in Albany, where her husband, Robert, is pastor, was told during the flight that she was designated as Israel's two-millionth tourist this year.

"I didn't know what was going on. I'm still in a state of shock," she said, as Tourism Minister Uzi Baram met her on the tarmac.

Inside the terminal, Baram presented Graves with a check for $1,447, the price of the airfare and tour package.

Graves, who is visiting for the first time, said she would consider her visit a blessing for the rest of her life.

"It is something you don't have time to do when you're busy raising a family," said Graves, who has six grown children.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin welcomed her and said she was an example to American Jews, only 11 per cent of whom have visited Israel.

"The Holy Land is a place where everyone should come and, according to his religious belief, see the shrines of the Bible, the New Testament, or the Koran, as well as the return to Zion, which is spoken of in the Bible," Rabin said.

"I hope that in the future there will be a tourism package of Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Syria as well," Rabin added.

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U.S. report supports PLO's move towards peace

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — A second U.S. State Department report certifying PLO compliance with its peace agreements with Israel has drawn sharp criticism from members of Congress and some pro-Israel activists.

While citing PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's failure to root out terrorism, confiscate weapons, prosecute Palestinian terrorists and amend the PLO covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, the report rules that the PLO's "good faith" effort warrants the determination.

The report, mandated every six months according to legislation passed by Congress, paves the way for President Bill Clinton to authorize financial assistance to the Palestinians.

White House officials say Clinton plans to adopt the report's recommendation and ask Congress for an allocation of up to $150 million (US) for the Palestinian Authority (PA), which governs the autonomous areas of Gaza and Jericho.

The administration has pledged a total of $500 million over five years to the Palestinians.

At the same time, however, the report — and the reaction it has elicited — is expected to become a weapon in the ongoing battle on Capitol Hill over continuing U.S. aid to the Palestinians.

The 13-page State Department report, released last Friday, details dozens of incidents of PLO actions that contradict its peace accord signed with Israel last year. But it also seeks to explain some of the PLO actions.

For example, the report cites Arafat's Nov. 15 comments at a Gaza rally, during which he called Israel "the Zionist enemy."

"While this remark is reminiscent of an earlier era before the PLO acknowledged Israel's right to exist, the broader pattern of Arafat's actions and statements demonstrates his acceptance of Israel and commitment to the negotiations," the report states.

The report also praised Arafat for turning over to Israeli forces a murder suspect hiding in Gaza.

The report's mild language and conciliatory approach toward the Palestinians prompted a flurry of criticism, with some activists accusing the State Department of adhering to a low standard and a minimalist definition of compliance.

Expressing "disappointment" with the findings, Steve Grossman, president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, said, "The time has come for Arafat to ratchet up his compliance with his commitments."

"If the Israeli people, the American people and Congress are going to have full faith in Arafat, then he needs to be more assiduous and steadfast in his efforts," Grossman said.

Although critical of the report and of some of Arafat's actions, Grossman said that AIPAC continues to support American aid to the PA.

In contrast, the Zionist Organization of America was not only sharply critical of the report, but also plans to challenge continued aid to the Palestinians.

"The State Department has ignored, minimized and whitewashed the PLO's numerous and serious violations," said ZOA President Morton Klein.

"The report is simply a farce that refuses to look truth in the eye," Klein said.

State Department officials have defended the report's findings and its purpose.

"We need to weigh the need for aid to the Palestinians against a higher standard of compliance," a State Department official said.

"Any cutoff of American aid or a perceived weakening of American support for the Palestinian Authority could have catastrophic effects for the Palestinians, Israelis and the entire peace process," the official said.

Israeli officials, from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on down, have expressed similar views, strongly lobbying in favor of U.S. aid to the Palestinians, despite reservations about compliance.

Jerusalem to host AIDS conference in '95

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem will serve as the host city of the next international AIDS education conference, due to take place in November 1995, according to the Jerusalem AIDS Project.

The group made the announcement last Thursday to coincide with international commemorations of World AIDS Day.

AIDS educators and activists in Israel, who have repeatedly warned the public against complacency toward the deadly disease, say they hope that next year's gathering will boost awareness of AIDS in Israel.

According to Health Ministry figures, 307 Israelis have developed full-blown AIDS since the first case of the disease was recorded about 10 years ago. About two-thirds of them have died.

There are some 1,226 known individuals with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS (see News in Brief, p. 2).

But the ministry estimates that the actual number, including those who are afraid to be tested for the disease, is between 2,000 and 2,500.

"Right now, we have small numbers in comparison to other countries, but this is (false) because of collective denial," AIDS counselor Rachel Hayward told Israel Television.

"There are a lot of people who are probably walking around infected with HIV, but they aren't getting tested because they are afraid to go somewhere where people might recognize them, or they are afraid to lose their jobs," she said.

Israel marked World AIDS Day with a number of educational and prevention programs. Information booths were set up around the country, condoms were distributed and free AIDS testing was made available at such places as Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion Airport.

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Palestinians collect taxes from Arabs in West Bank

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According to the self-rule accord signed last year in Washington, the troop withdrawal should take place prior to the holding of Palestinian elections.

Last week, some Israeli government officials spoke out about renegotiating the timetable of the self-rule accord.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told Israeli Radio that there was no point in being stuck in negotiations over an interim arrangement — which covers the first five years of Palestinian self-rule — and that it would be more effective to move ahead with negotiations on a permanent arrangement.

The permanent-status talks, which will cover such issues as settlements and who will control Jerusalem, are scheduled to begin in May 1996.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin lashed out at Beilin for his remarks, saying, "The government will continue its policy toward negotiations on the interim arrangement."

Beilin, one of the architects of the self-rule accord signed last year in Washington, offered his view of a final-status arrangement: A confederation between Jordan and the Palestinian entity, full demilitarization in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, changes to the 1967 borders and a Jerusalem united under Israeli rule.

As a result of Thursday's transfers of authority, the Palestinians will now be responsible for collecting some $96 million in taxes from Arab residents of the West Bank. The agreement does not include Israelis who live in the territories.

Mohammed Nashashibi, the PA official in charge of finance, said he believed the self-rule government would be able to install the necessary mechanisms to collect these fees.

In preparation for the transfer, the PA has been recruiting tax and customs employees. Most Palestinians previously involved in such work resigned during the intifada because they viewed Israel's taxation of the territories as part of the government's oppression of Palestinians.

In recent weeks, officials have been undergoing training, and Israel will provide consultation services for the next six months.

And large advertisements have been placed in Arabic dailies seeking recruits for training in income tax and Value Added Tax collection, and calling for public cooperation with the tax authorities.

In the area of health services, meanwhile, the Palestinians have an annual budget of some $33 million and some 2,000 Palestinian employees.

Health and taxation are considered more problematic than education — handed over in August — and welfare and tourism, transferred three weeks ago.

An Israeli civil administration spokesman said it would be up to the PA to decide if it wants to maintain any relationship with the Israeli medical system.

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Israeli soldier killed in Afula

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — An axe-wielding Islamic militant killed a 19-year-old Israeli soldier in the northern town of Afula last Wednesday.

The soldier, Sgt. Liat Gabai, was standing at a bus stop some 50 metres from the Afula police station when the assailant approached, pulled an axe from under his coat and struck her several times on the head and throat.

She was treated at the scene by medics and then rushed, with the axe still in her head, to the local Afula hospital. She was then flown by an army helicopter to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, where she died shortly after admission.

The assailant, who was seized by passers-by and police summoned from the station, was identified as Wahib Abu Alrub, 25, from a village near the West Bank town of Jenin.

Alrub told security officials that he had gone to Afula to attack a soldier in order to prove his worthiness as a member of the mainstream Al Fatah movement of the PLO.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Alrub had been detained by Israeli security officials several times in the past and that he was a known member of Hamas, which has claimed responsibility for a recent spate of terror attacks on Israelis.

His brother is reportedly serving a prison term in Israel for his involvement with Hamas.

Noting that the suspect did not have an entry permit for Israel, Rabin said the attack should not be blamed on lax security by the Palestinian Authority, since Alrub came from an area of the West Bank still under Israeli control.

"We shall continue on our road to peace and to fight those who oppose it," he said.

Confronted by a mounting terror campaign, Israeli security officials have launched a massive manhunt in the West Bank for suspected Hamas members.

Security forces and soldiers last week arrested some 40 members of a Hamas cell, averting at least two planned suicide bombings against Israelis, the Army announced.

Among those arrested were several Palestinians who allegedly helped Salah Assawi when he carried out the Oct. 19 suicide bombing of a bus in Tel Aviv that killed 22 Israelis.

Suspects told investigators that two attacks were being planned in Petach Tikva and near a Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

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The family, relatives and friends of Sergeant Major Gil Dadon at his funeral at the Kiryat Shaul military cemetery. Dadon, a reserve duty soldier, was killed in the Gaza Strip by Hamas terrorists shooting from a speedy car. His father, Eli, seen crouching at his son's graveside on the evening television news launched a scathing attack on the army. [IPPA photo]

Islamic Jihad gunmen killed

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Three gunmen believed to be members of Islamic Jihad for Palestine were killed in a clash with IDF troops inside the security zone last Monday.

One soldier was slightly wounded in the clash, which involved houses-to-house fighting after a chase.

The terrorists had apparently set up an ambush and were waiting to attack an IDF patrol or convoy.

Instead, members of the Israeli unit opened fire.

Palestinians charged

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Two Palestinians from eastern Jerusalem have been charged with complicity in the kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldier Nachshon Waxman.

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International inaction sinks morale in Sarajevo

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The collapse of American and the United Nations' resolve to stop Bosnian Serb aggression is plunging the inhabitants of Sarajevo deeper into despair, according to the president of the besieged city's Jewish community.

"It's desperate. The Serbs continue to shell and to sniper," said Ivan Ceresnjec, president of Sarajevo's 600-member Jewish community.

The Clinton administration last week dropped its call to use air strikes and other forms of military intervention to pressure Bosnian Serbs to stop their attacks. Now, echoing their European allies, the United States is saying that the road to peace must be paved by further concessions from Bosnians.

Many American Jewish groups, comparing the situation in the former Yugoslavia with the Holocaust, have urged the government to take more forceful action.

After the administration made clear it was backing away from that position, Jewish groups expressed their disappointment.

"We are witnessing the ultimate tragedy in the horrible conflict in Bosnia, and that is the failure of the international community to mobilize an effective response that would bring an end to the war," said Lynn Lyss, chair of the National Jewish Community Relations Council.

"There is enormous frustration in the Jewish community about what is transpiring in Bosnia and the gross lack of international will to act," she said.

One small piece of good news for Sarajevo is expected this week, however, as an aid convoy of food, medical supplies and clothing organized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee made its way to the city.

It was the first such convoy in four months.

In recent weeks, as Bosnian Muslim forces began what proved to be an unsuccessful offensive, rumors circulated that the Serbs "would take revenge on Sarajevo (Bosnia's capital) because they have Sarajevo in the palm of their hand," Ceresnjec said.

The failure of the offensive, and the apparent Western acquiescence to the Serb counteroffensive, have only further lowered morale.

As of last week, Bosnian Serb forces stationed a surface-to-air missile system within range of the Sarajevo airport, 200 km to the southeast, and threatened any flights attempting to arrive or depart from there.

"The airport is still closed," said Ceresnjec. "People feel abandoned from the rest of the world. Every time it's worse because people are losing their strength.

"It's 32 months of siege, and generally nothing has changed. You still have 300,000 people stuck in what looks like the biggest concentration camp in history," he said.

Ceresnjec spoke to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by telephone from Berlin, where he was opening a photographic exhibition on the Sarajevo Jewish community, which has provided food, medicines and supplies to Jews and non-Jews alike during the siege.

Last week, the first convoy of aid to the community since August departed from the JDC warehouses in Split, on the Adriatic coast.

The five trucks, containing 100 tons of food, medicine and winter clothing were scheduled to arrive in Sarajevo last Wednesday.

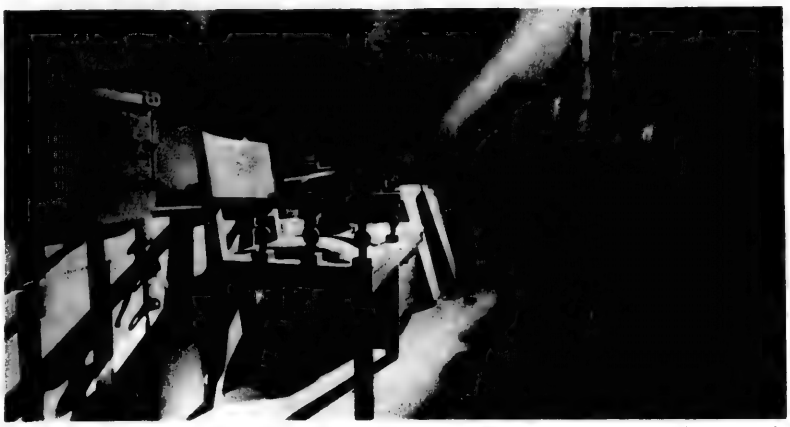
"The contents of the trucks have come from Christian, Muslim and Jewish organizations around the world, mostly from Europe," said Yechiel Bar-Chaim, the JDC's director for the former Yugoslavia.

At the moment, there are no more evacuations planned for the Jews of Sarajevo.

"The people who have stayed after 30 months of war are people who want to stay. Whether the latest turn of events will change the situation, we don't know. Certainly, if there are people who want to come out, we will bring them out," said Bar-Chaim.

The JDC's last evacuation was in February.

Another, non-JDC evacuation effort led in July to the arrest and interrogation of the Sarajevo Jewish community's vice president, Danilo Nikolic, as well as other Jewish figures.



During the current war, collections of the Jewish Museum of Bosnia-Herzegovina have been packed into crates, its windows filled with sandbags. [Edward Serotta photo]

All those arrested were eventually released, and their passports and other confiscated documents were returned by September.

The community was concerned about the arrests, but is hopeful they are a thing of the past.

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A view of downtown Frankfurt includes a look at the Jewish Museum.

Rothschild mansion houses museum

By SANDFORD BORINS
Special to The CJN

FRANKFURT — Entering the Jewish Museum of Frankfurt to see its current exhibit about the Rothschilds, my eyes were immediately drawn to an immense ivory horn mounted in elaborate Gothic silver-gilt.

The horn, once considered the zenith of German medieval metalwork, is now known to be a forgery produced last century.

I thought of Hemingway's retort to Fitzgerald: "The rich are different from us only because they have more money." The Rothschilds, like any of us could be, were the victims of hoax, albeit a high-priced one.

The Jewish Museum was itself once a Rothschild mansion. Located along the fashionable river Main, the museum's rooms display the rich trappings of an ostentatious life: carved wood panelling, elaborate ceilings, inlaid furniture and sumptuous objets d'art.

However, The Rothschilds: A European Family takes the visitor back to their beginnings on Frankfurt's Judengasse. It is a fascinating documentary, with focus on the Rothschild family's public image and philanthropy. The German words have been translated into English.

The patriarch of the Rothschild family, Meyer Amschel, was born 250 ago in the Frankfurt ghetto. He had a traditional Jewish education and lived in the ghetto as a devout Orthodox Jew for his entire life.

Amschel, like most 18th-century Jewish bankers, helped European rulers to raise money through bonds. What differentiated Amschel from the others was his dealings in precious coins. This gained him entree into the European courts, where Amschel cultivated kings and slowly built a reputation as a reliable financier.

While Amschel lived in Frankfurt's Judengasse, he travelled extensively and recognized a future beyond the ghetto walls. His five sons entered the business, and four left Frankfurt to establish branches in London, Paris, Vienna and Naples.

The Rothschilds business really took off during the Napoleonic wars. Its capital base increased twelvefold between 1815 and 1818.

The Rothschilds knew two factors were critical to their success: quick access to information from all over Europe and family solidarity. They maintained agents throughout Europe to gather news and private couriers to relay it. They wrote letters in German using Hebrew characters to foil government censors. They even trained carrier pigeons.

Two years before he died, Meyer Amschel made his five sons partners in the family business. The sons married within the family to keep its fortune intact.

The exhibit shows matriarch Gutle Amschel, who died at 96, was a formidable presence in keeping the family together. Her descendants often visited her Frankfurt home and she instilled in the younger generation an awareness of their roots in the Judengasse.

While the exhibit shows the opulence of Rothschild home life, it is clear that indolence was not tolerated. The children received a rigorous Jewish and secular education — one chart shows a demanding weekly timetable of studies. While the women did not participate in the business, they were expected to exemplify the mitzvah of tzedakah.

Museum visitors learn how the Rothschilds struggled for Jewish emancipation. Meyer Amschel's grandson Lionel, first elected to parliament in 1847, refused to swear the required oath of office "in the true faith of a Christian." He refused to take his seat until the oath was amended 11 years later.

Edmond de Rothschild, another grandson, spent his fortune buying land for Jewish settlers and establishing businesses in Palestine in the 1880s.

The Rothschilds were, and are, a strongly Jewish family and as such, The Rothschilds: A European Family is a must-see for the Jewish traveller.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Rothschilds: A European Family is one view until Feb. 27, 1995. The Jewish Museum of Frankfurt is located at Untermainkai 14-15 and is closed Mondays. Entrance is $9.

Accompanying the exhibit is a lecture series, five seminars on the Rothschild's wine business and film seminars, some in English. For information, call the museum at 49-69-212-35000.

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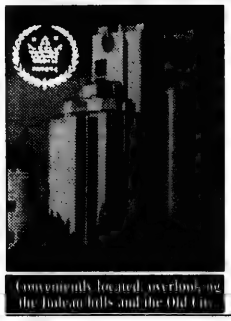
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Travel

Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

"Oy Vay!": Due to the antics of a mischievous Chanukah gremlin, the photograph that accompanied last week's column, showing a mother and six children at Jackson's Point in 1958, was incorrectly captioned. The family shown was none other than my own. Left to right: Shirley Gladstone and Marci, Howard, Bill, Martin, Bonnie and Brian. Thankfully, all possess a good sense of humor. Apologies to author Ken Sherman and family.

The mix-up occurred after I hastily labeled this treasured family photo with what seems in retrospect to be an ambiguous caption, then sent it to *The CJN* as I was leaving for the airport to board a flight to Paris. The gremlin took over from there.

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Feeling A Little Bit Goofy: Instead of going right into the French capital from Charles de Gaulle airport, I paid 75 francs ($21) for transport via motorcoach to Euro Disney, the billion-dollar mega-resort that the Disney Corporation opened 35 km east of Paris in April 1992. Arriving at such an Americanized destination, with its mammoth Main Street U.S.A. and its six large U.S.-style hotels, made me feel, well, more than a little bit goofy. Was this really France? Why hadn't I gone to Orlando instead?

Country-and-western music echoed through the lobby as I checked into the Sequoia Lodge, which evokes the rustic atmosphere of a Rocky Mountain hostelry. The rooms, which go from about $147 in low season, are comfortably furnished in an Old West motif — except, of course, for the Mickey Mouse soap and Mickey Mouse shampoo in the bathroom. A similar Western theme is reflected in the furnishings of Hotel Cheyenne and Hotel Santa Fe, while the decors of Hotel New York and Newport Bay Club are more glossy and modern. The flagship property is The Disneyland Hotel, which resembles a turreted Victorian resort, with rooms starting at $462 (low season).

A 10-minute walk from the hotel, around an artificial lake, brought me to the park gates, where low-season admittance, including unlimited access to all rides and attractions, costs $49 for adults, $35 for children. (Free for children under three.) As at other Disney theme parks, Main Street U.S.A. features numerous attractions, shops and restaurants, all reflecting the atmosphere of a small town in the American Midwest at the turn of the century. Prices at its various eateries, however, are thoroughly modern: a plain tuna sandwich costs $8 and a small bag of sugared popcorn is $4.20. I particularly liked the Discovery Arcade, which celebrates the unveiling in 1886 of the Statue of Liberty, France's memorable gift to America.

Beyond Main Street lie four themed "lands," all connected by tram: Frontierland, which mirrors a boom town of the Gold Rush; Adventureland, which provides jungle adventures in Africa and the Caribbean; Fantasyland, which features such make-believe characters as Sleeping Beauty (La Belle au Bois Dormant), Peter Pan, the Mad Hatter, Pinocchio and Dumbo the Flying Elephant; and Discoveryland, which offers a glimpse of the future as imagined by Jules Verne and other 19th century visionaries.

Despite my underlying belief that building fairy-tale castles in Europe seems patently foolish when there are so many real ones around, I found myself genuinely intrigued by the fanciful, storybook design of the buildings. Philippe Ravanas, a corporate communications officer for Euro Disney, told me that the architects found inspiration in the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and other pre-20th century thinkers who dared to imagine the future. "You're entering a future vision that came from the past," he said. How cleansing, how Norman Rockwellian, to imagine a Europe where the traumas of the 20th century never happened!

Last year, the park saw roughly 8.8 million visitors, some 40 per cent of them French. Although no other European attraction draws such crowds, Euro Disney — beset by high start-up costs, bad weather, dropping attendance and the European recession — has acquired billions of dollars in debts. However, Tinkerbell may yet wave her magic wand. Euro Disney officials are hopeful that a recent financial restructuring may resolve its monetary woes, and that its vast Euro Kingdom, however much it has trampled local sensibilities, will be preserved for future generations. When you wish upon a star . . .

A realistic account of Polish Jewry

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *Stepchild on the Vistula* is a realistic account of the life of Polish Jewry. It mirrors the economic hardships and political ideologies that attracted youth in the 1920s and 1930s, without an overlay of sentimentality.

The novel by well known Toronto writer Simcha Simchovitch has just been translated from Yiddish into English and is available for $12.50 at Jewish bookstores.

Stepchild on the Vistula tells of the childhood and coming of age of an intelligent and sensitive Jewish youngster, against the background of the ebullient Jewish life in Otwock (Otvotsk), a resort city of 10,000 Jews south of Warsaw.

It is also available from Lugus Publishing, 48 Falcon St., Toronto, M45 2P5, (416) 322-5113, or from the author, 635-7199.

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Small isle a popular attraction

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

CORAL ISLAND — Coral Island, a small isle 13 km offshore from Eilat, was a popular seaside attraction for Israelis during the years when Israel occupied the Sinai.

Although Israel handed back Coral Island to Egypt when it returned the Sinai in 1974, visitors from Israel continue to make day-trips there via ferry from Eilat, taking advantage of the open border between the two countries since the Camp David accords. A visa is required, which may take several days to procure, but those who make the trip say it is well worth it.

Situated near the Egyptian resort of Taba, the island the Egyptians call Gazirat Faraun (Pharoah Island) features a fortress built by the Sultan Saladdin in the 12th century CE to protect vital Red Sea trading routes and ward off Christian Crusaders.

Besides the impressive remains of Saladdin's fortress, from which an Egyptian flag now flies, the corals surrounding the isle make it an excellent spot for divers. As the island has no overnight accommodations, most visitors come for only a few hours.

A peculiar mix of geography and politics has made Coral Island one of few places in the region where visitors from Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia converge. Boatloads of tourists regularly arrive from Egypt and from Aqaba, Jordan. Saudi nationals who cross the international border into Jordan, only a few kilomeres away, sometimes take the ferry to Coral Island from Aqaba.

"We stare at each other and keep away from each other," an experienced visitor to the island told me when I visited the island before the recently-declared peace with Jordan.

Although international visitors to Israel with visas are permitted to visit Coral Island, it is not an entry point into the Sinai. For that, travellers have to go to Nuweiba, further down the coast.

An underwater observatory

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

NASSAU, Bahamas — At 3 p.m. every day at Coral World here, a diver descends into the shallow, sunlight-dappled water surrounding the underwater observatory and distributes lunch to the hundreds of exotic fish that circle him.

Just a few feet away, on the other side of the glass, a crowd of spectators also circle as they watch enthusiastically, many holding full-color printed cards depicting more than 50 species of fish that swim in these waters.

The printed guides are free with admission into the marine park, and unless you're a marine biologist or avid seaquarium enthusiast, you'll have trouble telling a seahorse from red hind without one. Blue parrotfish, glasseye snapper, schoolmaster, sergeant major, yellow goatfish, French grunt and indigo hamlet are only a few of the species illustrated, with names frequently almost as colorful as the sea creatures themselves.

Smart visitors to the 16-acre aquatic attraction plan itineraries that bring them to the shark tank at 11 a.m., the stingray pool at 1 p.m., the reef tank at 2 p.m., the underwater observatory at 3 p.m. and the sea turtle pool at 4 p.m. Although these marine creatures are visible at all hours, they are most animated at feeding times.

And that leaves plenty of time to hear lectures on aquatic subjects on the half-hour, see the flamingos and touch starfish, conch, crabs, sea cucumbers and other shallow water inhabitants.

Seven years after its opening, Coral World remains one of Nassau's most popular attractions. The combination marine park and underwater observatory is one of four in the world.

An Israeli company built the first in 1973, shortly after the Arab-Israeli Yom Kippur War, in Eilat on the shore of the coral-rich Red Sea. Offering visitors a window into an undersea world previously accessible only to scuba divers, the concept proved a success.

Through a joint venture between Coral World and the Ampal-American Israel Corporation, a second Coral World opened in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, in 1979, and a third in Nassau in 1987. A fourth opened in Maui in 1991.

Like its sisters around the world, the Bahamian Coral World features an offshore tower, accessible by bridge from the mainland, in which visitors descend nearly four metres below sea level. A 360-degree panorama of thick glass reveals corals, sponges, eels, crabs, stingrays and a variety of brightly colored tropical fish in their natural setting. In effect, the humans are the ones in the aquarium, but the myriad specimens of marine life beyond the glass seem absolutely disinterested.

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Arts

Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Russian Century: A photographic History of Russia's 100 years; text by Brian Moynahan. Random House of Canada $63.00

For almost 80 years the Soviet Union was virtually invisible to the West. Visually it remained an almost unknown continent. The collapse of communism provided an opportunity to examine the strong photographic tradition that had been forced underground for several generations.

Two eager researchers went in search of unpublished photographs that would document the journey of the Russian people from the last days of the Tsars through the Bolshevik Revolution and the Cold War to the era of Gorbachev and Yeltsin.

Three hundred of the photographs they unearthed are included in this large, handsome, coffee-table book. The images open a hitherto closed window on a turbulent history.

The text — ample, clear and vivid — indicates that the Russian Empire at the turn of the century had a Jewish population of seven million. It included Yiddish speaking Ashkenazis, Iranian speaking Daghestanis and the Yehudis of Tashkant and Samarkand.

Anti-Semitic groups encouraged pogroms and accused Jews of the ritual murder of Christian babies. Constantine Pobednostsev, tutor and advisor to Tsar Nicholas revealed his solution to the Jewish question with brute simplicity. He advised that a third of the Jews should emigrate, a third should convert to Christianity and a third would die out.

In January 1935, the infamous Doctors Plot was unveiled by Stalin, involving a Jewish conspiracy to murder the Kremlin leadership. Rumors spread that all Jews would be deported to Siberia. Providentially, Stalin suffered a major stroke and his plans were aborted.

The photographs are, by turn, startling, poignant, portentous and horrifying. Many are unforgettable — an exotic Jewish family from the ancient community of Bokhara in Central Asia, Anna Pavlova resting after a ballet rehearsal, Leon Trotsky in uniform addressing a mass meeting, frozen German troops trying to cope with the rigors of a Russian winter, Andrei Sakherov lying in his bier as his wife Yelana Bonner keeps vigil. The renowned poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko has written a deeply felt forward, as well as a poem, *Patchwork Quilt* printed here for the first time.

This volume, both text and photographs is a many-sided depiction of a land and people.

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Book of Fables: Yiddish Fable Collection of Reb Moshe Wallich, translated and edited by Eli Katz, Wayne State University Press

In the 17th century there appeared a collection of 34 fables in Yiddish, entitled *Sefer Meshulim*, in the tradition of Aesop and Arabic literature. Almost all were didactic in nature. A noteworthy feature of this anthology was 115 attractive woodcuts.

A surprising aspect of the fables was their down to earth presentation of everyday Jewish life. "Thus the stork in one fable is shown preparing kreplech, an explicitly Jewish delicacy for his guest; the crow in another fable demonstrates his fine voice by chanting the Jewish blessing of the new moon;... in still another fable a dog speaks to his prospective bride (a cow) of her wifely duties including that of regular attendance at the ritual bath."

The editor has made the *Book of Fables* accessible in a meticulous English translation, with a facsimile of the original Yiddish and the woodcuts. The result is a handsome book that will appeal to both the scholar and the general reader.

Correction

TORONTO — The name of a family loaning photographs to the exhibit 100 Years of Yiddish Canada at Beth Tzedec Congregation was incorrectly spelled in the Nov. 24 *CJN*. It should be Philip and Laura Kaplan.

AN ISRAELI POP STAR

Popular in Israel, Nini, under the name Noa, is trying to build her career in the United States. She recently was chosen to sing a peace song at the Vatican. It was the first time that a non-religious event had taken place in the Vatican and Noa is the first Israeli artist who has performed in front of the Pope.

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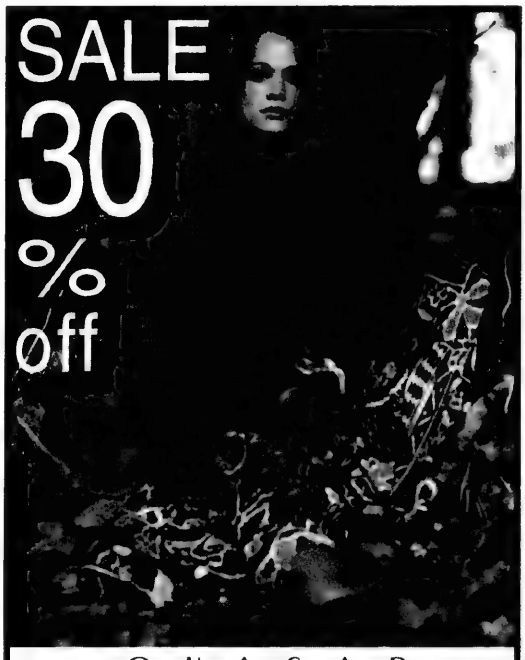

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

King David, Superstar?: Alan Menken and Tim Rice, who won Academy Awards for their score of Walt Disney's *Aladdin*, are teaming up to write the music and libretto for a new musical, based on the life of the biblical King David. The proposed musical is set to debut in Jerusalem during that city's 3,000th-anniversary celebrations in 1996. Then it is scheduled to tour Israel and some 22 cities worldwide, including Paris, London, New York, Tokyo and Moscow.

"*King David* will be the most spectacular and dramatic production ever staged," says producer Andre Djaoui. "It will also convey a message of inspiration, hope and peace to the world... *King David* will tell the romantic, dramatic story of a warrior king who created and inspired a nation against all odds. Although the story is thousands of years old, it will have a resonance that will apply to the conditions prevailing today in the modern state of Israel."

In addition to *Aladdin*, Menken has a current Broadway stage success with the music for *Beauty And The Beast* (he co-wrote the original film score), while Rice co-wrote the score for the latest Disney animated movie, *The Lion King*. Rice was also librettist for *Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Evita* and *Cats*.

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Sculpture and Painting: Stoneworks and Company present a major showing Dec. 8 to 18 at Sobot Fine Art, Cumberland Terrace, Bay and Cumberland, Toronto. Artists include Barbara Bender, Nadine Cowan, Lilli Gillman, Cindy Kirsh, Edie Harlang, Helen Kirzner, Sandra Duba-Shubs and Naomi Reich Freudmann. Opening reception Dec. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. (416) 515-9977.

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Thespian Arts: Medina Theatre Ensemble presents *Cheaters*, a comedy in two acts by Michael Jacobs, directed by Sean Mulcahy, at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, December 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 & 18. Adults $15. Reservations, (416) 924-6211.

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For The Boys: Elegant Toronto cabaret singer Aelita Neihausen, who has performed at the Ritz Hotel in London and the St. Regis Hotel in New York, as well as on the Onassis yacht, is currently heading a mission of 12 Canadian entertainers who are performing for USO troops in South Korea.

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Les Amis Concerts: This group is presenting a reading of *Testimony*, a radio drama in two parts by Toronto author Ken Sherman, at Mixmed Studio Gallery, 474 Bathurst St. at College, Toronto, on Sunday Dec.11, 3 p.m. Admission $10. (416) 924-9247.

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Reaching the Masses: Toronto writer and film-maker Jack Kuper's haunting documentary, *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip in Hell*, was recently given a special screening at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. According to Kuper, the film has been acquired by the U.S. television network PBS for broadcast sometime in March.

A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto

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Contests & Competitions: Film-makers, submit your documentaries to the second annual Hot Docs! National Documentary Film Awards by Dec. 31. Canadian Independent Film Caucus, (416) 920-9989.

Deadline for the 1994 CBC Radio, Saturday Night and Tilden Canadian Literary Awards is Jan. 9. With a prize of $10,000 in each category — short story, personal essay and poetry — the competition is aimed at encouraging excellence and variety by Canadian writers.

Deadline for the David Dornstein Memorial Creative Writing Contest for Young Adult Writers is Dec. 31. Open to writers between the ages of 18 and 35, the contest is sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education and features a top prize of $1,000. CAJE, 261 W. 35th St., Floor 12A, New York 10001. Phone (212) 268-4210, fax (212) 268-4214.

Deadline for the Jean A. Chalmers Award for Crafts is Feb. 1. Prize is $20,000. Deadline for Jean A. Chalmers Award for Visual Arts ($20,000) is Jan. 15. For details, contact Ontario Arts Council (address below).

A new reference guide to grants, awards and services available from the Ontario Arts Council is available from the OAC Communications Dept., 151 Bloor St. W., Toronto M5S 1T6. Phone (416) 961-1660 or (800) 387-0058, or fax (416) 921-8763.

Congratulations to Lisa Grushcow of Montreal, whose poem *Fire* received commendation in the Anna Davidson Rosenberg Awards for Poems on the Jewish Experience, sponsored by the Judah Magnes Museum of Berkeley, Cal.

...classic...timid writing

TORONTO — In a public discussion recently in Toronto, New York writer E. L. Doctorow likened the process of writing a novel to taking a journey by automobile at night.

"You can only see as far as your headlights go, but you can make the whole trip that way," he said.

The author of such celebrated works as *Ragtime*, *The Book of Daniel*, *World's Fair*, *Billy Bathgate* and his latest book, *The Waterworks*, Doctorow deflected several questions from the audience and moderator Rick Salutin. "There are some questions you have to leave to your readers and your critics — in fact, most of them," he said.

"It's hard enough writing these books. When it comes to your own work, you really don't want to know what you do."

Speaking at the Harbourfront International Festival of Authors, Doctorow said that he, like many writers of the Cold War era, has been greatly affected by the underlying political circumstances of this period.

"How can something that lasted 50 years not have an effect on the national psyche?" he asked.

The Waterworks, Doctorow said, emerged from a short story by the same name that he had written about 20 years ago. He said the story was based on a powerful mental image of an enormous indoor park, with steam rising out of grates and old men sitting around in a state of catatonia. He also saw a boy sailing a toy boat on a municipal reservoir and a man being chased.

"I, too, wondered what had gone on. I didn't understand what I had written. It was a dream story. I thought about it for 20 years . . . The novel *The Waterworks* was an exegesis of the story."

Doctorow said his grandparents were Jewish immigrants who came as children to America about 1880.

"The women all seemed to be observant if not pious, and the men were all trade-union socialists and human secularists in their sensibility. My grandfather had this socialist idea that all problems of earth could be solved on earth. You didn't have to wait."

By an extraordinary coincidence, his mother named him after Edgar Allan Poe, one of the pre-eminent literary figures of 19th century America. "I suppose in her fantasy I was going to be a writer," he said. "I was born with a name."

Arts

Tracking down the Torah scrolls of Polna

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Charles Heller wanted to know what happened to the Torah scrolls of Polna, Czechoslovakia, his family's ancestral home for more than 200 years.

The Toronto man recently visited the Czech Memorial Scrolls Centre in Knightsbridge, England, to find out. The centre houses recovered Torah scrolls, which it distributes to communities throughout the world.

Heller, a Peel Board of Education music teacher and choir director at Beth Emeth Bais Yehudah Synagogue, learned that three sifrei Torahs from Polna had survived and been sent to new homes.

It is the centre's policy not to disclose the locations to prevent people claiming attachment to the scrolls from pestering the receipients. The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation are known to have restored Czechoslovakian scrolls.

When his father, Otto Heller, escaped from Czechoslovakia in 1939, he knew a serious fate awaited the Jews. During the war, the Jews of Polna were deported to Auschwitz. Czechoslovakian synagogues were emptied of their contents. These were sent to Prague where they were sorted out by Jewish experts, who were themselves doomed. The religious items were to be exhibited by the Germans at a planned Museum of a Defunct Race.

Charles, who emigrated from England in 1977, had been told his grandfather Siegfried Heller stored the Polna sifrei Torah in his house during the notorious Polna Blood Libel. In 1899, the corpse of a murdered seamstress was found in nearby woods. Leopold Hilsner, a 22-year-old Jewish vagabond of low intelligence, was accused of the crime, found guilty and condemned to death.

A picture taken at the Czech Memorial Scrolls Centre in Knightsbridge, England.

Hilsner was then accused of another murder in a climate of virulent anti-Semitism. T.G. Masaryk, later the first president of Czechoslovakia, intervened and Hilsner was eventually pardoned. Charles says he read in a Czech newspaper that a very old gentile Czech man confessed to the crimes on his deathbed in the 1960s.

In 1964, the Westminster Synagogue in Knightsbridge took possession of more than 1,000 abandoned sifrei Torah. Many were bloodstained, some were charred by fire or damaged by water. In some instances, they were wrapped in personal clothing or in a tallis to protect them from harm. Many are beyond repair and are displayed as memorial scrolls.

Heller told *The CJN* that each year more scrolls are restored to their rightful place in Jewish life. He said the Memorial Scrolls Centre displays a graphic account of the story of the Czech scrolls. "Visitors learn something of the long history of the communities of Bohemia and Moravia where Jews lived for many centuries."

While at the centre, Charles was presented with a fragment of a tallis from Polna and other materials. "These," he said, "are the last remains of the Polna community."

Last remains

After leaving the centre and the synagogue, he learned that the Israeli embassy, a mile away, had been bombed.

"Such is Jewish history," Heller says. "Before one chapter closes, another one opens."

Charles Heller

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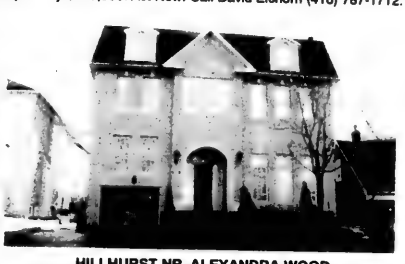

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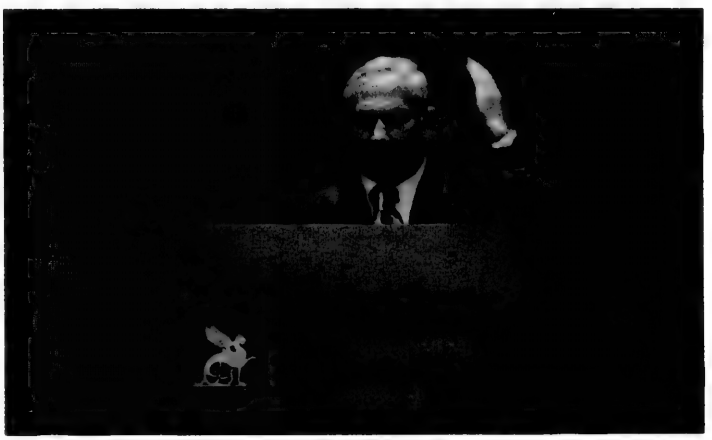
Vacated settlements will lead to war, Netanyahu warns

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter



Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu makes a point in a speech last week in Toronto. [Ron Csillag photo]

TORONTO — Last year's Oslo accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization is "a false peace" and an Arab "political tactic" intended to destroy the Jewish state, opposition Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu warned here last week.

If left unchanged, the accord will return Israel's "defensive walls" — Judea and Samaria — "to our enemies, who want to snuff out the Jewish state.

"But that's not going to happen," Netanyahu said in a near whisper. "I'm telling you that. Because we won't let it happen," he said to thunderous applause from the audience of over 1,000 at the Ford Performing Arts Centre.

In town to drum up support and funds for the Canadian Friends of Yesha — the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza — Netanyahu offered few concrete examples of how or whether a Likud-led government would back out of the accord's provision to cede the West Bank to eventual Palestinian control. Rather, he delivered spirited support for its Jewish settlers.

A "top priority" for Likud "is to ensure that the 140,000 Israelis there remain prosperous, secure and growing. I would like to see next year another 10 per cent increase [in the population]," Netanyahu said.

"We will not live without that wall. If we vacate Yesha, there will be war," he said bluntly. "There will be a descent into a catastrophic war. The battle for Yesha is the battle for the state of Israel."

The Oslo accord, which has already ceded the Gaza Strip and Jericho to Palestinian autonomy, is part of an Arab tactic that started after the 1967 Six Day War, he said.

While many Arab countries realized after 1967 that Israel could not be destroyed militarily and that peace was the sole option, some forces, including the PLO, sought to return the Jewish state to its narrow pre-war boundaries "and reduce Israel by stages, beginning with Judea and Samaria."

Now, Netanyahu said, Gaza "is a fortress of terror" that has resulted in the deaths of over 100 Israelis since the signing of the accord on the White House lawn last year.

"It gives me no pleasure to say, 'I told you so.'"

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BB flip flops on PQ plan

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Although federalist politicians have called for a boycott of the Parti Quebecois' (PQ) planned commissions to hammer out the details of its draft sovereignty bill, not everyone in the Jewish community agrees.

On Dec. 6, Robert Libman, the former Equality Party leader who is now director of the Quebec office of B'nai Brith, urged "active participation" in the process by minority federalist groups, saying they could ill-afford to "sit on the sidelines."

Two days later in the National Assembly, Premier Jacques Parizeau cited B'nai Brith as an example of a federalist group open to its "consultation" process.

B'nai Brith then revised its earlier statement after it was accused of complying with the PQ agenda.

The B'nai Brith office received a number of calls from irate members of the Jewish community and from "several Liberal MNAs," Libman said.

Libman told *The CJN* B'nai Brith was leaving the door open to participation, but only under two strict conditions.

The first was that Parizeau had to make it clear that "dissident" groups would be permitted to present their cases at the forums.

The second, Libman said, was that B'nai Brith needs to consider the implications of not showing a united federalist front on the process.

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Holiday deadlines

As a result of the upcoming statutory holidays, the offices of *The CJN* will be closed Dec. 23, 26, 27 and Jan. 2. Early deadlines will apply for the issue of Jan. 5, 1995.

The editorial deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The deadline for organizations and classified advertising is Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. For retail display ads, the deadline is Dec. 28 at noon.

The CJN will not publish on Dec. 29.

Next Week

Despite her loss, the mother of murdered Israeli soldier Nachshon Waxman maintains that peace is still the only route to go. David Lazarus reports in next week's issue.

Rabin, Peres, Arafat pick up Nobel — please see page 34

News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Meeting With Marchi

TORONTO — There is no such thing as a refugee from Israel, representatives of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) told Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi in a recent meeting.

Tensions between Canada and Israel go on because the Immigration and Refugee Board continues to accept Israeli citizens, most of them originally from the Soviet Union, as refugees who claim discrimination and persecution in the Jewish state.

The matter "is a Canadian problem that needs a Canadian solution," CJC president Irving Abella reportedly told Marchi.

Drug Programs

TORONTO — Yad BeYad, the summer volunteer program begun by management consultant Loretta Helman to teach English to Russian olim under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Forum, is branching out with a specialized week-long winter volunteer program.

Helman and five volunteer therapists will be in Israel later this month to present three programs developed by the Addiction Research Foundation. The presentations are under the auspices of Israel's Anti-Drug Authority.

The first program, aimed at professionals, will deal with confronting drug abuse in youth.

A program for community workers addresses the link between substance abuse and family violence.

Helman will present "Alternatives," a program for those working with seniors, which addresses ways of handling stress and reducing drug and alcohol dependency.

The programs will be presented in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

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Waldman Library Opens

VANCOUVER — Noted Israeli author Amos Oz attended the recent opening of the Isaac Waldman Jewish Public Library, located in the enlarged Jewish Community Centre.

The 2,220-sq. ft. library was a gift to the community from Sophie Waldman as a memorial to her late husband.

Waldman said she expects it will be the gathering place for storytelling, lectures by renowned authors, "or for the pleasure of choosing and enjoying a good book. It's a facility where young and old will be able to appreciate their Jewish heritage found in the richness of a library."

U.S. Vote No Danger

VANCOUVER — The Republican sweep in the recent mid-term U.S. elections does not present a danger to Israel, says American Jewish community leader Shoshana Cardin.

Cardin was here recently to speak at a dinner of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. In a *CJN* interview, she said Sen. Jesse Helms, the next chair of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, is unlikely to demand a cut in foreign aid to Israel.

A problem could occur, she said, if Congress moves to restore prayers in American public schools — a measure Jewish groups oppose.

First Pidyon Haben

KELOWNA — The Okanagan Jewish Community recently celebrated its first pidyon haben.

Matthew Faigan was born to new community members Pam and Steve Faigan. Last month, his father handed five silver coins to Abe Cohen as a token of redemption of the first born.

Also added to the community's population is Zoe Plant, born recently to Barb Pullan and Don Plant. Zoe was given the Hebrew name Tziporah at a baby naming here.

ISRAEL

Bomb Kills Soldier

HAIFA — An Israel Defence Force soldier was killed and another moderately wounded in a roadside bomb attack in the northern security zone last Tuesday.

Avi Abuksis, 20, of Dimona was killed.

Hezbollah, in an announcement on its Lebanese radio station, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The organization said its members had planted a large explosive device which they detonated alongside an IDF patrol.

Accident Kills Two

JERUSALEM — Two Israeli soldiers were killed and another critically hurt last week in a training accident at a military base in central Israel.

Capt. Shmuel Ben Gershon, 21 of Jerusalem and Staff Sgt. Moshe Cohen, 24, of Bat Yam were killed in last Tuesday's accident.

An officer who was seriously hurt was hospitalized.

The army is investigating.

Israel Defence Force sources told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee last week that 17 soldiers were killed in IDF training accidents in 1993.

Ties With Greece

JERUSALEM — Greek Defence Minister Gerasimos Arsenis wrapped up a three-day visit to Israel last week by signing a military cooperation agreement that reflected improved relations between the two countries.

The agreement, signed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Arsenis, provides for joint military exercises in the Eastern Mediterranean, reciprocal training of officers and a general framework for arms sales.

Arsenis' visit to Israel was the first ever made by a Greek defense minister. In the past, Greece has shown strong support for the PLO.

New HU Degree

JERUSALEM — A master's degree program in international relations, with a focus on diplomacy and foreign policy, was inaugurated recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Foreign minister Shimon Peres was a guest at the ceremony.

The program is the first of its kind in Israel.

Stupid Pet Tricks

JERUSALEM — A man came close to being alligator lunch last week after he jumped into the alligator and crocodile compound at the Hamat Gader Hot Springs, south of Tiberias, to settle a bet that the reptiles were not real.

Site manager Ronni Lothan said the visitor took a branch and started beating the tail of a four-metre alligator lying in the grass.

The reptile suddenly turned its head and snapped at the intruder, who jumped back and climbed over a fence, with all body parts intact.

Lothan said the fact that it was winter, when the reptiles' metabolism slows their reactions, probably prevented a more gruesome outcome.

WORLD

Jacob Kaplan Dies

PARIS — Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, who served as France's chief rabbi for 27 years, died here Dec. 6. He was 99.

Born in Paris, Rabbi Kaplan was a soldier in the French Army during World War I. He fought on the front, was wounded and awarded the War Cross.

Kaplan graduated from the Sorbonne a year after the war ended and from the Jewish Seminary of France two years later.

During the Nazi occupation of France, he was a member of the Resistance.

In 1950, he was elected Chief Rabbi of Paris. Five years later, he was chosen Chief Rabbi of France, a post he held until he retired in 1981.

Rubin Appointed

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Bill Clinton last week tapped economic adviser Robert Rubin to replace Lloyd Bentsen as secretary of the treasury, making Rubin the second Jewish member in Clinton's cabinet.

Observers welcomed his appointment and said Rubin has always maintained good ties with the community.

Rubin, who advises Clinton on economic matters, is known for his pro-Israel stand.

Bentsen will step down early next year.

New Charges

BONN — German authorities have brought new charges against Josef Schwammberger, the former Nazi concentration camp commander who is already serving a life sentence for killing 650 Jews during World War II.

The authorities handed down a new indictment last week, charging Schwammberger, 82, with 144 new counts of murder, saying he ordered mass executions of Jews and murdered prisoners himself.

Schwammberger, who commanded several Polish ghettos and labor camps during World War II, was extradited from Argentina to Germany in 1990. He was sentenced to life in prison in May 1992 in the last major Nazi trial in Germany.

Synagogue Restored

AMSTERDAM — Ceremonies were held here recently to mark the completion of restoration of the oldest synagogue in the Netherlands still in use.

The synagogue of Middelburg, in the Dutch province of Zeeland, was built in 1705 and still serves a community of 31 Jews.

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Ami Lohr stands in front of his travel agency which was defaced last week. [Ron Csillag photo]

Jewish businesses daubed with swastikas in Toronto

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Metro Police are investigating last week's swastika daubings at three Jewish-owned businesses.

Swastikas drawn in red lipstick were found early last Tuesday morning on the windows of Moe Pancer's Delicatessen, Amiron Budget Travel and Bathurst Cleaners and Tailors. The three stores are in a strip mall on Bathurst Street at York Downs Drive, in the heart of Metro's Jewish area.

Three other businesses — a video store, a convenience store and a men's hair stylist — were untouched.

"It's obviously a deliberate attempt to target only Jewish-owned businesses," said Richard Berman of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, who was on the scene.

"This is of great concern to the Jewish community," Berman said.

The swastikas ranged in size from six inches to one foot high. There were no anti-Semitic messages.

Deli owner Stan Pancer erased the two swastikas from his windows as soon as he saw them, to the dismay of police.

'Angry and appalled'

"I'm a third-generation Canadian. I won't tolerate it," he told *The CJN*. "You can call me anything you want but I won't tolerate that.

"If I catch whoever did this, I'll break their arms. I would take the charge, without question."

Amiron Budget Travel owner Ami Lohr said the incident left him "angry and appalled."

"You feel helpless, that you can't run from your heritage," said Lohr, an eighth-generation Sabra. "I don't want to run from my heritage. I'm proud to be a Jew. It's what I am. There's always a fraction of society that is sick."

Lohr said his wife was particularly shocked by the incident because her father is a survivor of Auschwitz.

Const. Phil Glavin of Metro Police's community services squad asked *The CJN* to advise Jewish shop- and homeowners who are attacked not to erase offending messages until police are called and investigate.

Police from 32 Division and 3 District Headquarters are also investigating the incident. As of last week, there were no arrests made in the case.

CJC Pacific region bows out of Holocaust programs

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress has announced that beginning this January, it will no longer help plan local Holocaust remembrance and education programs because of tight staffing.

At a Nov. 24 meeting, the board decided it would be more cost effective for another organization to take over planning the annual Holocaust symposium for public high school students, Yom Hashoah events and the Kristallnacht commemorative lecture, co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel.

The region has two full-time and one part-time staff which carry out numerous advocacy duties.

Pacific region has traditionally had a standing committee to coordinate Holocaust programming, which the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) has funded for the past two years.

The new Vancouver Holocaust Centre could take over the programming.

The board said its main priorities are community relations with outlying Jewish communities in British Columbia; world Jewish affairs; Israel affairs programs; war criminals; and community information, education and identity initiatives.

Holocaust remembrance and education are identified by national Congress as "local programs," and the responsibility of the regions.

Congress is the "representative body of the national Jewish community of Canada, authorized to act as the community's advocate and spokesperson on matters of regional, national and international concerns." The Pacific region feels it will now have more time to concentrate on these activities.

The board urged the JFGV to continue "memorializ[ing] the tragedy of the Shoah for the current and future generations." It offered to sit on a Holocaust committee and be involved in Holocaust education "in the context of anti-Semitism and anti-racist education and multicultural programming."

The region will also assist in developing Holocaust education policy with the B.C. education ministry and "remain the link and advocate within the community to all levels of government."

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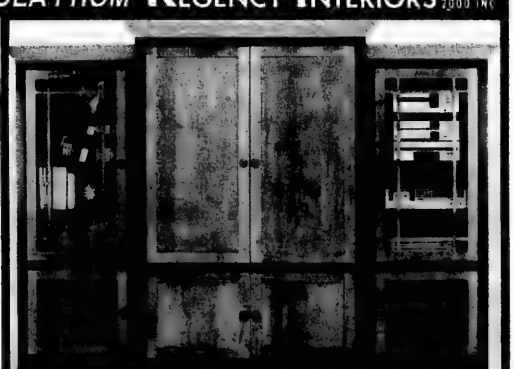
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From coast to coast

Legal experts attend human rights conference

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some of Canada's top legal specialists and judges — including three from the Supreme Court — are in Israel this week for a groundbreaking conference on human rights and the law.

The Canadians are exchanging ideas with their Israeli counterparts on a divisive new topic in the Jewish state: judicial review, or the ability of the Knesset to override a law by invoking what was once uniquely Canadian: a notwithstanding clause.

In fact, Israel's legal system has borrowed more than that from Canada. In 1992, the Knesset enacted two far-reaching laws: the Basic Law on Human Dignity and Freedom and the Basic Law on Freedom of Occupation, both modeled closely on Canada's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

But Israel's so-called "mini-charter" of human rights went further: it incorporated the country's declaration of independence. Whereas in Canada, charter judgments are often cast in the light of what is permissible in a free and democratic society, in Israel, judges can override existing laws if they are seen to conflict with the values of a free, democratic *and Jewish* society.

Irwin Cotler

According to McGill University Prof. Irwin Cotler, the Canadian influence helped lead to this month's controversial ruling by Israel's High Court of Justice that a company must extend the same benefits to homosexual couples as it does to heterosexual ones.

The landmark decision was arrived at by amending one of the basic laws. But religious parties in Israel have pledged to introduce their own bill that would override the ruling, based on a notwithstanding clause.

The legal eagles meet until Dec. 15 to discuss the Nature and Legitimacy of Judicial Review.

The three Supreme Court of Canada judges attending are Peter Cory, Gerard LaForest and Frank Iacobucci. Joining them are Rosalie Abella of the Ontario Court of Appeal; Michel Proulx and Melvin Rothman of Quebec's Court of Appeal; University of Toronto law school dean Robert Sharp; McGill's dean of law, Steven Toope; Bruce Elman, the associate dean of law at the University of Alberta; Lorraine Weinrib, a University of Toronto law professor; and Cotler.

Also participating are two U.S. Supreme Court Justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonio Scalia, and the chief justice of Germany.

The four-day conference is round two of the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program (C-ILCP), set up two years ago by the law faculties of McGill, the University of Toronto, University of Alberta and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to foster exchange of legal and human rights issues between the two countries.

Last month, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Antonio Lamer, visited Israel to hold talks with his Israeli counterpart, Meir Shamgar. However, the visit took on explosive political overtones when Lamer and Shamgar tried to visit sites in eastern Jerusalem, which Canada officially views as occupied territory.

In the end, Lamer visited the Western Wall without notifying anyone.

But his influence was felt in the ruling on homosexual rights. In his opinion, Israel High Court deputy president Aharon Barak specifically referred to Lamer and a groundbreaking Canadian precedent.

Two years ago, three judges of Canada's top court attended the C-ILCP's inaugural conference in Jerusalem. By the end of this year, therefore, all but two of Canada's nine current Supreme Court justices will have been to Israel.

Also this week, the Canadians will hold training sessions for the Israelis on charter matters. And Barak, slated to become the Israeli high court's next chief justice, has said he is considering sending each justice to Canada for one month for closer study of the charter.

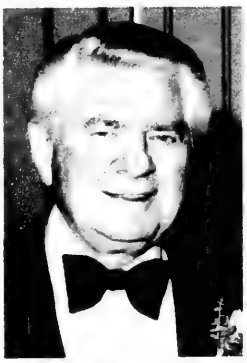
Beilin's plans unrealistic, says UIA leader Cardin

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — There is no enthusiasm in America for Yossi Beilin's plan to do away with the Jewish Agency of Israel and replace it with a "Beit Israel," an international Jewish organization to serve as a liaison between world Jewry and Israel, according to Shoshana Cardin.

Cardin, who is national chair of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) in the United States, told *The CJN* in an interview that Beilin, the Israeli deputy foreign minister, is unrealistic in advocating the separation of world Jewry from the Jewish Agency, which, she explained, operates in Israel through the financial aid received from the UJA in the United States and Canada, Keren Hayesod and the World Zionist Organization.

Cardin said the relationship between UIA and Israel will remain solid. She said Beilin and the "average Israeli" are obviously not aware of the emotional and psychological ties Jews have with Israel. Israel, she added, is the central component for Jewish continuity, the spiritual and cultural centre of the Jewish world and "the heart of our prayers."



Arthur Fouks

Cardin indicated that the relationship with Israel needs to stop being paternalistic and become one of peer to peer. Israel is a sovereign, independent and strong nation, which is developing economically with great success. But world Jewry still has a role to play.

The Tel Aviv-born Cardin, who was brought up in the United States, was in Vancouver to help launch the Ancie and Arthur Fouks Jewish Continuity Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) and to honor Arthur Fouks, a pioneer community leader. Close to 200 attended the Fouks tribute dinner.

In her address at the Fouks dinner, Cardin stressed the importance of endowment funds to provide for emergencies and for community planning for the future. "We must leave behind a legacy for our children and grandchildren," she said. "We must endow our obligations, one for the other. We must give back to our people the blessings we have received."

Peter Oreck, president of the JFGV, paid tribute to Fouks, saying, "for 50 years our community has knocked on his door for help and he has always said yes." Oreck announced that the Federation offices will be known as the Arthur Fouks JFGV Centre.

Fouks, who was a co-founder of the Federation here, said leaving a legacy and continuity for the future must be the main goal of the endowment fund. An endowment gift is one that continues indefinitely and supports the stability of the community, he pointed out.

He said there is already well over $6 million in the endowment fund in cash, insurance and other assets.

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From coast to coast

CJC joins ethnic groups in rejecting PQ commissions

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If those conditions are met and other federalist groups indicate they will also appear, B'nai Brith might take part, he said.

"[But] if the scope of the consultation process is clearly to limit groups from expressing their dissident point of view, then B'nai Brith, like other groups, will obviously not participate."

Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region (CJC-Q) and the Italian and Greek communities issued a joint statement on Dec. 8 saying they would not participate in the commissions.

CJC-Q chair Manuel Schacter described the draft sovereignty bill as being "fraught with ambiguity."

"Both the substance of the draft law . . . and the process do not lend themselves to a thoughtful reflection on such a crucial subject for all Quebecers," the coalition statement said.

Among those critical of B'nai Brith's original statement was D'Arcy McGee Liberal MNA Lawrence Bergman, a member of B'nai Brith's Maple Leaf Lodge.

He told *The CJN* he was disappointed by B'nai Brith's stated intention to present a brief to the Montreal region commission.

The controversy also raised concern that the Jewish community, with two organizations voicing opposing views on taking part, would not be presenting a common front on the commissions process.

CJC-Q director Jack Jedwab, however, said earlier in the week he did not believe the Jewish community was divided.

"Our position [on not appearing] reflects the majority position," he told *The CJN*.

"It is not our duty or responsibility to participate in something which aims to further the agenda of the government."

BJC rethinks tennis plans

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) is reconsidering an arrangement in which it would receive a $230,000 infrastructure grant to repair and upgrade the tennis courts at the North York facility.

"We have serious concerns about the arrangements" entered into by the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), the BJC's predecessor, said spokesman Howard English.

Under terms of that arrangement, the federal, provincial and municipal governments were to contribute equally to the upgrade. North York would operate the courts under a 20-year lease and make them available to city residents.

"If we accept the arrangement, it means our members will have to compete with non-members for tennis court," English said.

In addition, the BJC fears that public courts would lead to parking problems.

The BJC is now considering its own tennis program, English said, and upgrading the courts as part of its capital improvement program once re-organization plans go forward.

The funds for the program are to come primarily from a $2.5-million line of credit arranged by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

In the meantime, "we're going to ask North York to postpone the arrangement," English said.

North York councillor Michael Feldman, who was instrumental in securing the grant, said "I can't give them assurances that [the money] will be available then."

In a letter to the BJC, Tibor Martinek, chair of the tennis committee of the North Bathurst Tennis Club, states that 98 per cent of the club's 200 members are BJC or ex-JCC members.

He urges the BJC board to accept the grant, saying "it will be totally irresponsible for the present board to derail this once in a lifetime opportunity. . . The community would prefer that you would rather reduce the [JCC's indebtedness] or reduce the membership fees."

Probation ordered for kissing offence

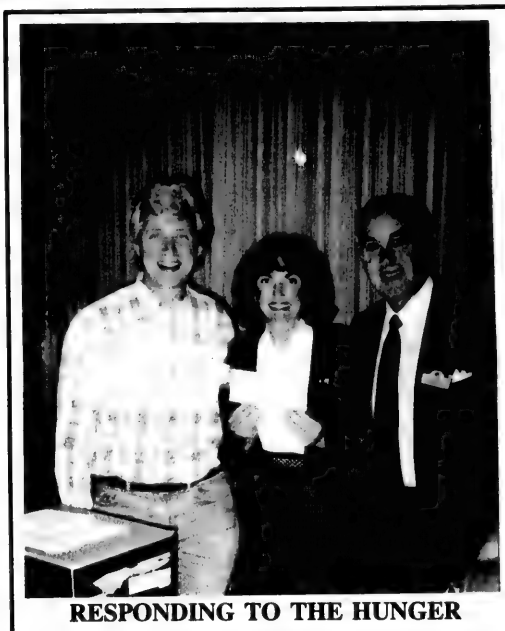
By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A 35-year-old Toronto man has pleaded guilty to one count of sexual assault in Ontario court, Criminal Division, over an incident which occurred in May near the Viewmount branch of Eitz Chaim Day School (*CJN*, June 9).

Michael Abergel appeared in court on November 30. He received a suspended sentence and two years of probation for kissing a student on the head. No violence was involved in the incident.

Conditions of his probation include his residing with his parents, taking treatment for schizophrenia, refraining from communicating with the victim, staying away from females under age 16 unless accompanied by a parent, and not venturing within 100 metres of any school having female students under 16 (with the exception of Eitz Chaim's Viewmount branch and Bialik Hebrew Day School, which are close to his home and on whose grounds he is not to be found).

Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, the school's general studies principal, was unaware of the trial when contacted by *The CJN* last week. "I'm quite surprised that the matter's still alive," he said.



RESPONDING TO THE HUNGER

Alan Brown (left), president, and Moe Emer (right), past president of the Forest Hill Lions Club presents Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive director of Mazon Canada, with a donation following her presentation on hunger in Canada and Mazon Canada's Jewish response to hunger.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Humberside attack said preventable

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The recent attack against a teacher at Humberside Collegiate Institute did not come out of the blue, but could have been prevented if early warning signs had been heeded, say spokesmen for Jewish anti-racist organizations.

Five years ago, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada warned the Anti-Racist Multicultural Education Network of Ontario that white supremacists were targeting school children for recruitment and that steps should be taken to nip the problem at the bud.

Similarly, the Toronto Board of Education's race relations committee was told four years ago that white supremacist organizations had changed their image, updated their look and were targeting young people as potential recruits, said Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Neither education organization seems to have taken the warnings to heart, the anti-racist spokesmen said.

"I really don't think they saw this as a real potential problem. . . until it hit them in the face," Farber said.

Humberside teacher Mahendra Gupta was knocked unconscious after being pushed down a flight of stairs by a youth and an adult. The attack was apparently part of a white supremacist campaign to "rid" the school of non-white teachers.

Speaking to a meeting of the Toronto board's race relations committee last week, Farber pointed to a dramatic shift in the average age of those attending white supremacist rallies. Ten years ago, the average age was between 65 and 70. Today, it's between 16 and 20, he said.

Racist recruiters are average-looking individuals who "candy coat" their message to make it more palatable to young people, Farber said.

Educators must prepare young people by "giving them the proper tools to fend off white supremacist recruitment.

"If schools neglect to give students the ability to deal with hatemongers, skilful hatemongers will poison their way into the school environment with the potential result of violence," Farber added.

In a telephone interview, Karen Mock, director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said few members of the anti-racism network took up the league's offer five years ago to provide anti-racist education. Now the chickens are coming home to roost, she said.

A concerted plan involving anti-racist education might have provided racist recruiters a less fertile soil in which to work, she said.

It appears that school officials were surprised that events escalated to violence, but the signs at Humberside have been there for years, she said.

A swastika was carved into a door, while a student came to school wearing a leather jacket with a line through a Star of David, under which was written "kill," and threatening letters had been circulated.

The steps taken by the Toronto Board of Education to ban white and red shoelaces — which symbolize white power and fascism, respectively — is at best a "Band-Aid solution," said the League's Richard Berman. "That's treating the symptom of a symptom."

What is missing is a concerted, coordinated anti-racism program that includes educating teachers, principals and administrators, as well as sensitizing students to racist recruitment techniques.

Rick Kollins, secondary schools superintendant for the Toronto Board of Education, said that while the board does not have programs designed to assist students resist racist recruiters, "embedded in our curriculum are the issues of tolerance and understanding."

Kollins said that even before the Humberside attack, the board had planned a mandatory training program for school administrators on the issue of hate crimes. In light of current events, that is being expanded to include student and parent representation.

Hadassah Hospital starts bone marrow registry

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem is launching a bone marrow registry to help those needing bone marrow transplants to find a match.

Judy Mandleman, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, said the organization will undertake fundraising to help the project as part of its work with Hadassah International.

The decision to fund the registry was made at a recent national executive meeting in Toronto, attended by 120 women from all over Canada.

Two members from Hadassah U.S. led workshops on the packaging and marketing of campaigns.

One of the U.S. members reported that Hadassah Hospital now has a computerized system called Scandiplan, which helps doctors pinpoint body areas for radiation treatment. It is the only such system in the Middle East and is financed by Hadassah International, which comprises Hadassah organizations in about 35 countries.

Judy Mandleman

Mandleman said the Women to Women project to help battered women in Israel was launched successfully across the country in October and to date 200 members have enrolled in the program at a minimum cost of $180 each. Members who sign up get special pins, indicating their support of the program. The campaign continues.

The executive meeting heard reports from a number of centres that held their annual bazaars and "they have been as successful as usual." Several cities are planning to continue the Chocolate Sunday campaign to be held during the next couple of months.

Victoria will open its Chocolate Sunday in January with a kosher dinner the night before, using the new facilities of the Empress Hotel. Chocolate Sunday is held in the adjoining Victoria Conference Centre.

Youth aliyah campaign

The Youth Aliyah campaign in the coming year will provide funding to bring 300 top students, aged 15 to 17, from former Soviet countries to study in Israel for three years. The program is being run in co-operation with the Jewish Agency and the Israel government.

Students will have the choice of making aliyah when they are 17. If they go back home "they will go as Jews . . . These kids are our future," said Mandleman. Students will be housed at Hadassah-WIZO villages and schools.

It was announced at the executive meeting that Hadassah International will hold its ninth annual congress in Montreal in the spring.

To encourage "prime time" Canadian members in the 45-60 age group to carry on with Hadassah activities and to promote Jewish continuity, a strategic task force has been set up under the chairmanship of Naomi Frankenburg of Vancouver, a past national president, to develop new programs and projects and to participate in leadership training.

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Bristow, Droege urged harassment of Jews: Christie

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Lawyer Doug Christie has revealed that neo-Nazi Heritage Front founders Grant Bristow and Wolfgang Droege unsuccessfully tried to sell him on the idea of an anti-Jewish harassment campaign.

Bristow is alleged to have set up Heritage Front while working as a paid informer for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). An official report is due shortly from the Security Intelligence Review Committee.

In other media reports, the contents of which Christie confirmed in a *CJN* phone interview, Bristow and Droege met with Christie at a local restaurant and offered him a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of prominent North American Jews. They wanted Christie to begin harassing these people and even suggested the harassment might extend to violence.

The meeting took place in 1990. Christie said he spurned the offer and hasn't seen Bristow since.

"With me, that wouldn't work, but I don't know how many other people it has been used against," Christie told the *Times-Colonist* newspaper.

He said he didn't go to the police because after he told Bristow and Droege what they were proposing was illegal, they seemed to agree. He called Bristow a "loose-nut case."

Bristow disappeared in August after allegations about his racist activities while supposedly a CSIS agent were widely reported in the Canadian media. Droege was a candidate for city council in the recent Scarborough civic elections.

Christie confirmed for *The CJN* that he first met Bristow in 1989 when Christie was defending Imre Finta against war crimes charges in Toronto. Bristow offered to work as Christie's bodyguard, pumped him about his line of defence and told him one member of the jury pool was expressing anti-Finta statements.

Christie wonders if he was a CSIS surveillance target. He said he has never engaged in anything subversive. "I have done everything I have done publicly and I don't feel there should be spies used against me."

He told *The CJN* he sees no need for a Canadian spy service now that the Cold War is over, and doesn't like the idea of a Canadian spy agency spying on Canadians.

Christie said he went public about the Bristow-Droege meeting to explain the situation before the SIRC report was released.

BBC DELEGATION MEETS ARAB OFFICIALS

B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) delegation of 14 people met recently in Ottawa with representatives of Arab embassies and officials of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to promote co-operation with Israel and Jews around the world. Tajeddine Baddou (second from left), ambassador of Morocco, is shown with (l. to r.) Paul Marcus, national director, BBC's Institute for International Affairs; and Institute members Rabbi Ely Braun and David Kaminker.

The delegates, led by Frank Dimant, BBC's executive vice-president, and Lawrence Hart, national chair of the institute, met with representatives of Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Kuwait.

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Ottawa is erring in dealings with PQ, says former PM aid

TORONTO — Brian Mulroney's former chief of staff believes Ottawa is making mistakes in dealing with Quebec separatist Premier Jaques Parizeau.

"The federal government is acting as if it is not aware we have a problem," said Stanley Hartt, speaking to members of UJA's Young Construction Network.

Hartt cited the squabble between Quebec and Ottawa over federal compensation for Quebec's participation in the Charlottetown constitutional referendum. The new Quebec government demanded payment almost immediately after assuming office. Ottawa took two days to respond positively.

"The promise was made to three provinces," Hartt said. "The two days ... are two days in which it was seared into the minds of Quebecers that they were being cheated."

Hartt said Prime Minister Jean Chretien was wrong for not permitting Quebec's deputy premier Bernard Landry to replace Parizeau on the recent Team Canada trip to China. Parizeau claimed the pressures of getting ready to govern prevented him from joining the delegation.

"His excuse was perfectly reasonable," claimed Hartt.

"Parizeau's strategy seems to be to put Ottawa in a position where they make Quebec feel unwanted," he said.

Hartt called Parizeau's intention of passing a law declaring Quebec's sovereignty and then asking Quebecers to endorse it an attempt to convince them nothing will change.

However, Hartt's UJA adress wasn't just criticism. He offered Chretien what he called a solution "lying right under his fingernails."

Ottawa is currently conducting a policy review of all federal and provincial programs for wasteful duplication. According to Hartt, the federal government could offer the provinces jurisdiction in new areas, or leave them in Ottawa's hands, based on the findings.

"This new amount of sovereignty should be available to any province that wants to make a deal," Hartt said.

Hartt's appearance at the UJA event was arranged by Gord Wiseman, who co-chairs the Young Construction Network with Neil Warshafsky.

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Parizeau's ploy

Like the sunrise each morning, or the exhilaration at seeing seasons change, there are certain phenomena which we rely on as important truths. A Canada which includes Quebec is one of them.

Yet, in the Legislative Assembly last week, Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau took the first significant step to separate Canadians from that truth. He tabled the draft of a bill which will form the basis of a referendum, the very first section of which states: "Quebec is a sovereign country." Thus, with these five bold and biting words, Mr. Parizeau has shrewdly attempted to have Quebecers adopt as foregone, a proposition which is not yet a conclusion.

The bill contains a number of other provisions which purport to give economic, constitutional, territorial and judicial meaning to the definition of independence. That this definition includes numerous linkages with a carved-out Canada is a presumption which the PQ evidently feel will naturally follow. Canadians, though, may have something else to say about the presumption.

In addition, the Quebec premier has combined the draft bill with a public consultation process whose purpose is to provide advice on the "declaration of sovereignty" that will ultimately find its way into the preamble of the legislation. Mr. Parizeau is establishing a network of 15 regional committees which, as Jeffrey Simpson of the *Globe and Mail* wrote, will be "dominated by secessionist politicians from the National Assembly and the Commons . . . The commissions will take themselves into every corner of the province, promoting, explaining, reassuring." Hearings begin in February.

The starting point of Mr. Parizeau's consultation is Quebec independence. It bypasses not only the very question which has been at the heart of the separation debate but also the voices and aspirations of the large number of Quebecers who do not side with the separatists. In choosing these tactics, Mr. Parizeau is abridging, if not evading, a true democratic process. Prime Minister Jean Chretien called the process "an attempt to dupe Quebecers." We agree with him.

It is no wonder then that the federalist forces in the province, including a Montreal-based coalition of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Italo-Canadian National Congress and the Hellenic Congress of Quebec, are boycotting the premier's consultation ploy. To participate in the process would be to give it credibility and to reinforce the sense of inevitability about Quebec sovereignty which Mr. Parizeau is so carefully cultivating. It would mean acquiescing in an outcome which has been rigged from the start.

But boycotting the government's consultation requires federalist forces to quickly mobilize with a countervailing strategy of their own. The field of political battle must not be left to the separatists.

By tabling the sovereignty bill, Mr. Parizeau has raised the curtain on the next, if not final, act of the drama. Federalists cannot now stand in the wings. For Canadians, a Canada which includes Quebec is too vital a truth.

Fundamentalist threat

Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres was undoubtedly right when he identified Islamic fundamentalism as the major threat to Mideast peace today.

The depth of the hatred which animates the anti-Israel rhetoric and actions of Hamas was revealed in all its ugliness in a recent PBS program, in which Robert Fisk, a British journalist noted for his critical approach to Israel, interviews Hamas spokesmen.

Fisk asks his interviewee whether hatred of Israel is based on political, national or ethnic considerations. The Islamic fundamentalist replies that none of those considerations are relevant. "It is a religious struggle — Muslims against Jews, the Koran against the Torah!"

Fisk's interlocutor represents a tiny but growing constituency within the Muslim world today which is attempting to transform a purely political conflict into a religious crusade. It is unfortunate indeed that these fringe elements want to change one of the world's great faiths into an engine of anti-Semitism.

Israel is now bearing the brunt of this religious fanaticism but, as history teaches, it begins with Jews but eventually it engulfs all.

Fundamentalist attacks in Egypt, Algeria and other Arab lands which have targeted tourists, government officials, writers and journalists have alerted the world to the danger posed by the threat of Hamas-type organizations.

It is understandable in these circumstances for Israel to adopt rigid security controls to try to contain Hamas. As Abba Eban pointed out years ago: "Israel is under no international obligation to commit national suicide."

Letters to the editor

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ITALIAN JEWS

Re your article "Assimilation helped Italian Jews survive" (*CJN*, Dec. 1).

It is obvious that everybody hears different messages from a most inspiring evening but the main message was definitely not the one in your headline.

It was an evening of two communities getting together and remembering the Holocaust and learning that people can make the difference in spite of their government's laws and decrees.

I have to agree that it is well known in Holocaust studies, that Jews in any country of Europe who spoke the language of the people around them, or looked like them, had a better chance to go in hiding — which was the case in Italy. Foremost, they had to have friends they could trust to turn to, either to help them personally or to connect them with the right people, in most cases the resistance.

Professor Susan Zucotti mentioned that in Italy all Jews, regardless of their nationality, were saved. This was endorsed during the Q & A period when two ladies from the former Yugoslavia got up and told in a most moving testimony, their stories of rescue in Italy with their families by Italian peasants, total strangers to them.

This program was co-sponsored by the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre and the National Congress of Italian Canadians, Toronto district.

We always mention that we stood alone during the Shoah; why not mention that there were exceptions in a few countries and people who did not stand by and do nothing? It can teach us all, and in particular our youth, that after all, people can make the difference.

Robert Engel
Toronto

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MONTREALER NEW VP

Re the article on the Reconstructionist annual convention, held recently in Dana Point, California (*CJN*, Nov. 24). I want to point out several errors/omissions. In the first place, I live in Montreal, not Toronto (or at least a suburb thereof) and have been a member of Congregation Dorshei Emet for almost 20 years.

Secondly, the two members of the Ottawa Havura who attended are Teena and Walter Henoelman, and the havura has about 100 people (not families).

With respect to my nomination as vice president, Canadian region, I replace Phyllis Angel Greenberg, of Toronto, who held the position with great distinction for two terms.

Finally, Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan wrote that "the *past* has a vote but not a veto," not *Torah*, as stated.

E. Edelberg
Montreal

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JEWISH IDENTITY

Jewish Continuity is the talk of the town. At a recent Montreal Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) event, Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Prof. Frederick Krantz spoke about Jewish continuity, the problems of intermarriage and assimilation, and keeping young Jews involved. I am a university student and was the youngest person there by at least 20 years. That night, after once again listening to a Jew of an older generation speak about how to inspire Jews of my generation, I knew I had to speak up.

As a young North American Jew, my Jewish experiences differ greatly from those of my grandparents and even parents. I was not alive during the Holocaust. I did not experience pogroms, nor was I expelled from my country. I have not suffered anti-Semitism and I am allowed by law to practise my religion. But the Jewish community around me is an older one that is united by its past experiences and common suffering. At least 10 times more Jews attended the memorial service for Nachshon Waxman than came to the meeting on the future of the WZO.

The new generation of Jews cannot thrive on victimization and self-pity. It is the age of pride. Displayed on campus are posters affirming gay-pride and black-pride, the Jewish-pride posters are nowhere to be found but are replaced with advertisements for a "Why the Jews?" lecture. Is this the way to maintain Jewish continuity? Who wants to be part of a culture that only suffers?

Yossi Beilin is headed in the right direction with his proposal to ensure every Jewish 17-year-old in the Diaspora a trip to Israel.

Once we decide to change the Jewish identity to a positive one, we must ensure that this trend continues in all frameworks of Jewish education. Day schools and afternoon and Hebrew schools must educate about the many significant accomplishments Jews have made throughout history. We must teach not only about tragic events but about the Emancipation and the Enlightenment and The Golden Age of Spain. When learning about the Holocaust, Jewish children should be as familiar with the name Mordechai Anielwicz as they are with Anne Frank. Ben Gurion and Brandeis should be household names.

Dana Demb
Montreal

Dry Bones

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DELISLE CREATES NEW FUROR

Quebec and French Nazis

By SHELI TEITELBAUM
Special to The CJN

Esther Delisle, the Quebec historian who stirred up a furor with a study exposing the anti-Semitism in 1930s French Canadian nationalism, is about to do it again.

This time, she has documented how key French Canadian politicians and public personalities smoothed the way for French Nazi war criminals and Nazi sympathizers to escape into Canada after World War II, and protected them once they got there.

In new research which she plans to turn into a book, the 40-year-old Delisle, a postdoctoral fellow at McGill University, says she has uncovered disturbing similarities between the postwar Canadian Embassy in Paris and the infamous "Rat Line," which spirited Nazis using false papers to new lives outside devastated Europe.

One of the ex-Nazis smuggled into Quebec was known as the Count de Bernonville (it later turned out that the title was phony). Jacques Dugé de Bernonville's wartime record included a stint as the Vichy French official responsible for "Jewish affairs" in Morocco, and later in occupied France, where he was a close associate of Klaus Barbie, the German "Butcher of Lyons."

In Quebec, De Bernonville was joined by Georges Simenon, the Belgian writer and Nazi sympathizer, and about eight other wartime collaborators. The dashing and handsome De Bernonville was the darling of the French-Canadian intellectual elite, with its strong fascist sympathies. He remained in the province until the early 1950s, when the Canadian government expelled him; he was murdered in Brazil in 1951.

What has been called L'Affaire De Bernonville was no secret at the time. Indeed, his presence in the province was staunchly defended by French-Canadian newspapers, some of which observed that if he had been De Bernovitch, a Jewish Communist, no one would have said a word about his being there.

But Delisle's research takes the story a step further. She has discovered how De Bernonville and his associates came under the protection of prominent and very respectable Quebec citizens, including Louis St. Laurent, later to become prime minister; Maurice Duplessis, at the time Quebec's premier; the former rector of Quebec's Laval University; and the late mayor of Montreal.

Before De Bernonville was expelled, St. Laurent told him that his hubris had led to deportation. "Damned fool," St. Laurent wrote in a letter. "If you had kept your mouth shut you could have stayed."

Delisle says she also has evidence connecting the Canadian Embassy in Paris — which before the war was told by immigration officials to regard the prospect of even one Jewish refugee arriving in Canada as "too many" — with the escape operation.

"It seems that there was a lot of blackmail going on. Everyone was blackmailing everyone else," Delisle told the *Jerusalem Report* in a telephone conversation. Quebec historian Robert Rumilly, who served as the front man for the French collaborators, helped them avoid deportation, says Delisle. "He acknowledged in many letters that he was using money to bribe politicians, and collecting information to threaten them."

Delisle's findings, some of which are based on previously classified material archived in Washington, concern "more than just the people immediately involved," she says. "These fierce Quebec nationalists had connections with well-known French fascists and extreme nationalists after the war, which leads me to suspect that they had these links before the war."

Esther Delisle

The real issue, she says, is not just about how the characters, most of whom are now dead, behaved almost half a century ago. "This is really about French Canadians, about how we view our national past."

Delisle's penchant for ruffling feathers has led some students and teachers to label her "a traitor to Quebec." Says Delisle: "I've been told the problem is not that what I say is not true. The problem is that I am prepared to document, perhaps leading others outside of Quebec to think ill of us."

'In France you can now talk about Mitterrand's close associations with an extreme nationalist group during the war'

Montreal Jewish author Mordecai Richler used some of Delisle's earlier research to support the thesis of once-endemic Quebec anti-Semitism he advanced in magazine articles and in his 1992 book *Oh Canada, Oh Quebec — Requiem for a Divided Country.* Delisle maintains that for the Quebecois, Richler's cardinal sin "wasn't what he said — it was that he published the scathing articles in the *New Yorker.*

"In France," she says, "you can now talk freely about Francois Mitterrand's close associations with an extreme nationalist group during the war. But in Quebec, although these people are by and large all dead, there is still great difficulty in coming to terms with what happened then."

Delisle refers to the way francophone Canada reacted to her 1993 bestseller *The Traitor and the Jew*, a study of anti-Semitism and extreme French Canadian nationalism in 1929-39. Reviled by her Quebecois associates for having been "bought by the Jews," she says she was blacklisted by some Quebec universities and research institutions.

In 1987, as a doctoral candidate at Laval University, Delisle, who is not Jewish, returned from three years' work at Hebrew University in Jerusalem for a hearing on her dissertation, on the pre-World War II anti-Semitism and pro-fascism found in the writings of revered Quebec historian and cleric Abbé Lionel Groulx. Critics charged that Delisle's thesis was extreme and "lacking in context," and that the anti-Semitism was "marginal" to Groulx's vast output.

Her doctoral work was placed on a burner for two years; the normal waiting period at Laval is three to six months. The hearing where it was approved in a 3-2 committee vote, she says, was like "a Gothic scene from the Middle Ages. A friend of mine in the audience told me, 'We had the impression that if you didn't pass, they would burn you.' "

Delisle maintains that the anti-Semitism of Groulx (1878-1967) was there for all to see in his 1930s writings, but was "deliberately swept under the carpet."

The Quebec-born daughter of a federal government clerk, Delisle says she has no Jewish ancestors. Her first name (her mother just found "Esther" exotic) has figured in the controversies that have swirled around her. University professors and other members of the francophone elite invariably ask about her Jewish connection. "It's the only way," she says, "that the francophone kings of my tribe can fathom my treachery."

Delisle was drawn to the subject of French-Canadian nationalism while teaching a course on Quebecois political ideas at a local community college in the early 1980s; initially she sought new ways to look at Groulx to entice her students. And she was intrigued by the fact that the recognized histories of Quebec said nothing about Groulx's anti-Semitism.

Indeed, during his early years, Groulx had little influence, and his own people did not accept his proposed *Achat Chez Nous* [Buy at Home] boycott of Jewish shop owners. Only in the 1960s, when French-Canadian nationalism was in need of national heroes, was he afforded wider recognition.

Delisle's work on Groulx earned her more than one epithet. She was dubbed Quebec's Nasty Girl, after Anna Rosmus, the real-life heroine of a 1990 German film who researched the wartime record of her Bavarian hometown. Others charged she had been "bought by the Jews, if she isn't Jewish herself."

Delisle's publisher, Robert Davies, says that some bookstores stocked only one copy of her first book, to protect themselves from charges of silent censorship. An official at one shopping mall cut off the power to another bookstore, when it did not heed his warnings to stop offering *The Traitor and the Jew* for sale.

But someone out there is interested. *Traitor* stayed on the Montreal *Gazette*'s list of bestsellers for 21 weeks. Delisle's new book on the French-Canadian connection with co-author John Hellman, a noted American scholar of French, also at McGill, is likely to match that both in sales and controversy.

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What's the question?

By CARL ALPERT

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has promised more than once that he will call for a public referendum on the question of Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

What is not clear is whether such a poll will take place before any commitments are made to Syria, or after Rabin and Hafez al-Assad have hammered out an agreement.

There are many in Israel who believe a matter as critical as this should not be determined by a simple majority. They think a two-thirds or even a three-quarter majority should be required. This is especially true, they argue, considering that 18 per cent of the population are Arabs who, it may be presumed, would vote in favor of abandoning the Golan, thus slanting the vote heavily even before the ballots are counted.

Finally, there is the problem of how the question on the ballot will be worded. There is no provision in Israel's law for the conduct of such a public poll, and presumably the Knesset will enact the necessary legislation and phrase the question. In such case, since Rabin has only a very narrow margin of support in the Knesset, would a 51-49 per cent be sufficient to determine how the question should be phrased?

I can think of at least 10 different forms the query could take. Here are some that come to mind:

1. Should Israel return the Golan in return for peace? That is the simplest form, but it spells out no details.

2. With regard to the Golan, do you believe that peace is more important than territory?

3. Do you have faith in the integrity of the Syrian president if he promises not to attack after we withdraw from the Golan?

4. Should the selfish interests of a few thousand Jews who live on the Golan take precedence over the desire of the rest of Israel for peace?

5. Do you favor putting Israel's population in the north at risk by letting the Syrians occupy the Golan Heights, in return for a piece of paper?

6. Should Israel withdraw from the Golan Heights in return for normalization of relations with Syria, including full diplomatic exchange and a mutual pledge of non-aggression?

7. Should Israel withdraw from the Golan and place its trust in an international force stationed there to prevent aggression — assuming that Assad were to permit such a neutral force?

8. Are you willing for Israel to remain on the Golan, and thus assure a permanent state of war with Syria?

9. Should Israel withdraw from the Golan and place its trust in the president of Syria, or whoever else may succeed him, not to use the territory for attacks against Israel?

10. Do you believe Israel should take the risk, and give peace a chance by withdrawing from the Golan and accepting Assad's pledge of non-aggression?

The reader can undoubtedly add many other variations. The principle is that the question should be simple and direct, and unobscured by many paragraphs and explanations.

Can there ever be substantial agreement in favor of an acceptable text? One suggestion has been that all possible forms of the question should be listed on a ballot, and a referendum of the public then held to ascertain which question is most acceptable.

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Opinion

Letting go - a senior's confession

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Philip Roth's *Letting Go* appeared three decades ago. My contribution to his underlying theme will be considerably shorter and probably less memorable. It will also be distinctly autobiographical.

Dad, who had come from utterly modest circumstances in a little village, had been largely self-educated and had developed into an avid reader and buyer of books. By the time I was old enough to appreciate the extent of our library, I had caught the bug — and for many decades thereafter, buying and possessing books became important for me.

In earlier years I did not have the means to satisfy this desire, but as circumstances improved I became a follower of book sales, subscribed to auction catalogues and the like — always feeling that obtaining a particular volume I wanted for my library was something necessary.

As I grew older, I began to realize that it was not so much reading the book as having it that became important; and once I had come to that realization, the urge began to flatten out, decrease and finally leave me altogether.

I marvel how the need to acquire things in general is so strong when we are young or middle-aged, and begins to wane and even disappear as we get older. Acquiring things loses its attraction, and the pleasure of giving them away takes its place.

It's a strange reversal. The book which I remember I wanted so badly to add to my library and finally found in an Oxford shop, is now given away without a second thought. And so it goes with just about everything else that leaves the house. Happiness these days consists of knowing that what we give away has found the right place, where people can enjoy it and the recipients have the benefit of its value.

Whatever little wisdom one gains when getting older, one thing is sure: it makes the opening words of Koheleth more understandable: "Everything is like a puff of air, like a breath one takes" (formerly this was rendered as "vanity of vanities, all is vanity, says the Preacher").

Thus, aging brings about a recognition of something we should have known all along: things are tools that do fill a physical need to increase our comfort and give pleasure — but tools nonetheless and nothing more. What remains are the essentials of life: love, relationships and health. Once the basic requirements of personal comfort are in place, the physical gives way to the relational. Perhaps this is also one reason why people as they age rediscover the joy of reading, listening, learning and praying.

East European anti-Semitism makes comeback

By BARUCH COHEN
Special to The CJN

Eastern Europe is experiencing a "return to history." The myths of nationalism and the revival of "old" ideologies, movements and leaders with a fascist, anti-Semitic past are key factors in the present-day political arena.

The denial of the Holocaust, the whitewashing of the dark years 1937-1945, are indicative of the intensity with which a watering down of historical memory is being promoted. Internal socio-economic fragility has ensured a rise in the level of suspicion and hatred of minorities.

The Hungarian Justice and Life Party and the Greater Romania Party (GRP), for example, both represent "recognized," institutional anti-Semitic movements, functioning, not as marginal groups, but rather within the framework of the current political structure. Their aim is to combat "Jewish influence," to expose the "Jewish problem" to the public at large.

Anti-Semitic incidents involving violence or the threat of violence have not abated (e.g. attacks against a person who "looked Jewish" in Budapest and against the Rabbi of Bratislava, insults hurled at Jewish youth groups participating in the March of the Living in Poland).

In Hungary, The Hungarian Justice and Life Party's main thrust is against the "formidable" influence of Jews in Hungarian politics. Kiraly Izbella, a maverick politician and member of the party, is known not only for her anti-Semitic and nationalist speeches, but also for her defense of skinheads, whom she has referred to as "nice Hungarian boys."

In Romania, the GRP constitutes a powerful and active anti-Semitic political force. Its leader, Corneliu Vadim Tudor, has targeted the Jewish community (along with its leader, the late Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen), as well as journalists and historians who have presumed to criticize the rising wave of Romanian nationalism and the rehabilitation of the Conducatorul, Ion Antonescu, Romania's wartime Fuhrer. It seems that the party acts with impunity in coalition with other extreme nationalist-fascist forces in their efforts to rehabilitate Antonescu.

Romania Mare and *Politica* are two press organs of the GRP, as is the weekly *Europa*, best known of the anti-Semitic publications. The state-run Romanian TV network was headed until December 1993 by Paul Everac, a staunch anti-Semite. Under his direction, Romanian TV was a source of overt anti-Semitic accusations.

The revisionism of the past and Holocaust denial are seen all through Europe. The "return to history" (a term used by Prof. Bela Vago in his article, *Anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe* in *Anti-Semitism World Wide:* Tel-Aviv University, 1994) is gathering in intensity. The manifestations of anti-Semitism reflect the way the legacy of the not-so-distant past still makes itself felt in some Eastern European countries, and especially in Romania.

The idea that Antonescu was a great patriot, who allied his country with Nazi Germany against the Communist Soviet Union for the sake of the purest national ideals, is growing in popularity among Romanians. There is also a belief, widely-held across the political spectrum — from moderate to right-wing groups — that Antonescu saved a segment of Romanian Jewry during the Holocaust. This belief disregards or minimizes the responsibility of the Romanian authorities for the extermination of a significant number of Jews (half of Romania's 850,000 Jews perished during the Holocaust years).

At a time when Holocaust denial and historical revisionism seem to be spreading, the rehabilitation of Antonescu has wider implications. It will certainly have an influence in shaping the knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust in future generations and will also give greater room for manoeuvre to local fascist leaders. This trend of selective historical memory is in vogue and has intensified in Hungary, Slovakia and Croatia. The *Journal of Historical Review*, the major revisionist publication, praised Croat President Franjo Tudjman's notions of the Holocaust, stating, "While a Few European countries have outlawed Holocaust revisionism, in Croatia it enjoys support from the highest level."

In Poland, the revival of the past has centred around the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Armed Forces (NSZ), a nationalist, anti-Semitic underground organization that operated in Poland during and immediately following World War II. The participation of the country's officials in the celebration of this event was another example of how the nationalist past is used to serve political interests.

Jewish communities in Eastern Europe are struggling against this rising tide of anti-Semitism. In Slovakia, the Jewish community is anxious about the safety of the country's Jews. In Romania, Chief Rabbi Rosen conducted a relentless campaign against anti-Semitism, warning Romania's political leadership and sensitizing the entire world, to the dangers involved in the revival of Iron Guard fascism in the country.

The continuing proliferation of extremist movements and the free flow of Holocaust denial and hate literature should serve as warning signs that the struggle against anti-Semitism is a complex one which requires not only strong statements of repudiation by current political leaders, but also urgent and concrete action.

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Daughter's bat mitzvah looms on the horizon

It looms on the horizon.

It begins to look larger than a seder for 40 people, more daunting than moving day, more expensive than redecorating the house, possessed of more pitfalls than crossing Niagara on a tightrope. It is the mother of all motherhood challenges, the most dangerous moment of my parental career thus far.

The bat mitzvah is coming!

Our eldest daughter has her 12th birthday in April, and the planning has already begun. Every conversation turns inexorably to the core religious question at the heart of this experience: seated dinner or brunch buffet, Saturday night or Sunday noon?

I am trying, as you may have gathered, to maintain a sense of humor about this, and we are all trying to maintain a sense of spirituality. Because we are in an Orthodox congregation, my daughter will not read the portion or the Haftorah, and she will not speak during services. However, my husband will speak (elevating him slightly beyond the status of father-of-the-bride) and my daughter, following the pattern set by her peers at our shul, may speak at the kiddush following services. She may or may not also speak at the party we will hold in her honor, a party that already presents immense buckets of fretfulness to all involved — except the guest of honor who is worried primarily about not being deathly embarrassed by her parents.

By Erica Meyer Ranzin

We have made a couple of decisions that are designed to keep the bat mitzvah in perspective and to maintain our family's fiscal stability for another month or two.

The primary decision is that our daughter can have a lovely party for her young friends, but we — the adults involved — aren't going to invite anybody to come ... NO ONE ... not the next door neighbors we love; not the carpool ladies we depend upon, not the teachers; not the butchers, bakers or candlestick makers.

Okay, so the caterer and the photographer can come. But that's it. All right, all right, so the family can come . . . but no other grown-ups, not one. If you've hit puberty, forget it.

We'll have the congregation and the 'hood to the kiddush and service. We'll feed the out-of-towners (stay home! stay home!) Friday night. We'll be just as gracious as two shell-shocked people can be, but the party is for pubescents and blood kin. Why? Because if we invite one friend, we'll have to invite 100. It's the price you pay for being in a close-knit community.

It is also put-up-or-shut-up time for us, after years of philosophizing that bar and bat mitzvahs should be serious rites of religious passage, not get-down, hoe-downs of conspicuous consumption.

It is easy to believe that, but tough (except budgetarily) to stick to it when the golden child in the spotlight is one's own golden child, and not somebody else's. This is the first baby, the child who always smiles and loves to please, the child who saved another young swimmer's life when she was nine, the child who transformed us from a couple to a family, the big sister, the artist, the child who wears her Jewishness easily, a lifelong garment. What does she deserve? The world and more, of course. What is best for her? A sweet celebration, a meaningful transition, not a circus.

We want this event to knit her more closely to Judaism, not to catered dinners. We want the impact to last. We hope being bat mitzvahed will start her adult life in the community — not culminating her Jewish education, but launching it.

After all, you may have heard the joke about the congregation that couldn't get rid of the bats in the ceiling of the sanctuary. The president of the congregation tried virulent poisons. No luck. The executive director captured the bats, drove 50 miles out of town and released them, only to find that they beat him back to the shul. At last, the board asked the rabbi to help get rid of the critters. A week later, no more bats.

The president of the shul went to the rabbi and said, "It's wonderful. The bats are all gone from the synagogue. What did you do?"

"It was easy," said the rabbi. "I bar mitzvahed them, and I haven't seen them since."

Poland's new Jewish community

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

There has been a dramatic improvement in the quality of Jewish communal life in Poland in the past five years, according to a Warsaw-based Jewish activist.

And, Konstanty Gebert adds, there is even a "real chance" that a "renaissance" may revitalize the heretofore anemic Jewish community.

Before World War II, Poland contained upwards of 3.5 million Jews. The Nazi Holocaust and communism all but ended this fecund chapter in the annals of the Diaspora.

But since the collapse of communism in 1989, a new, younger, secular Jewish community has emerged from the ranks of assimilated Jews, mainly communists, who considered themselves Poles of Jewish origin.

Their offspring, says Gebert, are almost exclusively the products of mixed marriages, and would have been lost to the Jewish people if not for the dissolution of communism.

By conventional halachic standards, a good many of them are not Jewish. "But our criteria for Jewishness is elastic," observes Gebert, whose father was a Catholic. "To us, a Jew is someone who's aware of and interested in the Jewish community as well as Jewish culture."

Basically, these so-called "new Jews" are much more assimilated than their pre-World War II ancestors and far more at ease in Polish society, explains Gebert, a foreign affairs columnist who writes for Poland's largest daily newspaper, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, under the pseudonym of David Warszawski

Gebert, who was recently in Toronto to give a talk for the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture series, believes there are approximately 30,000 such Jews in Poland today.

They are not part of the official, 4,000-strong Jewish community. But, he hastens to add, "This is not an anti-establishment movement. Young people simply find it hard to relate to the older, less assimilated Jewish community."

As Gebert tells it, the new Jewish community arose with the triumph of democracy. "Today, Jews are free to express themselves as Jews without fear of consequences. There is a general climate of openness in things Jewish." During the pre-war and Communist eras, Jewishness was stigmatized, and there was an implied incompatibility in being Polish *and* Jewish.

The most active and committed members of the new community are observant, if not religious. And they tend to be its leaders and innovators.

They were in the forefront of establishing the first Jewish kindergarten in decades in 1989. And they pushed for a Jewish elementary school, which opened last spring.

The community is also served by youth clubs, adult education programs and summer and winter camps. There are two rabbis, both in Warsaw. One is an Israeli of Polish origin, while the other is an American.

"Eventually, we hope to have our own local rabbis," says Gebert. Since the mid-1980s, several students interested in the rabbinate have studied at yeshivot in the United States. None has returned to Poland.

Gebert points out that the renewal of Jewish life was made possible by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation in New York, which dispenses philanthropic funds in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. "We've gotten hundreds of thousands of dollars in the past five years." Without this assistance, the ambitious plans of the community might never have been realized. (The older community is funded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.)

In his view, the new community is wrestling with three fundamental problems.

"The first is ourselves. There was a great interest and excitement in discovering our Jewish roots. But I can't say it will last. I'm still not convinced there are enough of us to carry this through."

If it is to survive and thrive, the new Jewish community will have to be financially self-sufficient. "A supported community like ours degenerates."

The challenge is to reclaim old Jewish properties which were confiscated by the Communist authorities. "This takes us into huge legal and political problems, but I'm relatively optimistic that some of the property can be reclaimed, so that the community can be self-supporting again."

The Polish government is anything but eager to address the issue, and not because it is anti-Semitic. "It's really a can of worms," Gebert says. "Giving Jews back property would leave the government open to German claims. One-third of present-day Poland was German before 1939. There is a concern that people will lose their homes."

Konstanty Gebert. [Alron photo]

Anti-Semitism and the future of Polish democracy is the third problem facing Jews.

"There was a sharp increase in anti-Semitic agitation after 1989 — graffiti, some acts of physical violence, the publication of anti-Semitic books, the formation of six anti-Semitic political parties (which failed to win a single seat)."

During the 1990 presidential election, the leading contender and current president, Lech Walesa, injected an anti-Jewish note into the campaign. "He doesn't have any personal animus against Jews, and is moved by the Shoah. But he saw nothing wrong in using anti-Semitism as a political tool. He was being expedient."

In the past two years, there has been a noticeable decline in anti-Semitic activity. "Open anti-Semitism has been pushed aside, but not repealed in Polish public life. It's no longer considered genteel, but it still lurks in the background."

Despite their poor showing at the polls, anti-Semitic parties continue to exist. In October, a leading anti-Jewish politician, Boleslaw Tejkoski, was handed a one-year suspended sentence. He was charged with insulting Polish authorities, Jews and bishops.

"Tejkoski is completely bonkers, but he's dangerous because he has a following of thousands of skinheads."

Gebert is convinced that Polish democracy is not endangered. "But things could change. If this happens, Jews could be at risk." Even if democracy breaks down, Jews will not necessarily emigrate. "Poland is home, despite the opinions of some overzealous Zionists."

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Gebert, 41, is from a completely assimilated family. His mother, Krysyna Poznanska, and his father, Boleslaw, were pre-war communists who believed in and worked for the Communist system. She was a journalist, he a diplomat. In his last posting in the 1960s, he was ambassador to Turkey, where Gebert learned his fluent English.

Gebert was raised as a Pole. "I knew my mother was Jewish, but it was irrelevant, accidental and unimportant."

When his parents returned to Poland from Turkey in 1967, the state-orchestrated anti-Zionist (read anti-Semitic) campaign had already begun. His mother lost her position; his father retired. "Both were terribly disappointed and disillusioned. They withdrew, emotionally and intellectually, from the Communist party. They didn't emigrate because they were fighters."

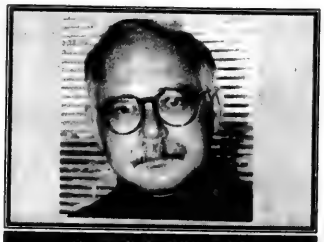
Gebert himself was expelled from school, a development which heightened his interest in his Jewish background. He began reading Jewish literary classics in Polish, and in 1976, he and like-minded individuals formed the Flying University, a hotbed of debate on Jewish identity in contemporary Poland.

In the mid-1970s, he experienced his first Shabbat at a relative's home in London and thoroughly enjoyed it.

His parents were displeased, but he persevered. "I was too stinking proud *not* to be a Jew. But I did not relinquish my Polish identity."

Gebert and his Catholic wife have raised their four children as Jews. The family not only observes Shabbat and Jewish holidays, but attends synagogue.

Are they are the prototypes of the new Polish Jew? Time will tell.



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

Six years after his death at the age of 70, Ed Parker is not exactly a luminary in the annals of Canadian journalism. Parker, after all, was not a great reporter like, say, the late Bruce Hutchison. Rather, his legacy is the School of Journalism and Graphic Arts at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

The son of a Winnipeg Jewish immigrant and Yiddish newspaper editor, Parker founded the School of Journalism in 1948, less than a decade after his appointment as editor of the University of Manitoba student newspaper.

Sandwiched in between was a moderately successful career as a reporter in Winnipeg, Montreal and Ottawa; a wartime publicity officer for the federal government; a political campaign organizer; a magazine and "throwaway" newspaper editor; and a freelance writer in Europe.

Before he died, Parker committed his memories to paper. *I Didn't Come Here To Stay* (Natural Heritage, $14.95) traces his life from Winnipeg's North End to his public relations practice in Toronto in 1962. His memoirs end there, incompleted.

I Didn't Come Here To Stay is not a memorable work. Hardly reflective, it skims over the surface in a hurried, episodic style, never really giving a reader the true measure of the author.

Parker's parents, Harry and Raezel, were Polish Jews who immigrated to Canada in the first years of this century. Harry was a compositor and linotype operator who later edited the *Israelite Press*.

At St. John's High School, Parker became managing editor of the school newspaper. Later, at Winnipeg's United College, Parker was assistant news editor of *The Manitoban*. Parker, however, claims that his "career in journalism" really began as the college correspondent of the *Winnipeg Tribune*, a daily he joined after editing the University of Manitoba's student newspaper.

At the U of M, Parker studied law, but his heart was not in it. In 1940, he was hired by the *Winnipeg Tribune* to churn out advertising copy and to edit the entertainment section.

A year later, Parker found himself on the staff of the *Montreal Star*. Disheartened, he returned to Winnipeg and launched a throwaway "shopping paper," which didn't last. After his father's death, he angled for an "editorial role" on the *Israelite Press*, but nothing materialized.

Parker then toiled as a publicity officer in the Department of Munitions and Supply. In 1944, Nathan Cohen, the precocious editor of the *Glace Bay Gazette* (and, subsequently, the drama critic of the *Toronto Star*), offered him the position of managing editor. Instead, he accepted an offer from the CCF party in Saskatchewan to organize its next campaign.

In the pages that follow, Parker describes his association with a left-wing magazine in Vancouver, a show business weekly in Winnipeg, and the *Ottawa Journal*. He also recalls his freelancing days in Prague.

I Didn't Come Here To Stay concludes as Parker establishes Ryerson's School of Journalism, works for the mining magnate Joseph Hirshhorn and sets up his own business.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI KENNETH KATZ

When I read the Torah, I always feel sympathy for the villains.

I think the Torah means for us to feel this. As much as we like to fancy ourselves as righteous and as moral as Moses, I think we usually act more like the self-centred and pragmatic Korah. Instead of the deep life-long struggles of Jacob, many of us would prefer the simplicity of Esau.

The Torah's heroes raise a very high standard. But the villains, usually just people with ordinary failings like our own, allow us to put ourselves in the story. I can see myself more easily urging Abraham to stay in Haran than to plunge into the unknown, chasing God's mysterious words.

It is important to see ourselves in the story because the Torah only speaks to us when we can bring it off the page and into our lives and imaginations. We have to see how its characters and situations are like our own. So let us look at this week's villains.

In this week's Torah portion, we conclude the Joseph story and read about the deaths of both Jacob and Joseph. Jacob, who thought Joseph was dead, lives to bless Joseph and Joseph's children. Joseph's brothers, who had tried to do away with Joseph, are reconciled, and the story concludes with the recognition that God stood behind all of the story's human complications. "God will surely remember you." (50:25)

But not everyone in the story accepts the idea of God's hidden hand. Yes, Jacob and Joseph are great believers in God's mysterious hand, and are also deeply devoted to one another. Years before, Jacob had given the teenage Joseph the famous coat of many colors, and he now singles out Joseph and Joseph's sons for blessing. Joseph provides his father with a regal funeral, dwarfing his brothers' contributions to the funeral. But Jacob, on his deathbed, is not above cursing some of his sons (49:3-7), or giving others rather mediocre blessings (49:14). Joseph is his favorite to the end.

Let us see the story from the brothers' point of view. Despite Joseph's protests that it is God who directs all, the brothers fear Joseph to the end. They don't see the story Joseph's way. Rather, they see a dangerous family story, where 'father always loved him best,' and where Joseph now has power over them.

After Jacob's funeral, the brothers feel the need to invent false last words of Jacob. They send Joseph the message, "Before his death, your father left this instruction: So shall you say to Joseph, 'Forgive, I urge you, the offense and guilt of your brothers who treated you so harshly.' " (50:14-21).

In grade school we learned Joseph was the hero and the brothers were the villains of the story. Joseph came through slavery, exile and imprisonment with virtue and faith intact. The brothers are free, yet they are jealous, self-centred and devious.

Joseph is clearly more admirable. Yet it is the way of the Torah that the "villains" are presented sympathetically. Who can fault the brothers when they decide to lie to Joseph to protect themselves? It is these characters, as much as the heroes, who can make the Torah live in our imaginations, and so in our lives.

Rabbi Kenneth Katz is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth-El in Montreal.

Post-war Germans said blameless for Holocaust

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Visiting German President Roman Herzog said last week that his post-World War II generation could not be blamed for the Holocaust but that it must learn lessons from the past.

"The vast majority of my compatriots were born after the downfall of the Third Reich or were still children in the last years of Hitler's dictatorship," Herzog said at a state dinner hosted by President Ezer Weizman.

"This generation is free of guilt, but it is not free from the obligation to learn from what has happened," he said.

Herzog, born in 1934, said it was Germany's responsibility to keep alive the memory "of the darkest chapter in our history and to show the next generations what Germans were and of what human beings are capable."

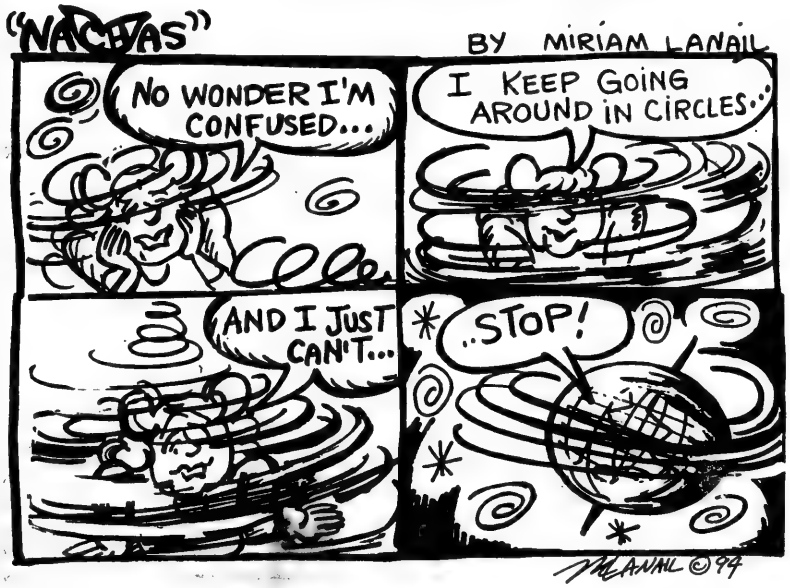
Herzog said he understood concerns in Israel and elsewhere over Germany's unification, but that five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, most of these voices have fallen silent.

"The world has taken notice that an increase in economic power and responsibility is not tantamount to delusions of grandeur or hunger for power," Herzog said.

He also addressed fears about growing right-wing extremism in Germany. "We understand these concerns very well and take them seriously. But such terrible incidents must not let us forget that Germany today is no longer the Germany of the 1920s, 1930s or even the 1940s.

"It is a national and global task to fight against radicalism and racism wherever it raises its head," Herzog said. "We will play our part and fight against extremists offensively and with all permissible means."

Welcomed at Beit Hanassi by Weizman, Herzog was reminded that despite close relations, friendship and extensive cooperation, "the past cannot be forgotten and events that took place in Germany and in Europe will always be before our eyes and in our minds."



From coast to coast

Negev Dinner draws 1,200 to fete Tanenbaum

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — If you ask any of the almost 1,200 supporters who attended the 46th Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Toronto honoring Joey Tanenbaum, they would say it was an overwhelming success in every way.

The Nov. 27 reception and dinner at the Sheraton Centre Hotel were filled with warmth and nostalgia as speaker after speaker reflected on the 62-year-old honoree, a philanthropist, community leader, entrepreneur and patron of the arts.

It also raised close to $4 million, which will be used to establish a nature and environment study institute for youths at JNF's Camp Yatir in the northern Negev.

Following greetings from Israeli consul Dror Zeigerman, premier Bob Rae and Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman, the first Chanukah candle was lit by Joey and Toby Tanenbaum's five children: Michael, Alan, Martin, Robert and Susan.

Dinner chair Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto, welcomed the guests and spoke of Tanenbaum's "abundant, overflowing generosity."

Tanenbaum, a civil engineering graduate of the U of T, told the story of how grandfather Abraham Tanenbaum arrived in Toronto in 1911 with $8 in his pocket and founded Runnymede Metal and Salvage Co.

Tanenbaum said his grandfather taught him many lessons in ethics and business. From his grandmother he learned "one must always share with one's fellow man, regardless of how little one has.

"Both of my grandparents helped me understand and take pride in what it meant to be a Jew," he said.

He said he and his wife believe very strongly in Canada and in Israel. "Our five children are the living proof of what it means to grow and to flourish in the most democratic and free nation on earth."

In a unscheduled speech, Toby Tanenbaum announced she and her children will dedicate an educational building at Yatir to be known as the Joey Tanenbaum Centre for Art and Music, in tribute to Joey's love of the arts. "He is a type of realist who believes in miracles," she said.

Campaign chair Ronald Appleby said this Negev Dinner was one of the largest moneymakers in Canada. "My friend Joey is making this world what we want it to be," he said.

Program participants included JNF Toronto president Patricia Alpert, Bill Wolff, Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum of the Toronto Lubavitcher organization and Rev. Noah Wolff.

Joey and Toby Tanenbaum at the 1994 JNF Negev Dinner in Toronto.

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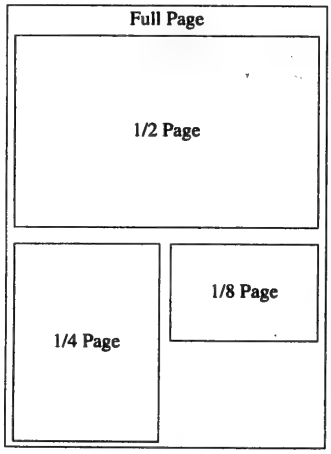

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Ground broken for Aish HaTorah centre

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — Aish HaTorah Toronto broke ground earlier this month for its new $2-million community and activity centre north of Toronto.

The Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre, now just a grassy lot on Clark Avenue west of Bathurst Street, will be "the first North American centre devoted solely to Jewish continuity," said Aish HaTorah's Rabbi Ephraim Shore.

The 20-year-old outreach and education movement has been in Toronto since 1981. The newest centre, scheduled to open in fall 1995, will eventually replace the four other program centres in the Toronto area.

The 17,000-square-foot centre is the latest Aish HaTorah project to bear the Dan family name. In October, Novopharm chair Leslie Dan and his wife Judy inaugurated the Aish HaTorah World Centre-Dan Family Building Canada in Jerusalem's Old City.

The Dans donated $10 million towards the Jerusalem centre, and $1 million towards the Vaughan centre.

The soft-spoken Dan told *The CJN* he has studied at Aish HaTorah for over six years. "The important thing is to help our Jewish people to continue," he said. "[Aish HaTorah] brings out people's Yiddishkeit and makes them proud of it."

Finta honored

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Imre Finta, who was acquitted on a number of war crimes charges, was the recipient last week of an award from the Hungarian Authors World Club, presented at the Korona Restaurant on Bloor Street.

The award was for a Hungarian-language book whose title translates loosely as *The Prince and the Pauper*.

About 70-80 people, some from Cleveland and Vancouver, were expected to attend the Hungarian-language event. Many, including members of the authors club, are regular restaurant-goers, said Korona owner John Harmat.

The event, which was publicized in Hungarian-language posters, drew the attention of Canadian Jewish Congress, which contacted Harmat. "We explained that we believed it was offensive that anyone would make an association with Finta and that many Jews of Hungarian descent would find this distasteful," said Congress spokesman Bernie Farber.

Harmat told *The CJN* he didn't know Finta would be involved in the event when he signed the booking contract. When he learned of Finta's involvement, it was too late to back out without triggering a law suit, he said.

Harmat said he told the organizers that "if anything racial, political or religious goes [on], I'll stop the whole thing.

"I have many Jewish friends," he continued. "My best friend is Jewish. I didn't want to get in the middle of this. Mr. Finta is a free man. I don't want to get in the middle."

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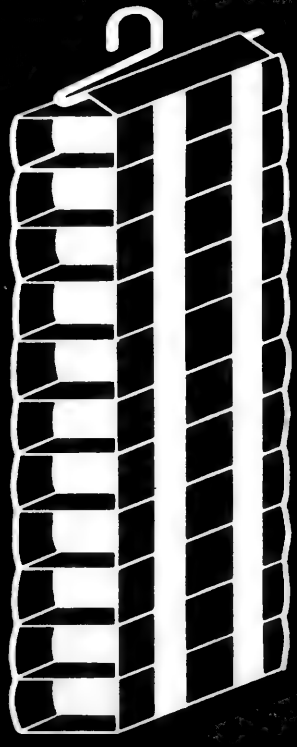

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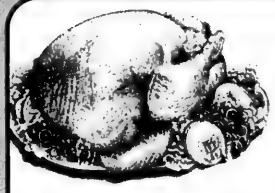

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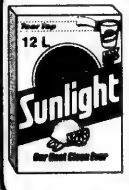

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Dr. Arthur Eidelman checks out one of "his babies" at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. The mother is one of many who deliver more than five or six children at Shaare Zedek.

Shaare Zedek to open maternal/infant centre

TORONTO — Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, which has the highest number of births of any facility in the Greater Jerusalem area, will soon be constructing a unique Maternal and Infant Centre to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing Israeli population.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the New Leadership Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, Dr. Arthur Eidelman, director of the Medical Centre's Neonatology Department, explained that the new facility would, in one location on one floor, care for infants and their families literally from conception (or prior, if there are problems) to birth and discharge to home.

In addition to a full range of treatment options, a current educational program to help couples with parenting skills will be expanded.

The program is now offered at Shaare Zedek for parents with at-risk newborns who have been treated in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, in order to assure that these parents have the backup required at home and that all parents of such infants have been trained in their care.

Last year, approximately one-third of all births in Greater Jerusalem took place at Shaare Zedek — 5,053, a record for both the Medical Centre and the city. It is expected that the total for 1994 will be significantly higher.

Increased demand for services

With the continual increase in demand for services, the Maternity and Neonatology facilities are too small and, to Eidelman's distress, Shaare Zedek has to close the doors to its Maternity Department at least once a week. Patients are directed elsewhere. (In Toronto, this is also a common occurrence and patients are often sent to Hamilton or Ottawa.)

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, built for 10 incubators, now has 24 and still cannot accept all the referrals from other institutions.

The newly expanded Neonatal Unit will start out with 30 beds and will be able to accommodate 40. The delivery room, which now has eight individual birthing cubicles, will be doubled in size and the nursing space for well newborns will also be expanded. The new equipment will be the most modern and sophisticated available.

Rooms for the new mothers will be enlarged to allow for those who wish to keep their babies with them rather than in the nursery.

The need for this expansion was acceleratred after 1986, with the opening of the Sara and Al Waxman Centre for Maternal and Fetal Medicine, which specialized in the care of high risk pregnant women and their newborns, and the opening of Shaare Zedek's In Vitro Fertilization Unit.

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From coast to coast

Matas reaches into history for new book

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Youngsters (and older readers) who learned about the Holocaust through the eyes of the fictional protagonist in *Daniel's Story*, Carol Matas's poignant 1993 novel, can anticipate reading about a subsequent chapter in Jewish history when the book she is now researching comes out, probably in the fall of 1996.

The prolific Winnipeg author of young adult and children's fiction was in Toronto recently to interview people who were involved in brichah or Aliyah Bet (the illegal immigration to Palestine following World War II), the subject of the upcoming book. She has also begun interviewing in Winnipeg.

Matas is still seeking survivors of Aliyah Bet, and can be contacted through Pnina Zilberman at the Holocaust Education Centre in Toronto (phone (416) 635-2883, ext. 144) or in Winnipeg through the Jewish Historical Society (204) 942-4822.

Carol Matas

While here, Matas attended the opening of *Lisa*, the play she and her husband, Per Brask, adapted from her 1987 novel. The book was inspired by the rescue of Danish Jews during World War II.

Golden Horseshoe Players, a non-profit professional theatre company based in Toronto, is presenting the play in Ontario schools. It has also played in Montreal and Winnipeg.

Matas, who began her writing career with science fiction, said she felt compelled to write *Lisa* after her husband, a Dane, told her about his family's resistance activities during the war.

"I was university educated and Jewish and I hadn't heard about the Danish rescue. I felt I had to tell this story," said Matas.

Originally Matas felt that as the daughter of Canadian-born parents (her father was the late Judge Roy Matas), she did not have the right to chronicle the Holocaust. She felt, however, that she had a connection to the Danish rescue through her husband.

When *Daniel's Story* was commissioned by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington to accompany an exhibit, Matas felt she had been "given permission" to write about the Holocaust.

The book has been nominated for several Canadian awards and has been named the recipient of the Ontario Library Association's Silver Birch Award for 1994, after being voted on by almost 9,000 Ontario schoolchildren. Matas will be presented with the award in January.

Among her other award-winning books are *Lisa, Jesper* (the sequel to *Lisa*) and *Sworn Enemies*, a story of two Jewish teens in Czarist Russia, one who kidnaps Jewish boys for the army, the other his victim.

Some of Matas's other books feature Jewish characters, although they don't deal with specifically Jewish issues.

"The fact that she's Jewish is just kind of there," said Matas of the main character in *The Lost Locket*, a book for Grades 1 to 3. "I think it's nice for Jewish kids, and I also think it's nice for other kids to realize, 'She's just like me, and she just happens to be Jewish.' "

Matas's most recent books, which appeared in the fall, are *Of Two Minds*, a fantasy, and *The Burning Time*, a historical novel about persecution of women accused of being witches in 18th-century France.

Matas tries to write about topics that have not been addressed in children's literature. "I think the act of reading should be pleasurable and exciting, and part of that is from reading something you've never read before."

She invites readers to "explore questions" with her. "I never want to give answers. The worst books are the ones that tell children the answers.

"A big failing in young adult fiction is not giving kids enough credit and not realizing how grown up they are."

Play sparks students interest in the theatre

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though they gave their rapt attention to a drama about a Jewish girl's rescue from the Nazis in Denmark, the 160 senior students from Holy Blossom Temple's Religious School could hardly wait for it to end to pepper the lone actor with questions about how to get on the stage.

The Grades 6, 7 and 8 boys and girls wanted to know how to break into the business, how long it took her to learn her lines, if she's hoping to get a movie role and if she gets nervous before every performance.

Ashleigh Hendry, 20, who plays the heroine in the Golden Horseshoe Players production of *Lisa*, took the questions in stride.

The daughter of Tom and Judith Hendry, two theatre veterans, she said it took her only a week to learn the lines, she's been acting since she was 12, and she's waiting patiently for her first movie offer. If she wasn't nervous before the curtain goes up, she wouldn't do a good job, she said.

Only one student asked about the content of the play. Winnipegger Carol Matas and her husband Per Brask, adapted *Lisa* from the novel of the same name, itself a composite of several true stories. Matas has written a sequel to *Lisa*, called *Jesper*.

Hendry did a competent job in playing the 14-year-old girl who kills a German soldier on the beach while a large group of Danish Jews is awaiting rescue by a Swedish ship. Her vocal range at times failed to stretch enough to convey the depth of emotions, and her efforts were undermined by failure to shut or even dim the lights in the Philip Smith Auditorium.

Artistic director Sharon Enkin said the company has presented *Lisa* 15 times in Toronto. It will be presented at Har Zion Temple in December.

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From coast to coast

Debate weighs pros, cons of peace process

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Two distinguished North American Jewish leaders heatedly debated the Arab-Israeli peace process recently.

Stephen Cohen of Montreal, founder of the Montreal-based Centre for Middle East Peace and Development and president of the Washington-based Centre for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, is a staunch supporter of the peace process.

He was pitted against Morton Klein of Philadelphia, president of the Zionist Organization of America. Klein recommends slowing down or suspending the peace process.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, moderated the debate at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto. An estimated 300 people attended.

Cohen argued that there is now growing support among the Arab leaders for a peaceful co-existence with Israel. Klein challenged that view, saying neither Syrian president Hafez al-Assad nor PLO leader Yasser Arafat can be trusted because neither one is serious about peace.

Cohen told *The CJN* he has played "an informal roll" in peace negotiations, working behind the scenes for the last 20 years.

He has met with all the key Arab leaders, including Assad and Arafat, to convey messages from Israeli leaders. Cohen visits Israel twice a month to continue his work in the peace negotiations.

Cohen told the audience that many moderate Arab leaders feel threatened by the growth of Islamic fundamentalism, and are establishing relations with Israel for pragmatic reasons.

These leaders recognize that peace could bring economic prosperity — U.S. economic aid hinges on peace — to the region and check the expansion of fundamentalism, he said.

Militant, anti-Semitic vision a serious threat to Israel

The fundamentalist vision is militant and anti-Semitic, and its growth is a serious threat to Israel, Cohen said. Conversely, peace in the region is a desirable outcome for Israel, he said.

Klein told the audience that Arab hatred and mistrust of Jews is strongly entrenched, and that land exchanged for peace is a grave security risk because Assad and Arafat have not proven they want a lasting peace.

Klein is the creator of the Peace Accord Monitoring Groups in the U.S. Congress, which monitors violations of the accord and links U.S. aid to the PLO with Arafat's compliance with the Israel-PLO peace accord.

According to Klein, Arafat has seriously violated the peace accord by not condemning violence against Israelis or punishing terrorists, and by not revoking the PLO covenant calling for the destruction of the state of Israel.

He said Assad, now spending 44 per cent of his country's GNP on weapons, is not even trusted by Arabs. "Assad is not a man of his word. He will do whatever is in his best interest."

But Cohen stressed the necessity of looking beyond the leaders' words to their actions. He cited Assad's decision to let the Syrian Jews leave as a concrete, positive action signifying a change in policy. But Klein called this a token gesture.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

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FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES (Ages 40-65) presents a Round Table Discussion on **Dec. 18,** 8:00 p.m. Pride of Israel Synagogue, Bathurst St. north of Finch. $5.00 Refreshments and social to follow. (416) 225-8745.

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Membership Draw & Dance
New Image 50+ Singles is having a dance on Saturday Dec. 17th, at Earl Bales Community Center, 8p.m. Paid-up membership draw, refreshments, prizes. DJ Phil Allenbick. Members $5, non-members $7. Everybody is welcome. Come & enjoy!

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Regal Fliegel is presenting its 2nd Singles NTN Trivia Night. Win prizes and have lots of fun. 1118 Center St. Thornhill (905)886-8366.Call Shelli to book your space now for December 24th. Space is limited. We are now also booking for New Year's.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Due to the holiday schedule there will be no edition Dec. 29. Items that would normally appear in that issue will run Dec. 22. Deadline for the Dec. 22 issue is Thursday, Dec. 8. Deadline for the Jan. 5 issue is Thursday, Dec. 15. I am at my desk on deadline days to receive calls and sort mail. Phone, 422-2331; fax, 424-1886.

Thursday, Dec. 15

JEWISH VIEWS ON CHRISTMAS

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz, educational director, Ohr Somayach's Jewish Learning Exchange, will deliver a public lecture entitled Mommy, Why Don't We Have a Tree?: Jewish Views on Christmas and Christianity, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. W.;, Thornhill. Admission $5. For information call (905) 886-5730.

Friday, Dec. 16

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

A free concert featuring traditional songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, works on Jewish themes by **Handel, Verdi, Weinzweig** and international folk songs will be given by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, 12 noon-1 p.m., in the Atrium of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Front and John Streets.

Saturday, Dec. 17

SHABBAT SERVICE WORKSHOPS

Downtown Reform Minyan is holding a mini-series of workshops conducted by **Arthur Benjamin** on the Structure of Reform Shabbat Services, Shabbat Melodies and Leadership Guidelines, beginning 1 p.m., Bloor JCC, main lounge. Preceding the workshops the regular Shabbat service will be conducted by **Rabbi Danny Gottlieb** starting 10 a.m. followed by kiddush. For pre-recorded information call (905) 844-4185 or for specific questions call 422-1266 or 694-0556.

Sunday, Dec. 18

TERRACE GARDENS BAZAAR

Terrace Gardens Retirement Home, 3705 Bathurst St. is holding a bazaar, noon-4 p.m. featuring clothing, books, glassware, baked goods and toys.

THE SHPEELERS

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present a musical evening, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sisterhood Hall, featuring the music of the Shpeelers. Members $3, guests, $4. Proceeds to Boys' Town Jerusalem. Patrons $25, sponsors $18, include admission for two.

FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES

A round-table discussion for singles ages 40-65 will be held 8 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cr. Refreshments and social follow discussion. Admission $5. Call 225-8745.

Monday, Dec. 19

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

Next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets, 7:30 p.m. library, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For more information call, in confidence, 763-9111.

PURPOSE OF CREATION

Dr. Jonathan Ostroff will discuss understanding the reason for creation, 8 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St. 785-5899.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

SORCERY AND THE OCCULT

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks of Kehillat Shaarei Torah continues the series on Classical Selections from Maimonides, 8 p.m., 2640 Bayview Ave. Tonight's topic is Sorcery and the Occult.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society presents The Family Tree of the Jewish Nation and its Genetic Diseases featuring **Dr. Joe Clark**, division of Clinical Genetics, Hospital for Sick Children, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information call 256-1985.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA GROUP

The next meeting of the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group is at 7:30 p.m., new City Hall. Meetings include guest speakers, presentations, group sharing, support and information. Call **Antoinette Dunn**, 766-8134 for information.

LEARN TO DAVEN

Pride of Israel Synagogue's next Learn to Daven and How to Read Hebrew class will be at 7-8:15 p.m. at the synagogue, 59 Lissom Cr. Call 226-0111 for information.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

YOUNG WOMEN OF THE '90s

Women in their early 20s are invited to get in on the ground floor of a new chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada, an organization committed to women and women's issues. Call **Eileen**, 630-9313.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Earl Bales Seniors Club, Earl Bales Park, Bathurst and Sheppard, needs helpers to set up for daytime bingo, move chairs and do general maintenance work. Call the Volunteer Centre, 631-6117.

WINTER HEBREW ULPAN

People of all ages can improve their intermediate Hebrew conversational skills in a fun and exciting environment through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles. Winter Ulpan, led by **Yael Lev**, runs for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday, Jan. 4. Cost is $130. Call 398-6931.

Children's Playgroup

The Morris Winchevsky Schools' second session of its Infants and Toddlers Playgroup for children 4-24 months begins on Jan. 9. Program features two separate groups, snacks, arts and crafts, music games and Jewish holidays presented in secular interpretation. Call 789-5502 days or **Nathalie Isaacs**, evenings, 256-1981.

JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Volunteers are needed in several capacities including library/resource assistant, fitness instructor and newsletter coordinator. For information call 787-1151 ext. 254.

MOTHERS AND ADULT DAUGHTERS

Jewish Family and Child Services is offering a Mother and Adult Daughter Educational Workshop, Jan. 18 and 25, 7-9 p.m. at the York Region office. Topics include mother-daughter relationship, myths of motherhood, communication and the struggle for independence. For information call **Gail Solish** or **Penny Appleton-Gilary**, (905) 882-6750.

HIGH BEGINNER HEBREW

University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies is offering a Hebrew course for those who have completed an introductory course in Hebrew or have basic Hebrew skills, Wednesdays, Jan. 25-March 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For information call 978-3800, fax 978-6666 or register in person at the registration office, main floor, 158 St. George St.

DISCOVERY SEMINAR

A Jewish educational experience, The Discovery Seminar, will be held Friday, Dec. 23, 3:30 p.m. through Sunday Dec. 25, 2 p.m., Maple Lake Resort. Cost including meals and lodge accomodations is $180, and $140 for dormitory accomodations. Babysitting available. Transportation arranged. Call Aish HaTorah, 636-7530 for information and registration.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Itta Zeisler recently established an educational scholarship at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, in the name of her and her late husband's parents, called the Eliezer Solomon and Rose Zeisler and Samuel and Leah Waller and Families Scholarship Fund.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins Jan. 30; Single Parent Challenge, begins Jan. 25; Successful Step-Parenting, begins Feb. 6; Living with Teens, begins Feb. 8. For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

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SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Jewish Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Jan. 16-April 24, 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Jan 17-April 25, 7:30-9 p.m. The promise is that beginners will speak, read, write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Beginners' course instructor is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Teaching staff also includes **Dina Eylon, Ivetta Ilakovan** and **Yael Milman.** Free introductory lessons for beginners, 787-0197.

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Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave. holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 4:35 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information call **David**, 256-1600.

VOLUNTEER AT BAYCREST

Baycrest Centre has positions available to

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suit any volunteer. The Volunteer Services Department has information about working in such areas as meals on wheels, recreational activities, tour guides, occupational/physiotherapy, cafe. Volunteers in Palliative Care Unit are given training sessions and ongoing workshops. Call 785-2500 ext. 2572.

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

North York chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario needs people to help with its 1995 campaign. Volunteer positions are available for people willing to coordinate, lead or canvass their neighborhoods and assist with pre-canvass preparations. Call **Tracey Beaulne**, 449-0838 or drop by the office at 220 Duncan Mills Rd. between Sheppard and York Mills off Don Mills.

KOLEL SPRING SEMESTER

Brochures are now ready for the spring semester at Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Courses go from basic Doing Jewish to more advanced Bereshit in Hebrew with commentaries, and include Rabbinic History, Biblical Hebrew, Women in the Tanach, Talmud, Exodus, Jewish Theology, Modern Jewish Theology, Modern Jewish Thought and more. For brochure, call (905) 709-1900.

SENIOR CARE

Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) needs volunteer drivers for its Meals on Wheels program for two hours, one morning a week. Volunteer visitors are also needed to bring warmth and companionship to a lonely, homebound senior. For information on both positions call **Arnold Foss**, 635-2860.

CALL A NEWCOMER

Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261 for information or to apply.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. For information call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880.

USDS TREKKERS

United Synagogue Day School trekkers appear in character at the Middle School Star Trek Dance, when Bathurst campus students hosted Bayview students. Included in the price of admission was a donation of warm winter wear to the Just a Second Shop, an arm of the Jewish Family and Child Service and Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. Pictured are Tamar Szmuilowicz (l) and Rebecca Colman.

for seniors

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group for people 55 plus is sponsoring a panel discussion on Education: The Turbulent Years, featuring a teacher, student and principal on Sunday December 18, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. No charge.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information call 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dances are Jan. 8 and 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dances are on Dec. 17 and 24, 7-10 p.m., members free, non-members $1. Next movie, Wednesday Dec. 28, 2 p.m. *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. New Years Eve dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Members $30, non-members $35. *Showboat*, Wednesday, Jan. 11, members $50, limited seats. Bingo every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. For information call 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning a Florida trip. Hotels being considered are Saxony and Crown. For information on all activities call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. features **Richard Bassett** a social worker and Yiddish activist in the Jewish community who will talk about how money affects values and lives, Thursday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m.

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Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Friendship Circle for people 55 plus and on their own is having a lecture with **Len Rubenstein**, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Topic is The Challenge and the Conquest.

On Thursday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m., La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents An Alternative Therapy — Magnetism with **Wayne Dickie** and **Helena Hart**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

About People

LIEFF COMPETITION AWARD

Marlene Shiner, a third year Osgoode Hall law student is the recipient of the first prize award in the 16th annual Lieff Competition. The competition, established in recognition of the contribution to Family Law by the Honorable Justice Abraham Lieff, is open to all law students at any recognized law school in Canada as well as to any lawyer and member of any Bar Association in Canada.

Competitors were asked by the Family Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association to submit an essay on topics concerning Family Law. Shiner's paper dealt with the seldom discussed issue of children's rights in the matrimonial home during divorce.

ALPHA EPSILON PI DIRECTOR

Daniel Debow of Willowdale, is the first Canadian undergraduate to be elected undergraduate director of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity's board of directors. In this position, Debow is a link between the undergraduates and the volunteer alumni board.

Debow, who will graduate this year from the University of Western Ontario has been active in his community, fraternity and university. For six months he volunteered as a first aid attendant at St. John's Hospital in Toronto. For his involvement in the fraternity, he was awarded the outstanding undergraduate ring at the '94 Convention and at the Western Ontario chapter, he was recognized as the Most Dedicated Brother and the Most Active Brother.

SPEAKER FROM HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Dr. Barry Chazan (left) of Hebrew University of Jerusalem spoke recently at a program co-sponsored by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation and the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada. Shown with Chazan are Elaine Lightstone, Beth David continuing education chair, and Stan Rosenthall, Institute education chair.

NA'AMAT PRESIDENT VISITS CANADA

Na'amat Canada was the first of Na'amat's network of 13 countries around the world to receive a visit from the newly elected president of Na'amat Israel, Ofra Friedman, at its annual national board meeting. From left, Erika Bloom; Etty Danzig, president, Na'amat Canada; Friedman; Maria Minna, MP; Rhona Blanshay.

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Jerusalem Kibbutz offers Jewish work/study program

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Only three months after receiving smichah, Rabbi Danny Schonbuch, 27, is on his way to realizing his goals.

"I want to spend my life teaching and trying to create a revolution in the Jewish world," he said in a recent interview.

"Amongst students specifically, I want to change the way the average non-committed student relates to Judaism. Judaism has tremendous depth and excitement. I hope I can show students that [they can have] a personal connection with Judaism."

Rabbi Schonbuch, who was born in New York and moved to Toronto with his family at age 8, completed his rabbinical studies in August at Yeshivat Knesset Beth Eliezer in Jerusalem, where he now lives. He also has a bachelor's degree in education from the Talmudic University of Florida.

His educational and rabbinic training will come into play as a teacher/counsellor for Jerusalem Kibbutz, a new work-study program for 18- to 30-year-olds. Rabbi Schonbuch was in Toronto recently promoting the program.

The idea behind Jerusalem Kibbutz was to create a "Jewish peace corps" in the Old City, said Rabbi Schonbuch.

Rabbi Danny Schonbuch

The brainchild of Rabbi Natan Greenberg, a former Hillel rabbi in Los Angeles, the Jerusalem Kibbutz has a staff of four. Its first program, for about 20 participants, is scheduled to run from Dec. 20 to Jan. 4.

Mornings will be spent on volunteer work projects, such as rebuilding ruins or doing home renovations for residents of West Jerusalem. Afternoons will be devoted to educational programming, including touring and seminars.

The Jewish view of love, relationships, bioethics and the environment are among the issues to be addressed. Touring and Shabbat programming are also part of the package.

The program costs $479 (US), including airfare from New York to Israel. It has been subsidized by individuals, Rabbi Schonbuch said.

The Jerusalem Kibbutz is geared to people with a limited Jewish background, he noted. Rabbi Schonbuch himself is from a traditional Conservative family and is a baal teshuvah (as is his wife, Daniella, a native of Vancouver whose mother, Sheila Anzarut, is immediate past president of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver).

Rabbi Schonbuch was the founder of NAHON (North American High School Organization Network) when he was a a Grade 10 student at North Toronto Collegiate. NAHON was modeled on Network Canada, the national Jewish student group known for its activism and confrontation of issues affecting the Jewish community. Rabbi Schonbuch credits Network with influencing his own life and vocation.

For more information about the Jerusalem Kibbutz, call 416-665-2511 or e-mail to to heritage @ jerusalem1.data serv.co.il.

Seniors' use of drugs examined

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A patient who brought in a shopping bag full of 35 different medications ended up using only one of them — eye drops — after she was given a thorough examination, Dr. Michael Gordon, vice-president of Baycrest Medical Services, told a meeting here recently.

In another case, a 78-year-old had his medications drastically reduced, and although disoriented and confused when admitted, he was able to function normally for three years once most of the drugs were stopped.

Speaking on the topic, Drugs in the elderly, how do we get value for our money? Gordon said overmedication for the elderly is one reason for a cost of more than $1 billion a year to the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program.

Gordon was one of the participants at the Dr. Ira Pollock clinic day on issues in geriatric medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, attended by physicians and health care workers.

Another factor in the big drug bill is the filling of prescriptions monthly, with a dispensing fee each time, when in many cases a new prescription is not required monthly, Gordon said.

Challenged by two audience members who said it may be risky to give a six-month supply of drugs to frail and elderly patients, Gordon replied: "Many thousands of healthy, well-functioning people go every month to have prescriptions renewed."

Asked by a woman in the audience what she should do if the pharmacist wants to issue the drug monthly even if the prescription is for a longer period, he said, "It's okay if they don't charge a dispensing fee each time."

One audience member complained that a pharmacist said the drug had to be renewed monthly "to ensure a fresh supply."

A community hospital geriatrician said he was "deeply offended" by officials at the ODB program who wanted to change his prescriptions.

A "colossal" cost to the ODB program of drugs never used was cited by one participant. Gordon agreed, saying, "The cost of the drug is only a small part of the total cost to the system."

Gordon said, "It is possible to give a nine-months supply on one prescription. The repeat prescription habit is very costly. I suggest physicians address this problem with the question, 'Is there any reason not to give a multiple prescription?' "

Both Gordon and Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum, Baycrest consultant in rheumatology, agreed that it is often wise to give elderly patients opiates at night to help them sleep, but that patients have to guard against using stronger drugs all the time for this purpose.

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From coast to coast

Hebrew U fosters leadership in overseas students, says vice-provost

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Israel Roi, vice-provost of the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, attended the recent General Assembly of Jewish Federations in Denver, he met a lot of alumni.

Overseas students have studied at the Hebrew U since 1925, and in formal programs since 1955. The Rothberg School dates back to 1971.

"I met people from the first program in 1955 up to and including last year," Roi said of the community leaders he met in Denver.

"[It's] amazing. We're doing something that has a major impact on the Jewish community worldwide."

Roi, in Toronto recently, said some of the school's programs now have a leadership development component.

"It's a very common thing to hear people talk about [the Hebrew University] changing their lives. It's such an intensive experience," he said.

In addition to the one-year study program for overseas students, the Rothberg School offers preparatory programs for olim. There are close to 100 Canadians among the 1,000 overseas students at the school, and most courses are accredited by Canadian universities. An additional 500 students are enrolled in the preparatory program, some just considering aliyah.

Israel Roi

Roi, 58, is himself an alumnus of the Hebrew University, where he completed a master's degree in Jewish history in the early 1960s. A native of London, England, he took his undergraduate degree at Oxford before making aliyah in 1959.

One of the reasons for Roi's visits to Toronto and Vancouver was to meet parents of Rothberg School students. In his 20 years as vice-provost, he has seen an increasing parental awareness of the "Jewish identity component" associated with a year of study in Israel.

Often the distance to Israel causes parental concern, although that has been lessened with the advent of e-mail and with the installation of individual phones in student dormitories. "Many students are in touch on a regular and sometimes even a daily basis through e-mail," Roi said.

The school recently inaugurated its first formalized graduate program taught in English and is awaiting construction of a new building, which was dedicated in September. The current building, which dates back to the 1930s, is inadequate for the school's growing student population. The new building should be completed within three years.

The vice-provost encourages students to seriously consider spending a year studying in Israel.

"This is the ideal time of life to do it. [If you're looking for] enrichment, roots, identity, to do this within what we hope and believe is a first-rate academic program is the sort of opportunity we think is a shame to forego."

BOXING DAY COMES EARLY

Boxing day has come a little early this year for more than 500 students at the Associated Hebrew Schools as they prepare for their move to the new Atkinson campus on Jan. 3. Having attended classes in portables at the back of the Promenade Shopping Mall on Clark Avenue in Thornhill, these eager students and their teachers are looking forward to the comforts of a modern school. When full occupied in September 1995, the Atkinson campus will serve nearly 1,200 students and faculty. Seen (from left) grade 1 students from the portables Steven Biner, teacher Ruth Parker, Elanna Nussbaum and Brandon Farb help pack up. [Randy Spiegel photo]

TODAY'S UJA

1995 Campaign Update

Ten, nine, eight, seven ... It's the Campaign countdown as we call contributors by the hundreds to finalize 1995 gifts. Your pledge alone is enough to secure funding for vital services. The official campaign may come to a close when December ends, but there's never a time limit on Jewish needs.

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UJA donations, for example, have played a special role in assisting Syrian Jewry. Since Spring 1992, Syria has allowed individual Jews to leave, but not entire families. They cannot travel directly to Israel, so they first emigrate elsewhere - usually, the United States. Those who choose Israel, fly from the U.S. So far this year, the UJA funded Jewish Agency has spent about $1.1 million to better the lives of Syrian olim. According to Agency reports, most of the Syrian immigrants are in difficult financial circumstances and require ongoing UJA support.

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Today's UJA offers a Mazel Tov fit for a Federation President to ***Bernie Ghert*** and his wife ***Judi*** on their first grandchild. He's a boy, ***Amitai***, born to ***Renee Ghert Zand*** and husband ***Joel***. Bernie, by the way, is also a former UJA co-chairmen.

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While we're dispensing Mazel Tovs, here's to dutiful, diligent and now delighted Women's Campaign canvasser ***Doreen Manly*** and her husband, ***Sheldon***. They're delighted because son ***Stephen*** recently married ***Sharon Domb***.

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What does a student do after Hebrew U? The answer is obvious - become involved with UJA. That's what ***Risa Rochwerg*** is doing, encouraged by her mother ***Marlene***, a veteran Women's campaigner.

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UJA's Lawyers Division has taken a more scholarly approach to Campaign '95 and the verdict is positive. The division, chaired by ***Earl Altman*** and ***Sheldon Disenhouse*** conducted four ***Lunch 'n' Learn*** sessions led by ***Jonathan Livny***, a prominent Israeli lawyer and West Bank judge. ***Lunch 'n' Learn*** was one of the motivations for UJA's legal mavens to round up a million dollars in pledges.

Lawyers Division co-chairs Sheldon Disenhouse (L) and Earl Altman.

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This summer, after UJA co-chairs ***Robert Masters*** and ***Wendy Eisen*** visited ancient Oguz in distant Azerbaijan, they returned with exuberant news about the small Jewish community there. The Jews of Oguz have managed to survive for thousands of years in this mountain town. Many of them are still farmers, who speak a local language called Tatit. The town's 170 year old synagogue re-opened in August, thanks to the Joint Distribution Committee, and the Jewish Agency is very active in the area. Oguz is another symbol of UJA's influence in every corner of the world.

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JF&CS' Wolfe has seen Jewish problems grow

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Jewish Family and Child Service president Garry Foster (left) recently presented a silk screen entitled Dor L'Dor to JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe for 13 years of service to the agency.

TORONTO — A lot has happened during Gordon Wolfe's 13 years as executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) — much of it decidedly unpleasant.

Increased rates of domestic violence, family breakdown, unemployment, divorce and poverty — aspects of modern life that, despite denial and downplaying, exist in the Jewish community — have given the usually unflappable Wolfe more than a few gray hairs and sleepless nights.

Or as he puts it, "we deal with the community's tzuris. Considering the nature of the beast, most people who come to us are not happy."

But judging by its reputation, expanded services and statistics, JF&CS sees many clients leaving at least satisfied.

Wolfe, now in his bar mitzvah year at the agency's helm, looks back on a much-changed community.

"Thirteen years ago, Jewish continuity was unheard of," he told *The CJN* in a wide-ranging interview. "Families had two parents, 2.3 children and people worked. That arrangement no longer exists on the scale it once did."

Neither does the JF&CS Wolfe came to in 1981. Today, the outfit is one of Metro's largest social service agencies, with a budget of well over $1 million, a staff of 100, 60 of whom are social workers, and services geared to just about any problem.

Those include some of the touchiest — incest, child abuse and spouse assault. Indeed, if there's one societal issue Wolfe would have to call the Jewish community's most pressing, it's violence in the home.

"Our community is horrified at the mere thought of abuse," Wolfe says. "We do it in fewer numbers than the general community, but it happens. It's there."

In 1980, JF&CS received Children's Aid Society status, meaning it's a full-fledged child protection agency. Today, 10 to 15 per cent of cases involve child protection. Six years ago, the community's secretly-located two-room shelter for abused women opened.

As well, JF&CS has teamed up with two other agencies and set up the Metro Special Committee on Child Abuse, whose main thrusts are prevention and assistance.

Wolfe's tenure has also been marked by an alarming rise in the unraveling of the traditional family structure. Ten per cent of Jewish families in Metro are headed by a single parent, 90 per cent of those by women.

Then there is rising divorce, remarriage and step-families. "I've noticed over the years," Wolfe says, "that all this has had a significant impact on children. Parents get on with their lives, but the kids still reel."

The Jewish community is not immune to these and other trends. "It's been hard to hold up the ideal of the Jewish family. The struggle has been to maintain our value system and at the same time, to accept the fraying of the Jewish family.

"The best example of that is the gay community and more gay families. That clashes with our values and traditions, but it's out there."

As is poverty. Fully one-third of JF&CS's caseload involves financial assistance, which tops up the income of families living at or below the poverty line. In all, the agency this year will handle roughly 3,200 cases, of which half are ongoing. Forty per cent of cases are repeat clients. And remarkably, there's no waiting list.

Wolfe has also overseen increased outreach to the Orthodox community, which at one point was considering its own, separate social service agency, and to Jews living north of Steeles Avenue. Four years ago, a York Region branch of JF&CS opened in the Promenade Mall.

These days find the agency in the midst of its fourth strategic planning review. For the first time, Wolfe says, "we're asking our clients what they want." Answer: good social workers.

The biggest challenge facing Wolfe and JF&CS is to keep evolving. "No other agency in Ontario combines child welfare, mental health and family services. We'll just have to keep responding to new needs as they emerge."

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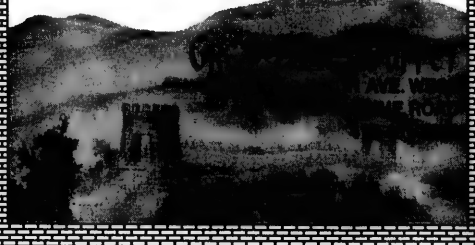

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In the past, this package was available only by special order from the United States. Toronto-based software distributor Massey Canada is importing it.

Dagesh comes in two versions: Dagesh 1.1 and Dagesh Lite, a full-function package for students.

Dagesh is made by Kivun Computers, the company which created the Hebrew version of Windows for Microsoft.

For more information, call 1-800-661-1440 or 416-661-3090.

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New President at Retail Council

TORONTO — Diane Brisebois is the new president of the Retail Council of Canada (RCC) effective Jan. 1, 1995, announced chair Gary Lewis.

Brisebois was executive vice-president of the Canadian Office Products Association (COPA) for 14 years.

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Self-Employment Training Program

TORONTO — A training program to assist entrepreneurs in starting a business, co-ordinated by Self Employment Development Initiatives (SEDI), is showing oustanding success.

Best estimates indicate a 100 per cent return on investments.

SEDI was launched in Toronto in April 1993 to train those on unemployment insurance. The program of organized training and business counselling is funded by Human Resources Development Canada and the end product is mutual responsibility.

Participants ultimately come off unemploument benefits and contribute to the economy by generating sales, paying taxes and providing employment for others.

For more information, call 416-694-2351.

Hi-tech jobs are found in Israel

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — With Israeli companies in the hi-tech fields growing at an average rate of 10 per cent a year, there are plenty of job opportunities for computer professionals and engineers.

Many in Israel have the qualifications to fill the new positions, but talented people from the Diaspora with the appropriate experience will get jobs, said Matti Alush of Softel, an Israeli software company based in Jerusalem.

Alush was one of three representatives who spoke at a recent hi-tech seminar sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre, the consulate of Israel's Department of Returning Israelis and Har Hotzvim.

Founded at the beginning of 1993, Softel hoped to increase its staff to 55 from 45 by the end of this year, but so far has been unsuccessful in filling the openings. By the end of 1995, the company is expected to have 80 employees.

Alush said they need mid-level programmers with a few years' experience.

He suggested that job candidates bring a program they have created or a design document with them to interviews. He said he is often greeted with a look of surprise when he asks for work samples.

Softel and other Israeli companies have recently been headhunting in in cities in Canada and the Unites States.

For local interviews, Softel, Enco, Har Hotzvim and Teva Pharmaceutical selected candidates from the 70 resumes they received from Toronto's Israel Aliyah Centre.

Jose Barak of the Enco group of companies said there are openings for civil engineers at Encosytems and for marketing staff at Encotone.

An engineering firm with a staff of 80, Encosystems specializes in designing hi-tech facilities for companies. They have created a hi-tech facility for the Weizmann Institute and environments for companies that manufacture semi-conductors for microprocessors.

Encosystems, Barak said, would like to recruit a department manager, civil designers and piping designers. "All of the positions require very good skills in computing design," he added.

Encotone, founded two years ago, has developed a technology that can provide security for remote services such as voicemail and banking by telephone. The company's technology, Barak said, works with an "ever-changing code which cannot be stolen, which can provide secure indentification and can prevent impersonation."

He said the company needs a marketing department head and staff to develop a strategy for marketing the technology.

Yermi Agrat, who interviewed candidates for jobs at companies located in Har Hotzvim, said there are some 150 hi-tech companies in the 15-year-old Jerusalem industrial park. They include INTEL Electronics Ltd., the Digital Technical Centre and ECI Telecom Ltd.

"Our goal is to locate promising entrepreneurs who have ideas or protoypes that might become, within a reasonable period, startups which have some value to propose to the market," said Agrat.

An organization at Har Hotzvim, the HiTEC Technology Entrepreneurship Centre, helps entrepreneurs develop, manufacture and market their hi-tech products by offering technical, managerial and business support; loans of up to $50,000 (US); ready access to government bodies in Israel; and space for project activities at the centre along with office services. Entrepreneurs are expected to have a product ready for marketing within two years.

Of the 300 entrepreneurs that have applied to HiTEC for assistance in the 2½ years of its existence, Agrat said 14 have so far been approved.

HiTEC takes a five to 10 per cent equity position in each company it sponsors, as well as finance fees — if the project gets money from a venture capital fund or private investor — and royalties. It also asks companies to pay rental and office service expenses at cost prices.

Currently HiTEC is financed mainly by public money but Agrat said it hopes to cut the cord once companies begin to succeed.

For HiTEC application forms, call Ehud Savion at the Israel Aliyah Centre (416) 633-4766.

Corporate ethics discussed

TORONTO — Ed Waitzer, the chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission, was not sure that his audience at a recent wine and cheese party wanted to hear his thoughts on the weighty topic of ethics in the context of corporate governance.

"Corporate governance is a subject that is interesting to lawyers," he said at the event held by the Young Professionals Network of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. "It may be interesting to some of you who are in managerial roles, particularly in the financial services sector."

The 40-year-old lawyer addressed an enthusiastic audience in the downtown boardroom of Dynamic Mutual Funds, speaking about the corporate sector's ability to reform itself without government intervention, and the morality of the enterprise community.

Years ago, he said, the U.S. government mandated car manufacturers to increase energy efficiency in automobiles, without imposing regulations that set out exactly how they were to accomplish this goal. Initially, auto industry leaders balked, citing increased costs, job losses and the stunting of industry growth as the reasons for their opposition.

"The corporate sector, not surprisingly, found all sorts of ways to reduce costs by developing new manufacturing techniques, as opposed to the kinds of things that environmental legislation was promoting at the time, which were waste and emission treatment standards," Waitzer said.

"And what happened was that the drive to increase the efficiency of the product led to the creation of new jobs, led to better products, led to increased competiveness, as opposed to [increasing] costs on the system, which would have happened if the way to get to the result had been simply by regulation."

Waitzer added that the phasing out of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) is a more recent example of how corporations have successfully reformed themselves. "What happened was, business was told, 'phase it out,' and business ended up coming up with substitutes, and ended up increasing efficiency, saving money."

As shareholders, he said, church groups and other organizations served as gadflies, campaigning for corporations to take greater social responsibility. Their initiatives were resisted by the corporate sector, but time has legitimized most of their concerns without the need for any intrusive regulation.

"A lot of the issues that the churches and other gadfly groups were making a big deal about even 10 years ago are now commonly accepted by CEOs, and really part of the corporate culture."

When institutional shareholders became active, particularly in the takeover defence area, management intially resisted, Waitzer said, but in short order a wide range of institutional investor concerns were legitimized without regulation and are now commonly accepted.

"The strength of the corporate sector," he said, " has always been its ability to incrementally reform itself along a whole host of areas, but always at the margins; so you never really see the process of reform until you sit back and say, 'Look at what's happened in the last 10 years,' and you all of a sudden realize that major changes have taken place, but none of them were visible along the way."

Waitzer noted that the debate on corporate governance has operated on the assumption that better governance practices will improve corporate performance; yet there is little empirical evident to that effect. "The few studies that have been done are quite inconclusive in terms of correlating better governance with better corporate competitiveness or better managerial performance.

"What I learned from that is the concerns are probably more a reflection of values than an economic or managerial challenge."

Governance practices currently being advocated — independent directors, audit committees, the ability of boards to delegate to committees, separating the role of the chairman from the CEO — came from the corporate community and have largely been implemented without the need for intrusive regulation, but there is still resistance to them.

"The risk of some of the resistance is that if you resist it too much you then create a situation where politicians do feel the need to intervene, because sooner or later there's a crisis and typically their interventions are motivated by political expediencies rather than rational solutions. They're catering to a particular constituency or they're responding to a crisis and the tendency is to overreact," said Waitzer."

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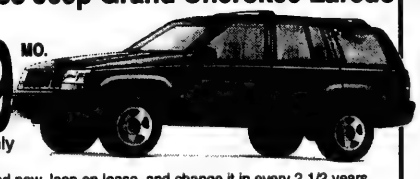
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There are more than 350 coupons in the Tots to Teens book, covering products and services offered in the Greater Toronto area from Oakville to Pickering, and north to Richmond Hill. The books are valid until the end of 1995, and retail for $22.00 plus G.S.T.

In the Metropolitan Toronto area, there are over 1,000,000 children. Parents are therefore spending a good deal of money on necessities and entertainment for these children, especially at this gift giving time of the year. As the economy opens up, people are more willing to spend, but they want the best possible value, and have a keen eye for savings.

The Tots to Teens coupon book is sold through charities for fundraising. Among the participants to date are B'nai B'rith, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Pride of Israel, Baycrest Hospital, Alpha Omega, Beth Sholom, Hadassah and ORT, with more synagogues and organizations expected to join. There are also 150 retail outlets selling Tots to Teens who are making a donation to Ronald McDonald House, Starlight Foundation, and Variety Village for each coupon book sold.

Tots to Teens offers the retailer a chance to participate in the coupon book, which is also a parents' reference guide to quality children's products and services. By aiming at parents as a target market, the retailer broadens his customer base and creates word-of-mouth referrals for his company, taking advantage of broad distribution through schools, charities, community groups, large corporations and retail outlets across Greater Toronto.

While similar coupon books have been launched successfully in the U.S.,Tots to Teens is one of the first ventures of its kind in the Toronto area. It is also a first for manager Phyllis Lynas, who is very excited about it and looking forward to its success. Tots to Teens is a family owned and operated company, whose members have experience in entertainment, health care and business administration.

Anyone interested in purchasing the Tots to Teens coupon savings book may telephone (905) 509-5140 or fax (905) 509-5141.

Canadian Superstars featured at New Year's Eve Gala

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A further development is the creation of a middle division. In September, 1995, Grade 7 will be moving to join Grade 8 and 9 on the east side of Mount Pleasant and opportunities for curriculum development in this division are being explored.

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Canada declines invitation to join observer force

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Canada has rejected an appeal to join an international observer force in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, but has agreed to take part in a peace-keeping force on the Golan Heights if asked to do so by Israel and Syria.

Canada is one of seven countries recently asked by Israel and the PLO to participate in a 400-member observer force in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. However, Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during his recent visit to Ottawa that Canada would not join the observer force.

"Canada has no particular expertise in this area," explained Canadian Ambassador to Israel Norman Spector, adding that Rabin did not seem disappointed by Canada's response.

In the past, Israel has been unwilling to allow international forces to operate in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but agreed to a "temporary international presence" in Gaza and Jericho when it signed the Declaration of Principles and the Cairo Agreement with the PLO. In the aftermath of the Hebron massacre, Israel also reluctantly consented to permit such a force to operate in Hebron for three months.

According to an Oct. 23 draft agreement — initialed by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath — the new observer force would be stationed in Jericho and seven Palestinian population centres in the Gaza Strip. It would consist of non-military personnel who would carry pistols for self-defence, and not interfere in the activities of Israeli security or Palestinian police. The force would report to the Palestinian Authority and "help promote stability and encourage economic development."

The vague mandate of the observer force is reportedly one reason for Canada's reluctance to join.

Israeli experts say members of the force could be exposed to danger.

"There is so much pent-up frustration and violence in the Gaza Strip that foreign observers could become the target of attacks," said Dr. Mark Heller of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

Only country to reject request

"The members of the international observer force in Hebron were lucky to complete their mandate without any injuries," said Dr. Gerald Steinberg, a defense expert at Bar Ilan University's BESA Centre. "But in Hebron the Israeli army exercised complete military control. In Gaza, there is no clear rule of law. The situation is much more uncertain. So observer forces could easily become hostages and targets for terrorism," he said.

Canada is the only country to date which has rejected the request to join the force. Norway and Turkey have agreed to participate, while the other countries invited to join have not yet responded.

A Norwegian source suggested that the international force would have only a limited observation role. "Their really important work would be in development and in providing general assistance to the Palestinians," he said, noting that the force would consist of engineers and other experts in civilian fields.

Spector said Rabin was "extremely pleased" with Canada's readiness to send peace-keeping troops to the Golan Heights if an accord is reached with Syria.

"Prime Minister Rabin was told by Foreign Minister Ouellet that if and when there is a request for Canada to join a peace-keeping force on the Golan Heights, Canada would be prepared to participate," said Spector.

The Israeli prime minister was unable to obtain such a commitment from the United States during his recent visit there. Members of Israel's right wing and settlement movement have been lobbying U.S. senators and congressmen to reject such a request, arguing that it could cost American lives.

Rabin's ability to convince the Israeli public to support a withdrawal from the Golan Heights depends in large part on the security guarantees he is able to obtain in any agreement with Syria. A commitment by the U.S. and other Western countries to send peace-keeping troops to the Golan could make a withdrawal more palatable to the Israeli public.

Canada already has just over 200 troops in the Israeli-Syrian buffer zone of the Golan Heights under the auspices of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), as well as 28 military personnel serving with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai.

IKEA considers franchise store for Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

LOS ANGELES — Swedish furniture manufacturer IKEA is investigating the possibility of opening a store in Israel under a franchise agreement, the company's European-based president stated last week.

In a letter to Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Anders Moberg states that IKEA "is certainly not discriminating against Israel. On the contrary, serious investigations are presently taking place in order to increase our activities in the Middle East area, including Israel."

Moberg also states that "for years IKEA has purchased various products from Israel, including textiles and plastics. We expect such trade will expand considerably next year and in the years to come."

Moberg denied that IKEA ever complied with the Arab boycott of Israel or that the furniture company discriminated against the Jewish state.

"It cannot be ruled out that some individual IKEA employees may have acted in a way that could be misunderstood," he added.

Moberg's letter came in the wake of media reports indicating that IKEA founder Ingvar Kamprad had associated with prominent Swedish fascists during and after World War II. The Wiesenthal Centre urged IKEA to consider expanding to Israel as a means of alleviating concerns about Kamprad's political sympathies and to dispel suggestions that the company had complied with the Arab boycott of Israel.

Rabbi Cooper met last week with IKEA's North American president Goran Carstedt in Los Angeles.

"We view this public commitment to consider establishing a presence in Israel as a concrete sign that they will pay no heed to pressures from the Damascus-based Boycott Committee in making their decisions about the Middle East market place," Rabbi Cooper said.

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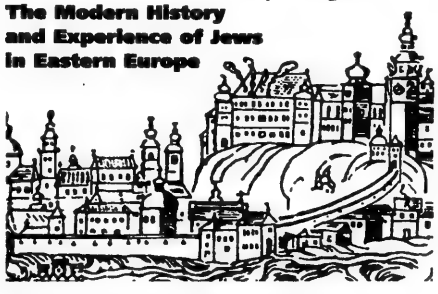

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Leading Reform rabbi comes under fire

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Uri Regev, a leading civil rights activist and Reform rabbi here, has come under fire for a letter he wrote a year ago to a Canadian lawyer attesting to instances of alleged religious discrimination against intermarried couples in Israel.

The letter was solicited from Rabbi Regev to help determine whether a particular family of immigrants to Israel from the former Soviet Union could be granted refugee status in Canada on grounds of religious discrimination in Israel.

The incident follows headline news last summer that hundreds of Israeli immigrants from the former Soviet Union have been admitted to Canada as refugees based on claims of religious discrimination here.

The claims and recriminations resulted in a day-long hearing in Montreal on the matter of Israeli refugees.

Canadian government officials have since responded to Israeli diplomatic protests by claiming that Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), which hears refugee claims, is an arm's length body.

Canada continues to admit Israeli citizens — most of them originally from the Soviet Union — as refugees. Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 of this year, the IRB granted refugee status to 344 Israeli citizens and denied it to 445. An estimated 2,000 Israeli citizens still await a hearing.

In his letter of November 1993 on behalf of the Grosman family, who had applied for refugee status in Canada, Rabbi Regev concluded, "The situation of the family in Israel would be truly undesirable and demeaning and would deprive them of basic civil and human rights."

The husband, Yuri Grosman, is Jewish and his wife, Olga, is not.

Rabbi Regev is the director of the Religious Action Centre in Israel, which, among other things, runs advocacy centers throughout the country for new immigrants.

He is also an attorney and key legal combatant, working through

Uri Regev

the High Court of Justice, against the monopoly of the Orthodox establishment over religious affairs in Israel.

The letter has laid Rabbi Regev open to charges that he is hurting Israel, Zionism and the Reform movement.

The furor arose earlier this month after the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* obtained a copy of Rabbi Regev's letter with the names of the individual family deleted. The letter was apparently being used as a form letter by other Israeli immigrants attempting to gain refugee status in Canada.

Rabbi Regev, who has been aware for several months that the letter was being reissued without his authorization, said he had no idea who made such "unauthorized and improper use" of his letter.

He protested its misuse in a letter to the Grosmans' attorney in Canada several months ago. In the letter, he protested "in the strongest of terms all unauthorized use of these modified letters" and demanded their "immediate cessation."

Despite his concern that the letter was being misused, Rabbi Regev said he stands by the original letter, written Nov. 15, 1993 to an Ontario lawyer in response to an inquiry about possible religious discrimination in Israel against the Grosmans and their daughter, Alissa.

In that letter, Rabbi Regev wrote that "harassment" against mixed marriages, "especially in particularly Jewish neighborhoods, is quite prevalent."

"Beyond the fact of intolerance," he wrote, those in mixed marriages and their children face "serious civil rights problems."

"The difficulties for the family would follow them from birth to death," he said. Such difficulties would range from the refusal of the Orthodox "to perform a ritual circumcision on a son," to the inability of the children to marry Jews in Israel, to the impossibility of burial together "because the cemeteries are run by Orthodox authorities who do not permit burial of a non-Jew next to a Jew and there is no civil burial alternative."

Rabbi Regev said that in answering other periodic inquiries from research coordinators for the IRB, he was careful to distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate claims of religious discrimination.

"Several times I was very clear in countering arguments that had no basis in fact" which claimed religious discrimination, Rabbi Regev said in an interview. "I was quick to set the record straight.

"On the other hand, when asked about issues confronting mixed families, I saw no reason and no way in which I could close my eyes, my ears, my mouth, and refuse, in a professional way, to clarify what the facts were," he said.

"I limited my response to those areas where, unfortunately, the problem is real and acute," he said. "My letter did not recommend that people leave Israel or be given refugee status."

Despite Rabbi Regev's distinctions, he has come under attack from government officials as well as from officials in his own Reform movement.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said in an interview in *Ha'aretz* that he regretted that Rabbi Regev had lent his stamp of authority to what he termed "an insane situation. I don't believe there's a person in Israel who deserves to be a refugee."

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, head of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international umbrella of the Reform movement, said Rabbi Regev's actions were aimed against "Zionism, the state, Judaism and the Reform movement," according to *Ha'aretz*.

Rabbi Hirsch took pains to dissociate the Reform movement from Rabbi Regev's statements.

"There is a whole debate about religion and state in Israel," said Yehiel Leket, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is responsible for bringing immigrants to Israel and also helps fund the Religious Action Centre.

"Many secular and non-Orthodox groups feel uncomfortable with the status quo, and there is a political struggle to change it," he said, referring to an arrangement which gives the Orthodox establishment exclusive authority over religious matters.

"But it is ridiculous to define someone as a refugee because of this," said Leket, who has protested to Canadian officials the practice of granting refugee status to Israeli immigrants.

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Israel, Jordan open embassies

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan officially inaugurated their respective embassies in Amman and Tel Aviv over the weekend.

At a ceremony Sunday in the Jordanian capital of Amman, officials raised the Israeli flag and installed a mezuzah at the entrance to their temporary embassy.

Israeli officials selected the Forte Grand Hotel in downtown Amman to serve as their embassy until a permanent site is chosen.

Hardly a murmur of protest was heard in the crowd, as Jordanian security men kept a few dozen demonstrators blocks away. The protesters held placards decrying the opening of the "Zionist embassy" and carried black flags.

A few hours later, a parallel opening was held in Tel Aviv for the Jordanian embassy, which will be located temporarily at the Dan Hotel.

Israel has yet to name its ambassador to Jordan but the appointment is expected by the end of the month. Until then, Ya'acov Rosen, head of the Jordanian desk at the Foreign Ministry, will oversee the embassy's operations.

On the Jordanian side, Omar Rifai, who took part in the Israeli-Jordanian peace talks and is an adviser to Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, will head the embassy until the ambassador, Marwan Muashar, arrives.

Meanwhile, officials from both countries said serious progress was being made in talks on joint economic projects.

Among the projects being discussed is a proposed "Peace Valley" resort area in the Dead Sea region.

Syrian talks to resume

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — After a 10-month hiatus, Israel and Syria will resume direct negotiations in Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher confirmed over the weekend.

The decision to renew the Washington talks, which were broken off by Syria in February following the Hebron massacre, came after Christopher returned from his sixth round of shuttle diplomacy to the Middle East this year.

Christopher gave no date for the resumption of negotiations, but he described the two sides as being "extremely serious" about returning to the bargaining table.

Israeli sources, meanwhile, said that Israel, Syria and the United States are in the process of finalizing details for expanding contacts between the Israeli and Syrian ambassadors in Washington to include senior military officers, according to the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*.

The sources said military officials from both countries would join the talks "very soon" to discuss security arrangements on the Golan Heights under an Israeli-Syrian peace agreement, Ha'aretz reported.

Israel and Syria reportedly reached agreement for military officers to secretly join the Washington talks earlier this year. But after details were leaked to the Israeli media, Syria backed out, saying it would not participate in any kind of secret contacts.

On Friday, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said Syria would not hold secret talks with Israel. He called the resumption of Washington discussions "not negotiations, but an exchange of ideas."

IDF patrol ambushed

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

HAIFA — An Israel Defence Force officer was killed and seven soldiers wounded in a Hezbollah ambush in the northern security zone on Sunday.

Four Hezbollah gunmen who carried out the ambush were killed when the soldiers charged them, despite having lost their commanding officer.

The ambush occurred while the troops, all from the Golani Brigade, were patrolling the road just three km from the border.

The Hezbollah gunmen are believed to have waited in ambush for the patrol for several hours. As the IDF troops were passing, they opened fire with anti-tank and automatic weapons.

In just over a week, two IDF soldiers have been killed and eight wounded in the northern security zone. In the same period, nine soldiers of the South Lebanon Army have been killed in separate Hezbollah attacks and several wounded.

Likud leader warns of 'explosion of terror'

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The Likud leader warned of "an explosion of terror" to come, with the Middle East in danger of becoming "one big Tehran."

The current leadership under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, he said, is steering Israel "not only toward violence and chaos but to the unravelling of the Jewish state and of Zionism."

Israel's government — like so many in the 20th century — has failed to distinguish between a real and a false peace, he said.

Netanyahu referred warmly to Jordan, where he held talks last week with King Hussein. "With Jordan, it's a real peace. They have no covenant to destroy Israel. They genuinely want peace.

"And we have the capacity to defend that peace, but only because we sit in the Jordan Valley."

He said he distrusts the intentions of both PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad. "We need genuine intentions and genuine defences," Netanyahu said.

"There are Arabs who want peace," he added, "but with a government that understands the Middle East as it really is."

To the responsive crowd, Netanyahu said, "I don't care what the *Toronto Star* says."

But the audience was advised to tune in to CBC Radio and CTV's *Canada AM* for interviews the following morning with the Likud leader.

The CJN was unable to secure an interview with Netanyahu.

Other speakers were Yechiel Leiter, director of Yesha's foreign desk, and Vickie Berglass, the former rebbetzin at Toronto's Shaarei Tefilah Congregation, now a resident of the West Bank settlement of Neve Aliza.

Both offered reasons the Diaspora should continue to help fund the settlements.

Cantor Yehuda Rottner of Toronto's Beth David B'nai Israel Congregation chanted the K'El Maleh Rachamim for Jewish victims of terror, while Yesha supporter Alex Raab lit a single memorial candle.

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Rabin, Peres, Arafat get awards

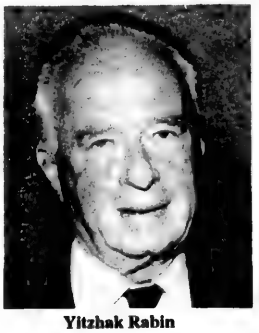
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

OSLO — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat became Nobel Peace Prize laureates on Saturday night, each expressing hope that the Israel-PLO accord would bring an end to the suffering of both peoples.

The three were scheduled to meet late on Saturday night in a bid to resolve the stalemate over implementing the next phase of the Cairo Agreement. The impasse was a reminder to all that much peacemaking still lies ahead.

Outside Oslo City Hall, where the award ceremony took place, about 150 Israelis and American Jewish protesters, including relatives of terror victims, decried the awarding of the prize to Arafat and the fact that Rabin and Peres did not boycott the ceremony.

In conferring the prize upon the three, Francis Sejersted, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said the award was also intended for those who pursue peace.



Yitzhak Rabin

Shimon Peres

Yasser Arafat

"Peace has to be perpetually won. That means that every award must contain an element of entering into a process, a process with a promise of peace," he said.

"The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded both in recognition of efforts which have been made, and to encourage still further efforts," he added. "There can be no doubt that this is also how Alfred Nobel intended the prize to work."

Both the awards and the subsequent speeches were given in alphabetical order to a crowd of some 1,000 invited guests, including members of Norway's monarchy and leaders of its government and parliament.

In his remarks, delivered in Arabic, Arafat said it was necessary to "accelerate the peace process and implement early withdrawal," including elections [in order for] peace to become a "deep-rooted reality." He also called for the release of Palestinian prisoners.

But in an unusual move, the PLO leader reached out to the Israeli public in a way he did not at last year's White House ceremony at which the Oslo accord was signed.

He said peace will allow "Arab consciousness" a "deep understanding [of] the European Jewish tragedy," and expressed hope that Jews will also understand how Palestinians have suffered.

Saying the suffering of Jews had creating a "tortured Jewish soul," he added, "no one is capable of understanding torture more than the tortured."

He declared that peace would create "neighborly relations, mutual respect, and cooperation with the Israeli people who, in return, would be enabled by peace to articulate their Middle Eastern identity by open economy and cultural exchange with its Arab neighbors."

In an equally rare statement, he declared that he hoped the Arabs of the region would create a "prosperous, democratic multi-party system."

Meanwhile, in his signature style, Peres expounded upon his hopes for a transformed Middle East, which he said he hoped would be "like Scandanavia."

Peres spoke about his youth at Kibbutz Alumot. "Today, as in my youth, I carry dreams; that the future of the Jewish people and the futures of the Middle East ... continue to plow the historical Jewish furrow in the field of the human spirit; that Israel will become the centre of our heritage, not merely a homeland for our people; that the Jewish people will be inspired by others but at the same time be to them a source of inspiration.

"The message of the Jewish people to mankind is that faith and moral vision can triumph over all adversity," Peres declared.

Rabin also reflected on his life experience, focusing on a theme of war and bereavement that has become a standard part of his oratory, the way former Prime Minister Menachem Begin would conjure up the Holocaust.

The prime minister spoke of the immense weight placed upon leaders like himself, who have to decide whether to embark upon a war, with all its human consequences.

Leaders must be guided by the "sanctity of life," Rabin said.

"As a military man, as a commander, as a minister of defence, I ordered to carry out many military operations. And together with the joy of victory and grief of bereavement, I shall always remember the moment just after taking such decisions, the hush as senior officers or cabinet ministers slowly rise from their seats; the sight of their receding backs; the sound of the closing door; and then the silence, in which I remain alone."

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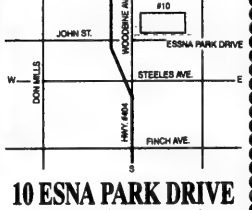

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Arts

A comprehensive look at law

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — What are the rights of students, parents, teachers and administrators in our educational system?

A recently published book, *Education Law*, by Marvin Zuker and Anthony Brown (Carswell Thomson Professional Publishing), answers this question and many more.

It is a comprehensive education law text written for educators, lawyers, parents and even students explaining their rights and responsibilities.

"The impact of the Charter [of Human Rights] on education has been enormous, including issues about minority language education, mandatory religious education, special education and students' rights," Zuker said.

"In a private or public school, staff members confront school violence, discipline, harassment, AIDS, lawsuits, family breakdown, troubled children, emergencies, the conduct of teachers and academic freedom."

Marvin Zuker

This up-to-date reference book includes sections on dress code, free speech and Pupils and the Law.

Zuker is an Ontario family court judge and executive member of the education law committee of the Canadian Bar Association (Ontario). He teaches education law at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and is also author of *The Legal Context of Education*.

Zuker has lectured to employees and teachers of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and the annual February Conference of Private Schools.

Brown is a legal counsel for the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training. He has written and lectured widely in the field and is the author of *Legal Handbook for School Administrators*.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Secret War Against The Jews: How Western Espionage betrayed the Jewish People, by John Loftus & Mark Aarons (McClelland & Stewart, $37.99).

This is an extraordinary book — even if only a portion of it is true. The authors, former American Justice Department Nazi hunter Loftus and Australian journalist Aarons, are convinced that the most powerful Western nations — especially the United States and Great Britain over the past 70 years — secretly planned to thwart the creation of Israel, and then its secure existence. Their undeviating aims were to protect oil and multinational profits and oppose the growth of the Soviet Union at every turn — goals which the existence of Israel often jeopardized.

The authors write, "We present a shameful history of racism, greed, and secret betrayal that is so sickening that it will be difficult for many Western readers to accept. On the other hand, our evidence is particularly hard to ignore."

The scope and range of this massive book is so enormous that a brief review can mention only a number of its revelations.

Nelson Rockefeller and his family, the authors make clear, shipped oil to the Nazis throughout the war and their pro-Nazi behavior was horrendous. As secretary of state for Latin American Affairs, Nelson Rockefeller had virtual control over the economy and political affairs of many of the South and Central American countries.

When the United Nations General Assembly in 1947 prepared to vote on the resolution recommending the partition of Palestine, David ben Gurion blackmailed Rockefeller. He informed him that a full dossier on his Nazi activities would be made public unless he influenced the Latin American countries to vote for partition. Rockefeller agreed and every single member of the Latin American bloc either voted for Israel or abstained.

In return, Rockefeller insisted that Jews would have to keep their mouths shut about the flow of Nazi money and fugitives to South America which he had made possible. With the fate of the Jewish state hanging in the balance, Ben Gurion had no alternative but to assent.

"Rosters of fugitive Nazis were quietly buried in the Israeli intelligence archives. Plans for presenting evidence at ongoing war crimes trails were shelved. For the next 12 years while Ben Gurion was either prime minister or defence minister, Israel never published a wanted list, never extradited a Nazi, never held a war crimes trial."

During the Six Day War in 1967, the Israeli air force and navy attacked the USS Liberty, one of the most sophisticated spy ships in the world, which was anchored off the Sinai coast. What was it doing there?

The authors are sure that it was cooperating with the British Secret Service and its electronic listening post in Cyprus in preparing a war map for Egypt that would detail the positions of all Israeli military forces. "With the Liberty's assistance, the Arabs might have been able to turn the war around to some extent or at least force an honorable stalemate."

When both sides were bloody enough the United States and Britain would step in as the peacemakers. The oil would flow and, of course, the impertinent Israelis would have to give back Jerusalem to King Hussein.

The hero of the Yom Kippur war, we learn, was the White House Chief of Staff Alexander Haig, who saved Israel from the inept blunders of Henry Kissinger. When Israel's military situation was desperate, Haig, without authorization, provided Israel with 4,000 TOW missiles which were able to destroy a moving tank three kilometres away. "The kill ratio for the TOW was 97 per cent."

The opening of the final Egyptian assault on Israel turned into a rout as the Arab tank force was cut to ribbons.

Of course, many of the book's findings are based on "confidential evidence" and although there are copious notes, hard facts are not always forthcoming. It is continually fascinating, often rings true, but one wonders, if so many powerful forces were arrayed against Israel, why is the State still alive, vigorous and flourishing?

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Arts

Practise makes perfect music

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Stanley Solomon, retired Toronto Symphony principal violist, kvells with understandable pride as he sits with his daughter Maribeth and son Lenny in Maribeth's large front room, the sun glancing off the grand piano in the corner.

He knows he is head of a remarkable musical dynasty.

In a way, it began with his father Nochem who at one time played clarinet in the Queen's Own Rifles Band and exhorted Stanley to "practise, practise, practise!"

When Maribeth and Lenny were growing up, music was simply a way of life. At home they "took bookings" over the phone for their father (their mother had died when they were quite young). Both studied piano, with Lenny going on to violin and Maribeth to flute.

Maribeth remembers: "We used to hang out at rehearsals in Massey Hall. We'd play among the instruments and talk to the musicians."

Pictured here are Stanley Soloman (standing right) with his daughter Maribeth and son Lenny.

Bubbie Ritz, their maternal grandmother, a dynamo who lived with them, boosted their every effort. She was the backbone of the family and, according to her son-in-law, the best person for them at the time.

Today, Lenny, a Juno award winner, is a top jazz violinist and Maribeth a celebrated composer/arranger.

The music that binds them also fosters individual expression. "We mould it to ourselves," says Lenny.

Stanley is the classicist. In his "retirement" he plays with the Hamilton Philharmonic and various community orchestras. Yet he encouraged Lenny's exploration of rock and jazz. He'd haunt "every dive" where Myles (Cohen) and Lenny appeared as a duo in the early years, Maribeth says.

"I would have given up if I hadn't realized that I could play popular music on the violin," Lenny adds.

Last month he was soloist in a Toronto Symphony pops concert series at Roy Thomson Hall, earning standing ovations and drawing offers from across North America. The Lenny Solomon Quintet performs at the Markham Theatre Dec. 22 and April 5, 1995, Lenny will be featured with Ofra Harnoy, Paul Kowarsky and Marc Dubois in a special benefit concert for Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital at the Four Seasons Inn on the Park.

Maribeth moves in a different direction. In partnership with her ex-husband Micky Erbe, she composes, arranges and produces music for film and television. They worked together on TV's *Street Legal* and *ENG*, and are enthusiastic about their new show, *Side Effects*.

Another major project for them is the IMAX film, *Destiny in Space*, currently at Ontario Place and their 3D IMAX film *Into the Deep*, which opened recently in New York.

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

A Billy Wilder Classic Revisited: An unstoppable juggernaut, the promotional campaign has begun for Livent Inc.'s production of *Sunset Boulevard*, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical that is expected to generate some $5 million in advance group ticket sales by year's end, 10 months before its slated opening at North York's Ford Centre for the Performing Arts.

Lloyd Webber, the 46-year-old British composer of *Cats*, *Evita* and *Phantom of the Opera*, first saw American writer-director Billy Wilder's sardonic 1950 cinematic classic *Sunset Boulevard* two decades ago, and has worked for much of the time since then to adapt the story to the stage.

Despite mixed reviews by critics, *Sunset Boulevard* has been a hit at the Adelphi Theatre in London, where the show premiered in 1993. It was later a hit in Los Angeles, and has generated unprecedented advance ticket sales of $37.5 million (US) in New York, where it opened last month, again to mixed critical reception.

The film tells the story of Joe Gillis (played by William Holden), a young down-and-out Hollywood scriptwriter who, chased by repo men, evades them by driving his car into the vacant garage of a magnificent Sunset Boulevard mansion. Invited inside, he meets Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson), a reclusive, aging silent-film star and her reverential butler Max (Erich von Stroheim). Desperate to return before the cameras, Desmond pays Gillis to move in, doctor a script, and provide other services as well. Their relationship ends in tragedy.

Lloyd Webber's musical has followed Wilder's storyline with fidelity — perhaps too much fidelity, according to some observers. "In the beginning, I was afraid they'd completely reverse the whole thing," Wilder, 88, told the *New York Times* from Beverley Hills last winter. "But they didn't. In fact, I told them maybe they stuck too close to the screenplay. Maybe they should have moved a little farther away from it."

Still, Wilder, whose other films have included *Double Indemnity* (1944), *Some Like It Hot* (1959) and *The Apartment* (1960), claimed that he was "delighted" with the Los Angeles production. This reporter, however, having recently seen the play in London, had a more mixed reaction.

Glenn Close and Alan Campbell in a scene from the New York production of Sunset Boulevard.

Yes, large chunks of it are entertaining. Yes, parts of Lloyd Webber's score are haunting and memorable, more mature than his usual throw-away pop strains. Yes, the set is an awesome neo-Gothic vision. And yes, at least one of the three leads was beguilingly good — understudy Alisa Endsley, whose on-stage resemblance to Gloria Swanson is more than passing.

But much of Wilder's wonderful subtlety and sophistication is lost in the translation from screen to stage. For instance, in the movie, a salesclerk in a menswear store *whispers* to Gillis that he shouldn't be too fussy because, after all, the lady's paying. In the musical, this is expanded into a full-blown, schlocky musical number, *The Lady's Paying*. And how keen should audiences be to listen to a deluded, suicidal Hollywood has-been who celebrates her most secret pain in song?

Wilder's dark film about Hollywood was a perfect marriage between its subject matter and the medium in which it was delivered. It was a literate, subtle and brooding tour de force. Alas, the story doesn't work nearly as well as an overblown theatrical musical. Lloyd Webber's approach, shared by director Trevor Nunn (who also staged *Les Miserables*), is to turn subtext into text, and to turn text into larger-than-life pop icons — such as Norma Desmond herself. As is the case in much modern commercial theatre, the grand spectacle is emphasized, as though today's mass audiences are unable to see things of ordinary size plainly.

As in other cities, audiences will likely rush to pay (up to $93 per seat) to see *Sunset Boulevard* in Toronto, where it will likely play to packed houses. No doubt Livent impresario Garth Drabinsky, recently dubbed "the Ziegfeld of Canada" by the New York media, will do wonders to improve the show before previews begin here Oct. 5. (Opens Oct. 15.)

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'Salt-beef' found in London

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

LONDON — Several days after consuming a reasonably good kosher corned beef sandwich in France — at Goldenberg's, 69, avenue de Wagram, Paris — this reporter found himself on Whitechapel High Street in the east end of London, below a neon sign advertising Bloom's kosher delicatessen.

The journalistic temptation was too great. A moment later, he was seated at a table, deliberating over heimishe barley soup, roast chicken leg, worsht & eggs, and "gedempte meatballs."

After outgrowing a series of premises in Brick Lane and Wentworth Street, the last of which was destroyed in the Blitz, Bloom's opened its famous Whitechapel location more than 40 years ago.

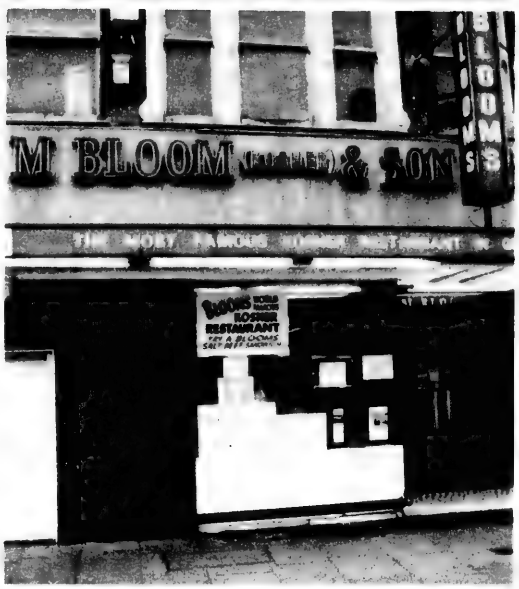
The establishment's legendary success is celebrated in a rousing essay on the back of its menu, which speaks of skilled chefs conducting kosher food experiments, the discovery of a new and tastier method of pickling their beef which "so stimulated the appetites of the people that they came from miles around," ever-growing public demand, and continuous commercial expansion from the 1920s onward.

In lieu of a bronze plaque, a large sign on the wall announces that Bloom's is the birthplace of "salt-beef" — what North Americans know as corned beef. As the menu chronicles with an historian's flair, the late kosher connoisseur Morris Bloom developed the original "Veal Vienna" (could this be the famed Wiener Schnitzel?) back in the 1920s, then scored again with salt beef. It was only a matter of time until, as the menu declares, "Bloom's salt beef sandwich became a household word."

So, given all this, what was this *CJN* reporter going to order — lockshen kugel? The restaurant,

Features a take-out counter

whose rather mundane decor belies its importance to Jewish gastronomic history, features a take-out counter at the front where salt-beef sandwiches are prepared. Yours truly went there and placed an order for the house specialty to go.



The front of Bloom's restaurant in London.

Cooked tender and lean

The meat is cooked tender and lean and sliced thickly by hand, across the grain, so it seems ready to fall apart. The bread is suitably crusty. Overall, the sandwich melts exquisitely 'twixt tongue and palate. Equal in taste to its Parisian counterpart, a sandwich from Bloom's stands about half as high as one from Goldenberg's, but goes for only about one-third the price: $8.

Bloom's Kosher Restaurant, 90 Whitechapel High Street, E.1, London, 247-6001. Reservations not required. A newer location is situated at 130 Golders Green Rd., N.W.11, London, 455-1338. A variety of canned kosher foods prepared by Bloom's under daily rabbinical supervision is available at some 700 outlets across Great Britain.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

On a recent Sunday morning, I emerged from the Paris Metro at La Bastille to find myself in the midst of a somewhat vociferous political demonstration of perhaps 5,000 people.

Fortunately, these protestors seemed far gentler than their historic predecessors, who stormed the Bastille prison on this spot in 1789, thus sparking the French Revolution. (No trace of the Bastille remains.) These orderly marchers were protesting against cutbacks to the educational system, against the expulsion of foreigners, and in support of other liberal causes.

I had chosen that morning for a walking tour of the historic district of Le Marais, one of the oldest sections of Paris. If these crowds wanted to accompany me along the rue St. Antoine, singing songs and chanting slogans, well, that was okay by me.

Situated in the city's third and fourth arrondissements, Le Marais is known for its many stately 16th- and 17th-century mansions. Among its attractions are the Hotel Carnavalet, containing a fine museum devoted to the history of Paris; the elegant Place des Vosges, the oldest square in Paris, where the former home of Victor Hugo is located; and the world's best Picasso Museum. Le Marais also contains, as I found, the colorful remnant of the former Jewish quarter around rue des Rosiers (Street of the Rosebushes).

I evaded the chanting throngs by turning down a narrow street that leads into the tranquil, picturesque Place des Vosges, a large park surrounded by a square of symmetrical brick houses with steeply-pitched roofs and dormer windows, dating from 1612. In a corner is the house that romantic author-poet Victor Hugo (1802-1885) occupied from 1832 until 1848, in which he wrote *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. (*Les Miserables* came later.) Only about 20 minutes by foot from Notre Dame, the house is filled with original furniture, drawings, photographs, mementoes and busts. (Admittance $4.75.)

Across the square from the Hugo home is Hotel Pavillon de la Reine (The Queen's Pavilion), a cosy 55-room hotel built in 1986 to match the neighboring Louis XIII architecture. Not quite as exclusive or well-known as Le Ritz, George V or Paris Inter-Continental, and about half as expensive, Le Pavillon de la Reine is one of Paris's great secrets, a modest luxury hotel tucked away in a quiet historic square.

Some two centuries after the demise of the French aristocracy, Le Pavillon's front desk manager, Theo Castro, notes the demise of the aristocratic category of luxury travel. "Things are changing," he says. "In the old days, the wealthy would travel with 60 steamer trunks, and they would want you to unpack their bags, shine their shoes, take care of them in regal style. But that's finished. No one travels like that nowadays. Only show business people want it anymore."

The nearby Picasso Museum (5, Hotel Sale) reportedly holds the greatest collection of Picasso art works in the world, said to be worth more than $65 million. It consists of 203 paintings, 158 sculptures and many other works received by the state in lieu of inheritance taxes upon the artist's death in 1973. Admittance $9.25.

A few blocks away, the Jewish character of rue des Rosiers is immediately obvious. One sees Jewish stars adorning kosher bakeries, butchers and restaurants, as well as signs, courtesy of French Lubavitchers, announcing the imminent arrival of the Mashiach. The most famous kosher eatery in Paris is situated here — Chez Jo Goldenberg, which offers everything from beef goulash to eggplant moussaka.

Jewish travellers who start out on an afternoon of innocent sightseeing in Paris may soon find themselves confronting painful remembrances of things past. Painted in neat French characters across the windows of a smaller cafe are details of the many wartime deportations that occurred from this quarter. A plaque outside the former Jewish school remembers 165 Jewish schoolchildren who were deported to death camps by the Nazis.

A bust of Victor Hugo.

The Memorial to the Unknown Jew (41 rue des Francs-Bourgeois) consists of a crypt containing an eternal flame dedicated to the Jews who died in the Holocaust. An adjoining museum details Jewish resistance against the Nazis.

"N'oubliez pas," say the French. "Do not forget."

A view from Victor Hugo House, looking out at Place des Vosges, the oldest square in Paris, dating 1612.

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Travel

The front of Goldenberg's restaurant in Paris.

Kosher Jewish delicacies available in gay Paree

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

PARIS — Goldenberg's, one of the leading kosher restaurants in the French capital, serves a variety of Jewish delicacies in an informal haimishe atmosphere.

Located at 69 Avenue de Wagram, about 20 minutes by foot from the Arc de Triomphe, the restaurant is one of a chain whose other outlets are in Sofia, Bucharest, Istanbul and Odessa, where the owners originated. Appropriately, this establishment's slogan is De La Mer Noire à L'avenue de Wagram (From the Black Sea to Wagram Avenue).

The menu offers a variety of Russian, Yiddish, Turkish, Romanian, Bulgarian and traditional Jewish dishes that are, perhaps, reminiscent of the Goldenberg's long journey.

Upon entering through the cluttered doorway, visitors may be delighted (or distracted) to find that the front of the establishment is taken up by a mini-supermarket where kosher meats, salads and baked goods are available.

But the prices! One's nostalgia for a good old-fashioned North American twister may be overcome by the astonishing ransom of $2.38 requested for one, not half a dozen, of these tasty grand bagels!

Long and narrow, the restaurant is decorated with atmospheric portraits of religious Jews poring over prayerbooks and musical Jews playing the violin. What sounds like a heart-rending Romanian folk song pours soulfully from a hidden speaker.

A waiter, dressed in white cottons, seats you at a small table upon which he places one dish of horseradish and dill pickles, and another with rye bread and matzah.

So what'll it be to start? A bowl of clear chicken soup with kreplach ($13)? Russian borscht ($14)? And for the main course? A plate of "Jewish sauerkraut" for $26.60? Russian beef stew "comme chez ma grand'mere" for $22.40? Or does your conservative palate require a simple bagel with cream cheese and lox, costing $26.60?

After much deliberation, this reporter selects the luncheon special, a "New York style" corned-beef sandwich platter with cole slaw and potato salad. It features a triple-decker sandwich whose bottom slice of bread comes soaked in juices from the salads. The rye bread is textureless and thin as cardboard, but the meat is lean, sliced thinly by machine, and piled to a generous thickness. A caveat: the pot of mustard on the table is not the innocuous variety common in North America. Price: $23.

For desert, there's Romanian strudel and other selections for about $11.20 each. For the hungry, a full lunch or dinner for two — excluding the French and Israeli wines and the various schnapps used to wash down the meal — may easily exceed $100. (All prices include service.)

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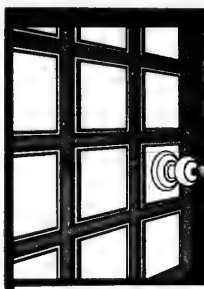

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Recipients of these awards are engaged in diverse and innovative research projects.

Professor Michael Brown's project, Canada's Jerusalem, is a study of reactions by the media, government officials, and individual writers to the conquest of Jerusalem by the British in 1917, and a comparison with reactions to the conquest of Jerusalem 50 years later by the Israel Defence Forces.

Professor Richard Menkis, of the University of British Columbia, is writing a history of Jewish education in Canada, collecting school records in print and in manuscript, together with MA and PhD dissertations.

Professor Stuart Schoenfeld's investigation focuses on Jewish public policy issues and is designed to set the research agenda on questions of continuity and educational practice, as Jews in Canada enter the 21st century.

Professor Joseph Levy is investigating the impact of sports on the formation of the cultural identity of Canadian Jews. This will entail collecting and analysing the data on the Canadian participation in the Maccabiah Games between 1950 and 1994.

Professor Esther Reiter's study of Camp Naivelt and the United Jewish People's Order explores a secular alternative to traditional Jewish life and will be the basis of a documentary film made for television.

Professor John Katz is building an archives of Canadian Jewish films, and will examine the role of Jews in developing the Canadian film industry and how Jews are portrayed in commercial and documentary films made in Canada.

Grants awarded in previous years facilitated research on topics such as the Iraqi Jewish community in Toronto (Sarah Carlen), the transmission of cultural values from grandparents to grandchildren (Rachel Schlesinger), Jewish folk music in Canada (Judith Cohen), responses to the Holocaust in Canada from 1933-93 (Irving Abella), analyses of the 1991 Census data on Jews in Canada (Leo Davids), and the community of Israelis living in Toronto (Rina Cohen).

Promoting new ventures in research is a mandate of the Centre for Jewish Studies, together with developing new courses, organizing conferences and lectures, and arranging for the exchange of scholars and students between Canada and other countries.

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

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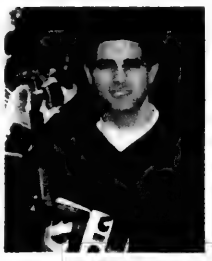
Here & There
From coast to coast

Hamilton's JCC received a reprieve from its financial woes after the city's leaders reached a deal to continue the centre. ***Page 3***

UJA's 1995 Toronto campaign closes with a preliminary total of $32.9 million. Another $6 million could be raised before the campaign officially closes. ***Page 5***

Despite her loss, the mother of murdered Israeli soldier Nachson Waxman, maintains that peace is still the only route to go. ***Page 17***

Jonathan Graff is the latest Canuck to head to Metulla — 'the Haliburton of Israel' — to help promote hockey in the Jewish state. The Waterloo native will help Israeli kids learn hockey fundamentals, Canadian style. ***Page 21***



Everywhere
Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin accuses North Korea of selling medium range missiles to Syria and Iran. ***Page 24***

Travel: Eilat, Israel's desert resort town, has entered a new era as a result of the peace treaty with Jordan, claims the town's mayor. ***Page 32***

Business: Lufthansa German Airlines has added another feather to its cap by introducing a selection of wines from the Golan Heights Winery on its first-class flights. ***Page 33***

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National Jewish leaders targeted by neo-Nazis

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An "unstable" member of the white supremacist Heritage Front advocated entering the Canadian Jewish Congress offices on Bathurst Street to "take out some people," according to a report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) released last week.

The October 1993 incident was among a number of disturbing revelations of plots against the Jewish community that were contained in a review of the Heritage Front and alleged Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) operative Grant Bristow.

The report indicates the Heritage Front aided Aryan Nations leader Terry Long to create a "hit list" of 22 Canadians, some Jewish. These people were to be targeted when the "day of the rope" - a race war - began.

The report indicates that Jewish anti-racists, including Marvin Kurz, legal counsel of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, were intimidated by Heritage Front members.

Referring to the 1993 murder plot, the report quoted an unnamed "source" who stated that "the primary target was to be Bernie Farber," director of community relations for Congress. The source, widely viewed as being Bristow, also told SIRC that Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege "was concerned about this type of plan but he was laughing about it...Droege also mentioned to the source that he would like to see a couple of high profile Jews assassinated as that would act as a deterrent to others who are constantly harassing the Heritage Front."

Bernie Farber

Marvin Kurz

Droege denies he said that.

The report goes on to state that CSIS passed the information of the plot to Metro Toronto Police. But Farber and Congress president Irving Abella told The CJN the first time they learned about it was in the SIRC report.

"It's somewhat terrifying to know that you're the subject of a murder plot," Farber said. "I'm amazed that this information was in the hands of law enforcement authorities and they did not pass it along to us."

Farber said after reading the SIRC report, he was told by Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave that the Metro Police hate crimes unit knew of the threat. "He felt that the threat was not high-risk enough to warn me" and that if they planned to carry it out, police would have prevented it.

Metro Toronto police chief William McCormack said police did not warn Farber because the man who made the threat was in jail on robbery charges.

"That's still not good enough. I would have wanted to be fully aware. Not informing us was disrespectful to the community and an improper course of action," Farber said.

"It's a terrifying prospect," Abella said."We were left to hang out and dry in the wind."

Abella said had Congress been notified it would have increased security at the Lipa Green Building. Farber said the RCMP did contact Congress at the time to say the building might be targeted for damage, but not that individuals were at risk.

SIRC, the civilian watchdog of CSIS, reviewed the spy agency's involvement with the Heritage Front in the **Continued on page 4**

El Al threatens to stop Canadian flights

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — According to a news report from Jerusalem, El Al has threatened to discontinue service from Canada if the Israeli Civil Aviation Authority grants permission to Canadian travel wholesaler Sunquest to operate charter flights between the two countries.

Toronto-based Sunquest Vacations Ltd., whose competitively priced, mass-market travel packages fill thousands of jets each year, applied to Israel's Civil Aviation Authority in October to run a series of weekly charter flights, via Royal Airlines' L1011 aircraft, from Toronto to Tel-Aviv for May to October, 1995.

Eddie Carroll, executive vice-president of Sunquest's European division, told *The CJN* Israeli officials will reach a decision soon. "They originally felt that it wasn't in their best interests to approve our application, but now the authorities are giving it one final review, and we're awaiting approval," he said.

Carroll said recent peace initiatives and agreements have greatly bolstered Israel's appeal as a tourist destination for Canadians. "The market is expanding, and it's more important than ever to give the consumer a choice of carriers," he said.

Offering more choice for tourist consumer

"You'd think the Israeli government, if it's committed to tourism, would be anxious to expand the market and encourage other airlines to fly to Israel. In most of the world, there's an open skies policy in effect right now. Israel should get in line with that, and make it easier to travel there, not more difficult."

According to Yona Nechustan, vice-president and general manager for El Al Canada, Israel's state-owned airline carried about 60 per cent – or some 24,000 – of the roughly 40,000 Canadians who travelled to Israel by air in the past five years. The others, he said, arrived via European national carriers like British Airways, Lufthansa and Air France, after stopping in Europe first.

"That's a possibility," Nechustan acknowledged, when asked whether El Al would discontinue its twice-weekly service from Toronto and Montreal if Sunquest's application is approved. "If and when that happens, we'll have to sit down and make calculations to determine if it's worthwhile to continue, and **Continued on page 7**

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CANADA

Reach Out, in Hebrew

TORONTO — Beginning this month, Bell Canada customers throughout Ontario can speak any of 17 languages when dialing the operator.

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A Snow Slur

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg police force's hate crimes unit is investigating an anti-Semitic slur stamped into the snow recently outside an apartment building where many older Jewish couples and singles live.

The word spelled out was "Jude" (German for Jew).

The culprit "did it with his feet, so he took time to do this stupid thing," said the unit's Sgt. Ron Oliver. Police have no suspects in the case.

Filkow Elected

WINNIPEG — Ken Filkow, a lawyer and active member of Winnipeg's Jewish community, has been elected president of CASHRA, the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies. His term runs until next November.

CASHRA is the national umbrella for all provincial human rights commissions and the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

This year's CASHRA conference will be held here in June. It will mark the first time the organization will deal with issues of hate and intolerance, Filkow said.

ISRAEL

Four Soldiers Injured

JERUSALEM — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded in three separate attacks in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip last Wednesday.

The attacks occurred despite stepped-up security against possible terrorist attacks by Palestinians observing the seventh anniversary of the founding of Hamas.

In the Gaza Strip, an Israeli soldier was stabbed and seriously wounded. Soldiers nearby shot and wounded the lone assailant.

In another incident, an Israeli army reservist was moderately hurt when he was attacked by a mob in the centre of the West Bank town of Ramallah.

The soldier was driving to his base when he took a wrong turn. Dozens of youths surrounded the vehicle, throwing rocks and iron bars.

The violence ended when a border police officer arrived on the scene.

And two soldiers were lightly wounded near the West Bank town of Tulkarm when a roadside bomb was detonated near their patrol car.

Deal With Druze

JERUSALEM — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat signed an agreement with Druze leaders last week, ending a crisis over Druze demands for more government funding.

The agreement ended a month-long conflict that at times turned violent. It also averted threats by Druze Knesset members to support no-confidence motions in the government.

Some $50 million will be added immediately to the 1995 budget for local Druze councils. Israel's 80,000 Druze citizens will also get up to $33 million in additional aid under the agreement.

Ties With Kuwait?

JERUSALEM — Kuwait has expressed interest in establishing low-level ties with Israel.

According to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, Kuwaiti officials conveyed their desire to exchange interest sections in a message sent via Egypt.

The foreign ministry here said the message represented the first time Kuwait has indicated any interest in establishing ties with Israel. No Israelis have officially visited the Gulf state, the newspaper said.

Return to the Scene

JERUSALEM — A man convicted of killing and wounding Arabs on Jerusalem's Temple Mount 12 years ago was detained by police last week when he tried to return to the scene of the crime.

Alan Goodman, a U.S. native who was sentenced to life imprisonment after killing two Palestinians and wounding nine in 1982, was nabbed by police at the entrance to the mount. He was on a three-day furlough from prison, police said.

Goodman was not carrying any weapons. He was released to complete his leave after he told police he had just gone to the site to visit.

In April 1982, Goodman sprayed the area with gunfire, saying he was trying to capture the site so he could return it to the Jewish people.

Traveling Incognito

PETRA — A group of Israeli tourists last week spotted Israel Defence Force Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and his daughter visiting the ancient Jordanian rock city of Petra with a Jordanian officer.

They filmed Barak and the videotape was screened on Israel television news last week. Barak, in civilian clothes, was wearing a kaffiyeh, a traditional Arab headdress.

New Marrow Technique

REHOVOT — A new technique developed by researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science and Perugia University in Italy may allow leukemia patients to receive life-saving bone marrow transplants from unmatched donors.

Researchers report that by using megadoses of donor marrow and a specially adapted pre-transplant course of drug and radiation therapy, they have minimized the risk of rejection.

Of the first 17 patients in terminal stages of leukemia who were treated with the new method at an Italian clinic, six remained alive and disease-free three to 16 months later, according to a recently published report.

WORLD

Emigration Up

NEW YORK — The emigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union was up last month over October, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The group says 7,367 Jews from the former Soviet Union arrived in Israel in November, compared to 6,855 the month before.

An additional 2,494 Jews from the former Soviet Union arrived in the United States in November, compared to 2,214 who arrived in October.

The figures bring the total number of immigrants to Israel from the former Soviet Union through November to 59,552 and some 30,000 to the United States.

A Mideast Bank?

WASHINGTON — In an effort to find new funding sources to foster peace in the Middle East, the United States has renewed its push to create a regional development bank.

Capitalizing on momentum from October's economic summit in Casablanca, the Clinton administration will invite 20 countries to Washington in early January for talks aimed at setting the framework for a Middle East Development Bank, administration officials say.

Israeli officials have avidly supported the bank as a way to show citizens throughout the Middle East the fruits of peace.

Israel Wins Status

ESSEN — The European Union (EU) has declared Israel should be granted "privileged status" in its relations with the organization's member states.

Meeting here last week for a summit conference, the leaders of the unions 12 member states said Israel should be given the status "because of its high level of economic development."

The decision "will profit the general economic development of the Middle East," the EU said in a statement.

Israel and the EU are currently negotiating a final accord that will enable the Jewish state to be associated with the EU's research and development programs.

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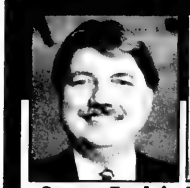

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Canada lags in research with Israel: Prichard

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada lags behind the United States, Europe and the United Kingdom in university-level collaboration with Israel, the president of the University of Toronto has said.

Robert Prichard urged a recent luncheon of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University to encourage provincial and federal politicians to address that "major hole" in the relationship between Canada and Israel.

Prichard and Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella met last week with Peter Barnes, Ontario's deputy minister of industry, to discuss a joint research program between Ontario universities and their Israeli counterparts.

The program would be modeled on a Singapore-Ontario project, Abella told *The CJN*, adding that he is "very optimistic."

Prichard was one of 17 Canadian university presidents who spent one week earlier this year touring Israel with Congress (*CJN*, July 28). Included in the tour were Israel's seven universities and meetings with their presidents. There was also a visit to Bethlehem University.

Prichard was struck by the "amazingly similar" issues, including budget reductions, facing Israeli and Canadian universities. He noted the high standards of the "ambitious, energetic, research-oriented" Israeli universities, but said it is difficult for Israeli researchers to collaborate with Canadians because of the dearth of federal funds for such partnerships with Israel.

"We have far too few Israeli graduate students coming to Canada, and Israelis are not recruiting Canadian-trained people. We have to get Canada as a destination for graduate students," he said.

Prichard asked said his audience should do whatever they could to support Ben-Gurion and other universities. "You've got more than money to give. You've got moral support, encouragement and spirit."

Robert Prichard

Prichard briefly addressed university funding in Canada. A proposed 75 per cent reduction in federal transfer payments would have "potentially disastrous consequences for higher education in Canada. The real question for us is where we compromise."

The luncheon, held at the downtown offices of Orenstein and Partners, marked the beginning of the Israeli university's 25th anniversary year. Paul Jacobs, president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Associates of BGU, introduced and thanked the speaker.

LIBRARY OPENING

Noted Israeli author Amos Oz (left) attended the opening of the Isaac Waldman Jewish Public Library in Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre. With Oz is Sophie Waldman and Rabbi Yosef Wosk who placed the mezuzah at the library's entrance. The library was a gift from Sophie Waldman as a memorial to her late husband. [Robert Edel photo]

Hamilton JCC gets reprieve from cash flow problems

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — A written accord signed Nov. 24 by board members of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre (JCC) provides a new lease on life for the problem-plagued JCC — at least, for the time being.

One of the JCC's biggest problems has been cash flow. Since the JCC is funded in part by the federation, the latter will, under the accord, continue its monthly allocation to the JCC for the balance of the fiscal year. It will then review the centre's proposed budget.

The federation will also have access to the JCC's financial records and warns that it will not make up any deficits.

Rumors of the impending demise of the JCC — established in 1890 and thought to be the oldest Jewish community centre in Canada — had been circulating for months.

Events came to a head last summer when, as outgoing JCC president David Loewith told *The CJN*, the federation issued a "wake-up call" to alert the JCC board "to the gravity of the situation."

To help resolve the problems, a study was undertaken by Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the Vancouver Jewish Federation.

Then, following a series of meetings between the two boards, the agreement was signed, based on Staffenberg's recommendations, and the federation issued a statement.

In a note released with the statement, the federation president David Steinberg said "the document constitutes a general operational framework for the immediate future of the centre," as provided for in the understanding reached by the two groups.

In addition to addressing the financial difficulties, the statement says greater efforts must be made to obtain zoning changes needed "for the best possible land use," especially for recreational programs, and to extend the local bus route to the property.

Lack of public transportation is seen by many as a real obstacle to the full use of the JCC.

The federation statement also says the JCC should strive to increase membership and encourage greater use of the building.

Incoming president Harvey Waxman agreed that membership must be increased. "Basically, we need more Jewish feet going through the building," he said.

Loewith said, "Ideally, we should have a membership of 450 to 500 family units. Right now, we have only 320 units."

That means operating with a skeleton staff and keeping expenses to a minimum, he said, resulting in the "proverbial catch 22 situation: you'd like to provide [more programming] for more people but you don't have the staff to do it."

Loewith said the cash flow problem is largely due to outstanding pledges to the capital building fund, made when the JCC moved to the 34-acre location in 1987.

Compounding these problems still further are the stalled zoning negotiations.

Loewith said the town of Ancaster, where the JCC is located, would not only "endorse us, they'd be happy to have us."

But although the JCC has discussed "all the issues, such as noise, traffic, water usage" with them, Loewith said, they will not support the zoning changes.

Both Loewith and Waxman are determined to make the JCC work, "make do with what we have at the moment," and most of all, Waxman said, "get across to the community what we are trying to do."

Steinberg said the lack of success so far at the JCC "does not necessarily mean that we ought to give up on it."

If the JCC is to prosper, he said, "it can only do so if the Jewish community is behind it."

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From coast to coast

Bone marrow clinic being planned for Israeli woman

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Lior Novick

TORONTO — The search for a compatible bone marrow donor for 28-year-old Israeli woman Lior Novick is gaining momentum, even in Toronto.

A mass blood screening clinic will be held at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. in Thornhill on Jan. 8, from noon until 6 p.m.

Because of the shortage of funds, those coming to the clinic will be asked to pay for their test. The $50 may be paid by cash, VISA or Mastercard.

Novick's doctors at Hadassah Hospital Ein Keren point out that the best chance for a donor rests in those of the same ethnic background as the person in need, in Novick's case Lithuanian Jewish.

However, everyone in good health, between the ages of 17 and 50, is encouraged to come out and be tested.

A simple blood test is all that is required. If you are found to be compatible, a bone marrow donation is conducted under local or general anesthetic, and you are up and around in a day or two.

Any pain can be controlled by regular analgesic medications.

Results of this screening will be shared with international bone marrow registries.

Funds to pay for future tests are also needed. Canadian tax deductible receipts will be given through Canadian Association for Labor Israel, Attention: Gert Weinberg, 272 Codsell Ave., Downsview, Ont. M3H 3X2.

Novick was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a serious malfunction of the bone marrow, in March of this year.

Drug therapy has been unsuccessful, and she must receive two blood transfusions every three weeks.

Jay Feinberg, Allison Atlas, Elizabeth Lue, "Cathy," now Mark Hart and Lior Novick. The list of those who need the community's help goes on.

Some bone marrow donor campaigns have used the slogan from the Talmud "He who saves one life it is as if he saved the whole world." Others have noted "Kol yisroel areivim zeh bazeh," All Israel is responsible one for the other.

This is Toronto's chance to again prove that we have taken those injunctions to heart.

Vancouver Jewish families moving to outlying areas

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — As the Jewish population of Greater Vancouver increases, satellite communities are expanding outside the traditional Jewish area of the city.

The newest region of development is White Rock on the Lower Mainland south of Vancouver, at the United States border.

White Rock is home to over 100 Jewish families, according to the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV).

Most of the families have combined to establish a thriving Jewish Community Centre, which also serves neighboring Surrey, a few miles north.

The Federation magazine reports that a number of families met to discuss the possibility of opening a centre after a successful community Passover seder was held.

Using the list compiled for the seder, a survey was distributed to 96 families and, said Ted Gerstl, president of the community, "we received 86 completed surveys."

In May, 50 families met; they formed three committees: children's education, adult education and social/cultural.

Since then, the centre, operating in rented premises, has boomed. After a membership drive in September, over 100 families joined as charter members.

A Sunday Hebrew school has opened with five teachers and 48 students — pre-school to age 14. The first Shabbat service was held at Sukkot, with 150 people present.

The centre is operating the school in rented space in three buildings, and uses halls for services and larger functions.

Gerstl said, "We're looking for a permanent home, but our priorities now are building a sense of community, providing good education for the kids and having interesting and meaningful social and cultural activities."

Some members come from across the border in Blaine, Washington, as well as from Bellingham and Lummi Island.

A Lubavitch centre has moved from Surrey to White Rock.

Longer established than White Rock is the Burquest community, which serves families in the eastern suburbs of Vancouver from Burnaby to Port Coquitlam and Fraser Valley.

With only 45 families, Burquest holds Shabbat and High Holy Day services, a family Chanukah party, and a Purim carnival. An adult education program is conducted by Rabbi Yosef Wosk.

Older children attend Hebrew school; young ones enjoy a newly-formed pre-school. Bar/bat mitzvah lessons are offered under Susan Katz, and the first bar mitzvah in a decade was held there recently.

The community currently shares space with a local church, but community president Mark Winston said, "Members are yearning for a place of their own where they can put up a mezuzah and tack the children's drawings on a wall.

Burquest Jewish Community Association needs a long term loan of a Torah, Winston said. Any congregations which may have one can call him at (604) 526-7235.

Both Burquest and White Rock/Surrey are served by the JFGV and the small communities division of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region.

Neo-Nazis target Jewish leaders

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wake of a Toronto Sun expose which revealed that Bristow allegedly had helped set up and finance the racist organization and had pushed a harassment campaign against anti-racists.

"The Church of the Creator (another extremist group), Droege and the skinheads all believed, said the source, that Farber was the major enemy of the Heritage Front and he was certainly the most reviled of all their 'enemies'. There was a major effort to find Farber's residence, but the source did not help and the Heritage Front never succeeded," the report states.

The SIRC report indicates that Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel co-operated on many occasions with the Heritage Front. "The source stated that Zundel asked Bristow to obtain specific information about the names, work places, home addresses, telephone numbers, and profiles of prominent Jewish individuals and groups."

Zundel told Bristow he needed the information to serve legal documents but that Bristow did not believe him.

Zundel also asked for information about Meir Halevi, Canadian head of the Jewish Defence League, as well as about his children, family, his cars and business.

"The source was asked to help Zundel obtain the names and addresses of every Jewish leader from Quebec to Winnipeg.

The report indicates, however, that Jewish anti-racist leaders were targetted for harassment. Karen Mock, director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, was subject of a telephone harassment campaign in mid-1993. In 1992, Front members circulated the unlisted telephone number and address of Michael Elterman, a "prominent Vancouver Congress leader." A large bloodstain appeared on his porch "around the time that Bristow was supposed to have met (a B.C. racist) in Vancouver." Bristow denies any knowledge of Elterman.

The report also confirms that Bristow tried to get information about the Jewish Students Network and that in April 1993, B'nai Brith lawyer Marvin Kurz, a member of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations, was intimidated by Bristow "looming over him, implying he knew where he lived."

Farber said Congress wanted to study the report more extensively before concluding whether, on balance, the Jewish community benefitted from the infiltration of the Heritage Front. CSIS was correct in infiltrating the group, but he noted that in the past few years it had become much more sophisticated with computer links to other racist organizations and with greater sources of revenue. "Was that due to Grant Bristow?" he asked.

At a news conference following release of the report, Gray said "I think it would be open to police authorities to go out to the people involved and say, please be careful, or please accept guards or security provisions around your home. So I think the matter is covered in that way... ."

The Threat. In one instance, the CSIS Source learned of a possible threat of serious physical violence to leaders of the Jewish community on October 26, 1993. Droege confided to the Source that Barker had told him that a Heritage Front member had been planning to walk into the CJC offices at 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto and "take out some people."

It was the Source's opinion that the primary target was to be Bernie Farber. He also stated that Droege was concerned about this type of plan but he was laughing about it. The Source said he was shocked by this revelation, but he did not pursue the subject with Droege. Droege also mentioned to the Source that he would like to see a couple of high profile Jews assassinated, as that would act as a deterrent to others who are constantly harassing the Heritage Front (HF).

The member was associated with the "French Cruller" gang: Ken Barker, Phil Grech, and, peripherally, Marc Lemire (The Donut Shop Gang). An associate of the Heritage Front, the member had secretly aligned himself with the Church of Aryan Nations Jesus Christ. He had also set up a telephone line with hate messages. The Source created hurdles in the planning for violence by saying that more people were needed to carry it out, that it wasn't a good idea, that it would take a long time, and other reasons designed to dissuade the Heritage Front member.

CSIS passed the information about the Heritage Front member's plan to the Metro Toronto Police on October 29, 1993.

According to the Source, the member appeared to be unstable. Instead of attacking the CJC, he and his associates subsequently held up a donut shop and stole a small amount of money. *(Excerpted from THE HERITAGE FRONT AFFAIR, Report to Solicitor General of Canada, December 9, 1994.)*

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From coast to coast

Toronto UJA campaign comes to a close

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was a family celebration recently when the United Jewish Appeal had its closing event at Adath Israel Synagogue. A preliminary campaign total of $32.9 million was announced.

Framed posters were given to 144 divisional chairs, while numerous awards were distributed to other canvassers. The celebratory tone was enhanced by the projection of humorous family pictures of campaign leaders.

The total of $32.9 million includes a special gift of $1 million for a skating rink at the Canada Centre in Metullah, Israel, and a $300,000 donation for a shelter for battered women to be supervised by the Jewish Family and Child Service, announced Wendy Eisen, campaign co-chair with Bob Masters.

It is possible another $6 million will be raised before the campaign officially closes, Eisen said.

"This was a tough year for the UJA because we're just pulling out of a recession, and the total raised represents unbelievable dedication by the campaign team of 2,000 vounteers," said Lawrence Bloomberg, immediate past UJA co-chair.

Dr. Chuck Gold and Carol Kassel will head up the 1996 campaign, while Marlene Axmith will be the women's campaign chair.

One of the innovations of the 1995 campaign was a frequent fundraiser contest; the winner was David C. Green, with Wendy Eisen, Barbara Bank, Scott Staiman, Bob Masters, Robert Furman, Marlene Axmith, Eric Bornstein, Peter Waxman and Rochelle Wolfond as runners-up. The frequent fundraiser lucky draw — a free seat on a UJA mission to Israel — was won by Mathew Rotenberg.

Congratulations were extended to Barbara Bank, 1995 women's chair, who announced that the women's campaign raised $4 million this year.

For distinguished service as hard-working canvassers, awards were given to Brian Levoff, Leo Goldhar, Fay Gold, Clara Tepner, David Newman, Ruth Borts, Robert Cohen, Millard Roth and Mark Grenville.

Social agencies who benefit from the UJA campaign were represented by the following: Garry Foster, Jewish Family and Child Service; David Magil, Bernard Betel Centre; Ruth Margles, Senior Care; Ron Hoffman, Reena Foundation; Dena Lubman, York University Jewish Student Federation; Joey Steiner, Toronto Board of Jewish Education; Robert Furman, JIAS; David Brown, Jewish Students Union, University of Toronto; Nathan Disenhouse, Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa; Ed Segalowitz, Jewish Vocational Service.

Ottawa says no to CJC for funds for past wrongs

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Sheila Finestone

TORONTO — National Jewish organizations last week resigned themselves to Ottawa's rejection of compensation for past discrimination.

The Liberal government turned down claims from six ethnic groups, including Canadian Jewish Congress, for redress of past indignities and persecution suffered at the hands of the Canadian government.

The total value of the compensation package would have been over $400 million.

CJC sought $4 million for a memorial and archives to commemorate the 907 desperate German Jewish refugees aboard the steamship *St. Louis*, turned away by Canadian officials in 1939.

The ship was sent back to Germany and most of its passengers perished in the Holocaust.

"The issue is whether to attempt to address the past or to invest in the future, secretary of state for multiculturalism Sheila Finestone stated in a letter to the eight groups.

Finestone apologized for past government actions "that were at odds with our shared commitment to human justice."

But Ottawa believes "the best approach is to use limited government resources to create a more equitable society today and a better future for generations to come."

To that end, Finestone reiterated the government's promise to set up the $24 million Canadian Race Relations Foundation in Toronto.

The foundation, originally promised by the previous Conservative government, has been welcomed by Jewish groups and slammed by the Reform Party as wasteful. It will serve as a clearing house and resource centre for research and policy development on racism and discrimination.

Groups seeking redress were the National Congress of Italian Canadians; the German Canadian Congress; the Chinese Canadian National Council and the National Congress of Chinese Canadians; the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association; and the National Association of Canadians of Origins in India.

The groups were hoping to receive the same treatment as Japanese Canadians, who in 1988, received nearly $400 million for having been interned, relocated, deported or had property confiscated during World War II.

Some 18,000 affected individuals received $21,000 each, in addition to a lump sum of $24 million, half of which was returned to Ottawa to help establish the race relations foundation.

In a statement, CJC president Irving Abella said congress is "somewhat disappointed" by last week's decision but that it was "heartened with Mrs. Finestone's commitment to multiculturalism and removing the barriers that exist in Canadian society."

Congress said it is still hopeful that Ottawa will find a way to memorialize events surrounding the *St. Louis*.

B'nai Brith Canada "hailed" Finestone's decision in a statement. "The government has candidly and openly recognized the instances of injustice in our past and clearly stated its inclusive vision for the future. We recognize the difficult decision Mrs. Finestone and the government faced on monetary redress," said BB national president Brian Morris.

Hamilton teachers get lesson on how to teach Holocaust

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Organizers have reported a "very, very positive" response to Hamilton's first ever teachers' workshop on how to teach the Holocaust.

The workshop, sponsored by the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Jewish Federation, was attended by over 40 public, Catholic and Jewish high school teachers.

Dennis Nash, a teacher for the hearing impaired with the Hamilton-Wentworth Roman Catholic Separate School Board, was one of the organizers. Nash has long been reading Holocaust books to Grade 5 and 6 classes, and is the board's representative on the local Holocaust education committee.

Because of "the sensitivity of the subject," Nash said, some of the teachers he spoke to wanted "a little more hands-on instruction" on how to deal with it in the classroom.

Nevertheless, he said participants praised the workshop and appreciated the presence of Holocaust survivors.

Many were moved to tears by the account of committee chair Dr. Nadia Rosa's experiences as a small child in Czechoslovakia under German occupation and subsequent incarceration in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Rosa's particular concern, however, is the importance of historical accuracy, especially in works of fiction.

She has "a very hard time," Rosa said, with fictional works "where the authors take liberties with historical facts."

The danger with rearranging events and facts to suit the story, she pointed out, is that it "contributes to discrediting the whole historical fact of the Holocaust and feeds ammunition to the Holocaust deniers."

Rosa implored the teachers to "learn your facts thoroughly, understand history, and never let anybody deny the Holocaust."

Rosa was preceded by Toronto education consultant Frank Dialystok, who put "emotion" and the importance of "striking the right balance" at the top of his list of considerations in teaching the Holocaust.

His advice was simply to provide the information through reading and other resources and hold discussions.

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From coast to coast

Peace Watch monitors Israel, PLO deal

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — On Jan. 16, 1994, Iad Bin Hamdi Abu-Shakafa and two accomplices slipped into Israel through a break in the boundary fence surrounding the Gaza Strip.

Making their way to the town of Ramle, they found Shaul David, tailed him and seized him, Israeli authorities allege. Near the town's open air market, they smashed his head using concrete blocks, causing massive injuries and internal bleeding. Two of the attackers were eventually arrested and sentenced to 12 years in jail for attempted murder.

Abu-Shakafa escaped and took refuge in Palestinian-controlled territory. Israeli authorities have filed a request for his transfer, but the request has fallen on deaf ears. In fact, Abu-Shakafa's case is one of five involving Palestinians suspected of political crimes, who have taken refuge in areas outside Israeli control, and where Palestinian authorities have ignored transfer requests.

The case was highlighted in a recent report authored by Peace Watch, a non-partisan volunteer organization established in Israel shortly after the September 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP) to monitor compliance by Israel and the PLO with the agreements they sign.

Transfer of suspects in political crimes is required by the subsequent Gaza-Jericho Agreement initialed in Cairo, Peace Watch pointed out.

Publicizing its findings is a key tool used by Peace Watch to pressure Israel and the PLO into complying with their treaty obligations, said Dan Polisar, the organization's Brooklyn-born director.

Peace Watch was founded in the belief that "the greatest danger to the success of the [PLO-Israel] accord is the failure of compliance."

The board of directors of Peace Watch includes both opponents and supporters of the accord, but they all share the belief that once signed, its terms must be binding on both sides, Polisar said.

The organization employs seven full-time and three part-time staff who conduct research and do interviews to determine whether Israeli-Palestinian agreements have been breached.

So far Peace Watch has published reports outlining noncompliance by both sides, Polisar, 30, said.

In addition to the transfer issue, Peace Watch has brought to light Israeli violation of a free trade agreement. By banning the import of produce from Gaza (to protect Israeli farmers), Israel breached the agreement. But after the breach was publicized, Israel later complied, Polisar said.

Perhaps the most familiar noncompliance issue is the PLO's failure to alter its Covenant, which calls for the destruction of the state of Israel, he said. Instead, Arafat continues to attempt to pry more concessions from Israel in exchange for a promise to fulfil it.

That may be an example of a Mideastern mindset in which parties reach an agreement, but then continue to negotiate how to implement its terms, he said.

Peace Watch's approach is one that is more familiar to North Americans who are used to the "bourgeois, Anglo-Saxon concept" of agreements in which you do not pick and choose the terms to comply with, he said.

Peace Watch applies that methodology to both sides and "most people who've seen our reports consider us fair. We have no qualms about telling the truth wherever the chips fall.

"Overall, Palestinian compliance needs more improvement than Israeli compliance. . . but I'm not interested in who gets criticized more. I'm interested that the problems get fixed," Polisar said.

For more information, Peace Watch may be contacted at 24 Ibn Ezra St., Jerusalem 92424; tel. 972-2-617726; fax. 972-2-633326.

Poster vandalized at high school

TORONTO — A poster that was defaced with a statement denying the Holocaust was an isolated incident that was out of character for York Mills Collegiate, the school's principal asserted recently.

Peter Young said the poster, which was displayed during Holocaust Education Week in November, was brought to his attention by a group of students. He assured them that the school would monitor whether similar incidents occurred in the future.

"The issue is front and centre. I think it's a rare occurrence, but that doesn't mean we don't take it seriously." Young said. "This is a school that hasn't had much of a problem to date of groups not getting along with one another. Maybe, however, the times are changing a wee bit. Forty-five different nationalities are represented in our school."

Young said that in the wake of the incident, he met with department heads to discuss the issue of hate-motivated incidents and to request that staff inform him of any similar occurrences. Staff were also told what to look for in students' clothing, such as Doc Marten boots with white or red shoelaces, that might identify racists.

Young said he has not seen anyone displaying the skinhead look since he assumed the post of principal in September. And he is unaware of any racist recruitment efforts in the school. "But that doesn't mean there are no students who would be susceptible."

Young said York Mills has taken a proactive stance with regard to race relations. School assemblies have been held on the issues of diversity and fairness and an "equity education portfolio" was established several years ago, in which an equity officer examines ways of giving students knowledge of other cultures and updating the curricula to include "issues of equity."

Nadine Tobin, a Grade 13 student at York Mills, said the poster in question had advertized a speaker on the Holocaust who had been invited to York Mills by NAHON, the Jewish high school students' group.

"A lot of the [other] flyers had been ripped down" but only one was defaced with the statement that the Holocaust never happened, and last winter a swastika was carved on an exit door, she said.

Also of concern to Tobin was that "the term 'JAP' (Jewish American Princess) is used a lot in the school," even by Jewish students. — P.L.

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עס ווײַזט אים בײַן קנעפּל. דאַכט זיך אַזוי קורץ, און ווי שאַרף! ווי בילדעריש!

הייסט ניט פֿון דאַנען אַהין. — קלאָר און לאָקאַניש וואָס קאָן נאָר זײַן!

— אַרײַנגעפֿאַלן! — אינגאַנצן איין וואָרט, און די סיטואַציע איז מער ווי קלאָר.

— אַ גאַנצער קנאַקער!. . . אַ פֿלאַקן-שיסער!. . . אַ פֿלוידער-זאַק!. . . אַ מהיפּיתניק!. . . — אויסשעפּלעכע כאַראַקטעריסטיקעס, וואָס קירצער איז ניט מעגלעך. אַז מיר זאָגן: אַזוינס ווי אַזעלכעס, קאָן עס זײַן אָדער ערנסט, אָדער איראָניש, און עס באַשטייט אינגאַנצן פֿון צוויי אַליין פֿאַר זיך גאָרנישט באַדײַטנדיקע ווערטער.

מען קאָן אויך מיט צוויי-דרײַ ווערטער געבן אַ כאַראַקטעריסטיק דורך אַ טאָוונג, ווי למשל, דרייט מיטן עק, מאַכט היטנטישע שטיק, קלאַפּט מיט דער צונג, דרייט אַ הימל, דולט אַ ספּאָדעק, מאַכט פּוילע שטיק, אַרבעט מעשים, א.אַ.וו. אָדער אין אַ פֿאָרעם פֿון נעגאַ-ציע: קאָן קיין צוויי ניט ציילן (אידיאָניש), הייסט ניט ווען אויס און ווען איין, לעקט ניט קיין האָניק (ווען מען איז ניט בײַ זיך, נאָר בײַ יענעם), א.אַ.וו.

עמעצן אָפּהאָשן — הייסט מיאוס אויסזידלען, מאַכן אַזוי, אַז ער זאָל „פֿאַרזאָגן אַ צענטן". חלשן (אָדער נאָך עמעצן, אָדער עפּעס וועלן שטאַרק) צ.ב. חלשן נאָך אַ טרונק, חלשן נאָך דעם מיידל. אויס-שפּײַען די נשמה, א.אַ.וו.

מען קאָן דורך אַן אידיאָם אויסשעפּלעך איבערגעבן אַ סיטואַציע. ניט פֿריגלדיק! און פּרווו דאָ עפּעס צוגעבן! אָדער עס האַלט שמאָל! מען קאָן אויך אויסמאָלן קורץ און בינדיק פֿאַרשיידענע אומשטענדן און צושטאַנדן, קאָנקרעטע און נישט קאָנקרעטע. מען קאָן לאָזן זיך וואַרל-גיין, ווערן ברייטער ווי לענגער, געשוואָלן ווערן פֿאַר וואַוילטאָג, א.אַ.וו.

איצט וועלן מיר כאַפּן אַ קוק אויף די אַזוי צו זאָגן „באַרעדעוודיקע" אידיאָמען און פֿאַטאָגדערקלײַבן כאָטש איניקע מוסטערן.

ווייסט ניט פֿון זײַנע הענט און פֿיס, פֿון זײַן לײַב און לעבן. אַרויסגעוואָרפֿן פֿאַר די הינט. טשעפּעט ניט קיין פֿליג אויף דער וואַנט. שפּרינגט פֿון דער העלער הויט. אַ יאָלד אין אַ קאַפּעליוש. קריכן אויף די גלײַכע ווענט. דאָס איז איין מאָל אַוועק. א.אַ.וו. מיר זעען, אַז די „איבעריקע" ווערטער זײַנען גראָד ניט קיין איבעריקע! זיי גיבן צו שטעג-דיק עפּעס ווערטיקעס. ווײַל טאַקע! איין זאַך איז אַ יאָלד, און אַ צווייטע — אַ יאָלד אין אַ קאַפּעליוש! איין זאַך איז זאָגן ערשטנס, און אַ צווייטע — דאָס איז איין מאָל אַוועק. היינט די דינאַמיק פֿון זאַץ! זײַן מוזיקאַ-לישע זײַט! דער טעמפּעראַמענט ווײַנער!

צום סוף וואָלט זיך וועלן נישט פֿאַטאָגדערקלײַבן, נאָר כאָטש איבערדערכענען עטלעכע מוסטערן פֿון אידיאָנישע אידיאָמען, אַזעלכע ווי: דער נאַר שטופּט אים! אַ היץ אין פֿאַראַוואַ! רוף מיך קאָנקעיסל! אַ דאַנק דיר אין הימל! פֿידסט מיך אין באָד אַרײַן!

און נאָך עטלעכע ווערטער וועגן אידיאָמען מיט אַ פֿאַרקערטן מיין — אַ ריין ייִדישע דערשײַנונג! למשל, שיין זע איך אויס הייסט, אַז עס האָט זיך באַקומען נישט שיין (נישט גוט). אָדער: איך ליג גוט אין ד'ערד! דאָס אייגענע — חכם מײַנער! אָדער: ער האָט זיך איבערגע-אַרבעט (מיינט — כמעט גאָרניט געטאָן). אָדער: עס גייען די יום-טובדיקע טעג. (שווערע, ווײַט ניט יום-טובדיקע) א.אַ.וו.

און. . . זאָל שרײַן דײַן געבוג ווײַל. . . עס דאַרף דאָך אַמאָל נעמען אַ סוף!

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From coast to coast

Islamic fundamentalism called major threat

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The rapid spread of Islamic fundamentalism poses the most serious threat to international security today, said a representative of an organization which focuses on international Jewish affairs.

Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice-chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was the guest speaker at the recent United Jewish Appeal (UJA) 1995 Major Gifts Event held at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in North York.

"Islamic fundamentalism is a danger engulfing the whole world," Hoenlein told the audience of 275. He said fundamentalists control the three central republics in the former Soviet Union; they have a strong presence in Africa in Somalia, the Sudan, Kenya and Algeria; and they are rapidly gaining

Malcolm Hoenlein

power in Egypt.

The fundamentalists have built 3,000 mosques in Egypt and they control all the professional groups, Hoenlein said, warning that the influence of fundamentalism is spreading westward.

There are 100,000 mosques in Turkey and 1,000 in Holland; an estimated 10 million fundamentalists live in the heart of Europe, he said. "Islam is the number two religion in Belgium."

The fundamentalists have settled in North America, which has become their second largest source of funds after Iran. They claim to be raising money for social causes, but use the money for violent purposes, Hoenlein said.

"We know that many of them are coming to Canada to raise funds," he told *The CJN*, adding that since the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York, law enforcement agencies are tightening up their laws in an effort to control fundamentalist activities.

The FBI and CIA are devoting more resources to combating terrorism, and a new U.S. crime bill will have stiffer penalties for anyone aiding or abetting terrorists, he said.

The major gifts givers have contributed $25 million to the 1995 campaign, which officially ends this month. Last year UJA raised $39 million, but the total contributions for 1995 have not yet been calculated.

UJA Campaign co-chairs were Wendy Eisen and Robert Masters. Michael Bregman, Lorri Kushnir and Fred A. Litwin were the Major Gift Cabinet co-chairs. Ron Frisch and Larry Tanenbaum were the Major Gift Event co-chairs.

The top major gift canvasser awards went to Lawrence Bloomberg, president and CEO of First Marathon Inc.; Dave Green; Honey Sherman, Atarah co-chair; and Scott Staiman, president of Kernels.

Chocolate Sunday in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — A chocolate replica of a Ghengis Khan artifact will be featured as part of Hadassah-WIZO's fourth annual Chocolate Sunday.

The fundraising will be launched with a kosher dinner and dance at the Empress hotel on Jan. 14.

The Chocolate Sunday exhibition runs the next day at the adjoining Victoria Conference Centre.

Stephanie Gilbert, convenor, and Lisa Edgar, coordinator, promise A Night of Musical Memories for the dinner-dance. An "authentic" ballroom dancing display will get the evening under way.

Chocolate Sundays are presented by Hadassah-WIZO chapters in several cities across the country; Victoria's has raised thousands of dollars for Hadassah-WIZO projects in Israel.

More than 35 exhibitors have signed on for Chocolate Sunday and some of the added features include talks and demonstrations by Vancouver and Victoria chefs.

Starting on Jan. 10, a group of sculptors and chefs will create — out of a ton of chocolate — a replica of a Ghengis Khan artifact, to tie in with an upcoming exhibit at the Royal Museum of British Columbia.

Admission to Chocolate Sunday is $5 which includes five samples plus a chance on a draw for a luxury cruise and other prizes. Dinner is $85 per person, partly tax deductible.

Cooperation seen key to black-Jewish relations

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The city's black and Jewish communities should avoid playing into hostile hands by fighting with each other, said a Canadian Jewish Congress official discussing relations between the two groups.

"We have the same enemies. If we fight with each other, we play into their hands," said Steve Shulman.

Shulman reported a drop in tensions in recent months and the development of positive contacts with the Black Professional and Business Society. "Don't fall prey to stereotypes," he said. "We have more in common than our differences."

Shulman, CJC associate director of community relations, was speaking at a Brotherhood breakfast of Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

"I don't believe that all blacks, or even a majority, are anti-Semitic," Shulman said. "Most blacks are hard-working members of society. There is a problem of prejudice against blacks in our own community that we have to face."

He urged synagogue members to get to know blacks on an individual basis and suggested the synagogue work together with a black group on a charitable project.

But Shulman said a lingering chill in the air caused by the debate over *Show Boat* was still making it difficult for the two communities to come together.

The CJC official said it was unfortunate some Jews did not appreciate the complaints the black community had against the musical. "It is not for Jews to tell another community what should offend them."

Blacks and Jews need to work together, he said, to fight extreme rightists. He included the Nation of Islam as part of a wider problem of intolerance. "We have to know what we may be in for. It makes it more urgent for blacks and Jews here to come together."

A videotape of a speech by disgraced Nation of Islam aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad full of vile anti-Semitic slurs brought gasps from the audience.

Emil Bienstock chaired the meeting, while Lew Lightstone introduced the speaker.

Sunquest charters possible

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how to continue, and so forth."

"El Al is owned by the government of Israel, and we do what the government of Israel is telling us to do," he said.

Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, has achieved a remarkable success in getting Sunquest and other Canadian travel wholesalers to mass-market Israel as a tourist destination to the Canadian public. "We've developed a very good marketing network in Canada that didn't exist before, and we believe that we've reached the point where we can promote Israel better with more than one carrier," she said.

"In the modern world you need to provide choices to people, and you need to offer more than one product."

Sunquest's Carroll told *The CJN* that if its application is denied, it may reconsider whether to keep selling Israel to Canadians. "We've been very involved in promoting Israel for the past three years," he said. "But if they're going to make it more difficult for us to do our job, one wonders about promoting the destination at all."

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

PLACE NAMES (TOPONYMICS)

In the Russian Empire of the early 19th century there were a number of edicts of expulsion of Jews from different areas. At about the same time, adoption of surnames became mandatory. It was not unnatural for Jews to assume names of their former origin. This accounts for the many toponymic Jewish surnames like Pinsky and Slytzky, people who were expelled from Pinsk and Slutzk.Sometimes the name was adopted because the bearer visited rather than resided there. For example, not many Jews resided in Leipzig, but a person who visited the famous Leipzig fair might adopt the name Leipziger.

Large areas were responsible for names like Litvack (Lithuania), Litwin (Latvia or Lithuania), Pollock (Poland) and Woloshyn (Vallachia).

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This is the last issue of the paper in Calendar year 1994. Unlike Rosh Hashanah, the turn of the Gregorian wheel is not regarded as a religious occasion. There is no machzor to guide our prayers, nor a spiritual focus for the self-assessment so vital to meaningful human existence. The noisemaker is no substitute for the shofar, and the party hat is no replacement for the kipah, but as the days become weeks, the weeks flow into months and the pages of the calendar fall off one by one into the misty recall of our memory, it is only human nature to take note.

And what do we notice? The cynic can say, with some justification, plus ça change plus c'est la même chose: the more things change, the more they stay the same.

After all, the human condition dips and climbs through a familiar daily landscape of trying to make a living, providing food, shelter and education for one's family, helping one's neighbor, and avoiding the increasing incidence of random violence. Farther afield the terrain is still cluttered with the reminders of civilization's lost battles: disease, hunger, inter-ethnic conflict and war.

Though there was much to celebrate in Jewish life this past year, the Jewish condition is still perennially one of concern: peace and security for Israel, anti-Semitism at home and abroad, assimilation, commitment and continuity.

In noticing, therefore, the change from one year to the next, we cannot help but ask ourselves what is the proper approach in trying to deal with life's numerous and seemingly insurmountable challenges? What is the balance between Pollyanna and pessimist?

We believe that life is too important and the cause of human betterment is too precious to surrender to cynicism. The cynic provides no solutions. He becomes stuck in a self-created bog caused by a steady stream of excuses. And yet, there is so much work that must be done in so many fields of endeavor, the mere thought of it is almost overwhelming.

Rabbi Tarphon, the sage of Mishnaic times, may hold for us a piece of timely advice. He was a realist who looked with a clear and precise eye upon the ways of the world. He saw life's difficulties in all its unburnished detail; he and his people suffered greatly under the cruel, heavy boot of Rome. But he also saw life's possibilities and the individual and societal fulfilment that lay within human grasp.

His advice commends itself even today: "It is not incumbent upon us to finish the work; but neither are we free to desist from it."

Moroccan model

It was not by chance that Morocco recently hosted the first Middle East-North African Summit, a conclave of Arab and Muslim nations which saw Israel participate as a full member in the economic dialogues.

Moroccan Jews deem it natural that their capital, Casablanca, should be the meeting place of Jews and Arabs, a model to which Jews and Arabs in the Middle East could aspire.

The 8,000-strong Jewish community of Morocco, reports the *Christian Science Monitor* (Nov. 22), has been instrumental in encouraging closer ties between Jerusalem and Casablanca.

It has been able to do so because Jews and the majority Arab population in the country enjoy an amicable relationship, unique in the Arab world.

Jews are free to worship and to work as they please in Morocco. They attribute this to King Hassan II, who has followed the sage policies of his late father, Mohammed V, as far as minority rights are concerned.

Not only do Moroccan Jews enjoy all civil liberties, but two members of the Casablanca Jewish community occupy high positions in the Moroccan government — Serge Berdugo, minister of tourism, and Andre Azoulay, King Hassan's financial and economics adviser.

The success of Moroccan Jews in serving as a bridge between Jews and Arabs everywhere has not been lost on the huge moroccan-Jewish Diaspora in Israel, France and Canada itself.

Inspired by the experience of their Moroccan families who have effected a solid modus vivendi with the Arab population, Moroccan Jews are beginning to assert themselves in Israel and abroad as ambassadors of a new relationship that is possible between Jews and Arabs.

The optimism of this new Moroccan-Jewish coalition must be encouraged. Anything which promotes inter-community amity needs support in these troubling times for Israel.

Letters to the editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

A VISIT TO GERMANY

The State of Brandenburg of the Federal Republic of Germany, in which the concentration camps Sachsenhausen and Ravensbruck were located, is inviting surviving former inmates as its guests from April 21 and 25, 1995, to attend the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of their liberation, all expenses paid.

Application forms should be requested from Ministerpraesident des Laudes Brandenburg, Postfach 601051, 14410 Potsdam, Germany. The deadline for appliations is Jan. 30.

Consideration may be given for a companion to accompany the former inmate. The visit may be extended at the visitor's own expense.

As a registered former inmate of Sachsenhausen, I received an invitation in German with the request to pass it on to other surviving inmates of those two camps, of which there will be a number in Canada.

Frederick Rose
Toronto

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In *CJN* letters Nov. 24, Rabbi Abraham Cohen questions views imputed to me, which he gleaned from a *CJN* report of Nov. 3.

I presume that Rabbi Cohen did not hear my actual remarks, and is reacting to the context of the written word.

It is obvious that belief in afterlife is important in Judaism. Clear statements to this effect in the Talmud are enough evidence, as is the additional rationale offered by Rabbi Cohen.

But this does not make belief in afterlife a major concern. The major concern in Judaism has always been the here-and-now. "Better is one period of repentance and good deeds in this world than all of life of the world to come" (Talmud, Avot 4:22).

Concerning the Holocaust, I have never bought into Kushnerian theology. To say that God cries does not mean that is all God does or can do. Kushner may say so, but does that mean those who speak of God crying agree with Kushner? God cried long before Kushner reported this.

I have always felt that Kushner's proposition, creating God in our own image, in an image we can fathom, smacks of intellectual idolatry.

It would have been more appropriate for Rabbi Cohen to research the matter before attributing to me views that are not mine.

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka
Congregation Machzikei Hadas
Ottawa

Editor's note: In our Dec. 8 issue, the last three paragraphs of this letter were inadvertently omitted.

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PLACE OF WOMEN

It was heartening to hear Irving Nitkin's news from the midbar west of Toronto (*CJN*, Nov. 10).

There are Conservative Jews living and working and davening in Toronto who don't seem to suffer from femiphobia. The disheartening thing is how many of us had to leave the Conservative movement to find or create alternatives where men and women can worship equally.

After 10 years of struggling for change from within, my family decided to leave the shul that had been our home for more than 15 years. It was difficult and painful. But not as painful as facing, week after week, the fact that women did not count, that our knowledge, our commitment, our desire did not qualify us to be equal partners in religious practice.

I know many Conservative Jews in Toronto who have left Conservative synagogues over the refusal of their leadership to recognize and acknowledge the movement's stance on women. Some have moved to Reform or Reconstructionist synagogues where egalitarianism is a fact of life, not a battle. Some, my family among them, have helped to establish havurot where men and women can participate equally and publicly, and where our sons and daughters can see we value the involvement and participation of women and men.

If someone were to deliberately create an agenda to turn our children away from Judaism, Ramah Canada has shown us precisely how to do it. Take the cream of our crop, the kids who have chosen to make their lives as Jewish professionals, people who want to be actively Jewish and to express their Judaism professionally — and then subvert their accomplishments. What narishkeit!

Miriam Wyman
Toronto

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SEEKS POLISH JEW

I am looking for Waldemar (Waldek) Glazgal, born in 1930 in the town of Zalozce, in the Tarnopol region of Eastern Poland (now Ukraine). He was sheltered by the Prus family for eight months before joining the Soviet partisans in April 1944. Anyone with information about this person is asked to contact Prof. Edward Prus, ul. Lebanska 5, 44-100 Gliwice, Poland.

Edward Prus, Poland

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Perspectives

Peace talks stumble over security and politics

By Yeshayahu Anug

According to the Oslo agreement with the PLO, now bolstered by the Nobel Prizes, election of the Palestinian Council that will administer the autonomous areas throughout the interim period are essential for the continuation of the peace process.

Israel had committed herself to redeploy its armed forces outside the populated Arab towns shortly before these elections. The PLO was to establish a "strong police force" to secure public order in the Arab community, while Israeli troops were to move freely in the surrounding areas to safeguard Jewish settlements and settlers.

Though it was clear from the outset that such complicated designs will be difficult to implement, both sides believed the very prospects of peace would produce an atmosphere of conciliation and facilitate the uneasy coexistence in the territories between settlers and the local population. This was not to be.

Opposition on both sides against the agreement became more violent and soon doubt replaced the short-lived euphoria. The massacre of Arabs in the Hebron mosque and the vicious attacks by Islamic fanatics darkened the horizons. Public support in Israel for the government wavered and in the Arab community, Yasser Arafat's position as the undisputed leader of the Palestinian cause was increasingly challenged by his Islamic rivals. During the few months since his return to Gaza, life there has become even more miserable. The influx of foreign aid is slow and limited due to mistrust of Arafat's inept administration.

Still, the peace process has now reached the crucial testing ground of the elections. Whether Arafat really wants this test, which could strengthen his Hamas enemies, is difficult to tell, but also irrelevant. The fact is that without elections the whole peace process will come to a standstill unless the agreement is radically modified.

For valid security considerations, but also for internal political reasons, Israel is now hesitating to redeploy its forces as committed. For its part, the PLO refuses to hold elections in the presence of the Israeli army, nor does it agree to its temporary withdrawal and subsequent return after the voting.

Another idea floated in Israel — to postpone the elections until a network of new bypass roads is in place in the territories — is unrealistic. Not only would such labyrinthian construction take too much time and money, it would put an end to the whole process. Talks are now aimed at finding a mutually face-saving formula.

More complex still are the uneasy contacts with Syria. In the wake of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's apparently inconsequential visit, a verbal truce between the parties has now replaced the sharp exchanges of recent weeks. The talks between the two delegations are to resume with the participation of high-ranking military experts, an indication that security issues could now be discussed directly. But this is just stage management, not a real breakthrough.

Meanwhile, the increased terrorist activity of Hezbollah in south Lebanon, designed to undermine the morale of the Israeli-controlled militia and to harass Israeli units in the area, has been quite successful. It is possible that Syria wants to remind the Israelis it can manipulate that front at will, until the Golan issue is settled on its terms. It could also be an Iran-inspired escalation to provoke Israeli retaliation of a scale that would torpedo the Syrian-Israeli talks, as well as the Lebanese government's intention to reach a working settlement with Israel.

Whatever the reasons for this painful flare-up in the north, a number of high ranking Israeli military staff made unauthorized and highly bellicose remarks, which induced Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to cool the tension they produced from Tokyo. He reminded the public that spectacular raids against Hezbollah had resulted in wild Islamic revenge in Israel and against Jewish targets abroad.

More than a rebuff to the military who had exceeded their mandate, Rabin's reaction was a recognition that only a political solution can change the explosive situation along Israel's northern frontier. But how can that be achieved without trying harder in the negotiations with Syria?

It was, however, a timely message to the Israeli public by a prime minister who has recognized the limits of power, but whose tactics have so far not matched his convictions. The conduct of the problematic peace processes with the PLO and Syria in the shadow of uncontrollable terror needs some serious rethinking. Meanwhile, Rabin's image as a clearminded leader was recently weakened by a number of mishaps which started as rethorical blunders.

Rabin seems overworked and tense, which is understandable given his loaded agenda, but his mood affects both the style and quality of his political decisions.

Objectively, his mid-term record is much better than it looks. He will now have to decide how to handle the peace talks with the PLO and Syria, where to be flexible and where to stiffen Israel's position. He may decide to slow down the negotiations on one or both peace-fronts. Back at home he must also put his house in order and show decisive leadership and firm direction. If he hesitates to act, he will seriously endanger his political future.

Turkish Jews struggle to maintain identity

By SUZANNE R. KATZ
Special to The CJN

In April 1986, the joy of a synagogue's rededication was brutally shattered by terrorist explosives, leaving 23 dead and dozens wounded.

The bombing of Istanbul's Neve Shalom Synagogue was a watershed event for Jews the world over, making real the possibility of unprovoked attack in a traditionally tolerant environment.

Immediately, parallels were drawn between the Turkish and North American communities. Both are well-off socially and economically, and have adapted to non-Jewish surroundings with characteristically Jewish flair.

For the first time in American and Turkish communities, security measures were instituted as a precaution in synagogues and schools. The threat of Jewish community dissolution momentarily shifted from the intangibles of assimilation, ignorance and apathy to the physical.

Today, the focus has returned to the daily trials that wrest with the soul of the Jewish community: how to sustain traditions in a changing world, to educate without pedantry, to encourage and not to alienate. What follows are some of the concerns with which Turkish Jewry struggles, and some of the inspiring solutions that preserve its 500-year-old heritage, originating in Spain.

Following the expulsion from Spain in 1492, more than 120,000 Jews were welcomed into the Ottoman Empire by Sultan Beyazit II. Today, the entire Jewish population of Turkey numbers only 23,000. Istanbul has approximately 20,000 Jews, with 18 synagogues, a few kosher butchers, a Jewish home for the aged, two Jewish schools, a Jewish hospital, and numerous Jewish social organizations.

Chacham Bashi David Asseo is the chief rabbi of Turkey, and Chacham Izak Haleva is the chief rabbi of Istanbul. Their power is highly centralized. There are no denominational divisions among Turkey's Jews; all halachic decisions are determined by a Beit Din and other community matters are decided by a Jewish Community Council.

Jewish children in the Jewish school in Izmir, Turkey.

This centralized structure paradoxically engenders closeness between the community and its leaders.

"We follow the Orthodox laws, but Turkish style," says Chacham Haleva. For example, most Istanbul Jews drive to synagogue on Shabbat, an act Chacham Haleva cannot officially sanction. He looks the other way, because "it is better that they drive to synagogue and experience Judaism, than they stay home on Shabbat and don't do anything Jewish at all."

This practical approach also applies to the Jewish "clubs", Jewish community-owned buildings where teenagers socialize — primarily on Shabbat. They play music, use lights, and otherwise defy tenents of traditional Sabbath observance. Community leaders only weakly object, in deference to the clubs' obvious value in forestalling assimilation and intermarriage.

About 500 miles south of Istanbul is Izmir, Turkey's other main locus of Jewish concentration. Here, the risks of assimilation and intermarriage are magnified by the relatively small community of about 3,000. Many young people travel to Istanbul, Israel or Europe for higher education and return to Izmir only to visit their parents and see old friends, not to begin their lives.

In the face of entrenched community leadership and the seldom voiced but pervading opinion that the community is dying, one woman determined to reverse the downward trend. Four years ago, Gizel Hasan rallied the Jewish Community Board to donate money for the Liga, a Jewish singles club and general meeting place. She was concerned about the gradual attrition of the community, primarily through assimilation and intermarriage.

"We have 130 young unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 40, and 70 women in this category," Hasan says.

Hasan says many of the directors of the community board are in their 70s, and think the community will die in 100 years. "Some have children who are married to Muslims, and don't want to view [intermarriage] as a problem."

Yet there is an upsurge in traditional practices in Izmir among the young. Jewish wedding baskets, foods and the Liga are indications, according to professional tour guide Sara Pardo, that people know "that something's slipping out of our hands, and we have to grab it, tightly."

Hasan has organized social weekends between the Istanbul and Izmir communities, as well as the Ininiyet (Goodwill) group. On significant life-cycle occasions, Ininiyet sends a packet of biscochos (cookies) and sweets on glass plates emblazoned with their logo.

For many of Istanbul's Jews, a meaningful connecting with tradition is hampered by the lack of the essentials of ritual observance. Hebrew illiteracy is widespread, primarily among the women, and the structure of synagogue rites and practices leaves little room for self-reflective inquiry. While most Turkish Jews strongly identify with their heritage, they attend synagogue only on the High Holidays, or for a wedding or bar mitzvah.

Perhaps the most concrete expression of Turkish Jewry's yearning for connectivity and continuity is the Our Roots project funded by the Grand Rabbinate. It aims to trace the genealogical histories of all Turkish Jews, both in Turkey and abroad.

"You can tell someone's family background by the traditional foods they eat," says Leyla Ipecker, who runs the Our Roots project. For her Seder table, she lays out an enticing array of salads, fish and mina (matzah and spinach, matzah and meat).

"It's for the children," she explains. "We've forgotten so much valuable information because it's not written down."

Opinions

Rasky's *Prophecy* — a special experience

An old definition of a prophet goes like this: Prophets are people who tell us what ought to be, not what will be.

Renowned filmmaker and Emmy winner Harry Rasky has created something very special, a film called *Prophecy*. It is a kind of spiritual travelogue that touches many religions and, in a rather unique way, focuses on Judaism and Jerusalem. It is a universal film, but it is also very Jewish.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Rasky, a native Torontonian, is fascinated with religion. He tells how as a child living in narrow quarters on Mackay Street in downtown Toronto, he heard his father's chanting and how the words impressed themselves forever in his mind. Being Jewish is something very serious for him, and I've seen him in shul often enough to know it.

His Judaism is touched by the prophetic, for he has absorbed both the intense love of an Isaiah for his own people as well as his universalist vision embracing others as God-seekers. In a way his film is an illustration of the rabbinic saying, "The righteous of all nations have a place in the world to come," translated into ordinary English as "you don't have to be Jewish to be religious."

The film is an exploration of modern prophecy not in the sense of our tradition, which says prophecy ceased with Malachi, but through people's responsibility for each other and for our planet.

Rasky is a fundamental ecologist who, with many others, believes we are on the wrong road, that we have misused God's great gift to us and have exploited rather than respected it. Not surprisingly, he is greatly taken with the native peoples' love and respect for Mother Earth and believes we can learn from them.

Throughout the film, aboriginal images and songs dot the verbal and musical landscape. The cinematography is splendid. You are enveloped by nature, by cities, by masses of people on all continents. You hear languages from every part of the world. You meet the Dalai Lama, Bahais, Christians and Jews who share his concerns.

It all starts off with an interview with Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum of Toronto, who died not long ago. He was a survivor of the Japanese war prisoners' camp at the River Kwai. He relates how, with all the cruelty and depravation he experienced, he always let hope be his ladder upwards. I forget his exact words, but I do remember his face, with its lovely, benign smile and twinkling eyes. He spoke of Judaism as a very special pursuit of ultimate goals and did so in down-to-earth language.

Rabbi Nussbaum begins and ends the film, and in a way the whole parade of observations, images and personalities is framed by the Jewish view. At the centre of it all stands the city of Jerusalem.

Rasky has a love affair with the City of God, and time and again he returns to it both personally and in the film. Yet, this is not a tourist movie showing you great highlights; rather, Jerusalem becomes the thread that runs through the film.

At 2 hours and 15 minutes, it is a long picture. As a critic I would say it could be shorter without losing any of its punch, but the large audience at the Ontario Science Centre (assembled there by the Jerusalem Foundation, which sponsored the premier) sat entranced in silence. Afterwards, when we had a chance to speak with each other, we agreed the evening had been a kind of religious experience.

Critics will cavil with this or that, but the rapt attention, the utter quiet, the meditative calm that enveloped the audience spoke loudly in their very silence.

When it comes your way, be sure to see *Prophecy*. It shows no violence, no sex and its love story features the human soul in search. There's no prophetic thunder. There is, however, prophetic warning.

There's more to Maccabees than people realize

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

This is a non-rabbinic response to Rabbi Elyse M. Goldstein's rabbinic reflections on Chanukah (*CJN*, Nov. 24). She cannot really pass herself off as a "Chanukah Scrooge" because she is surely not a "mean-spirited" person in the definition of Charles Dickens' famous Christmas character. But I am afraid she is somewhat wrong-spirited about the significance of Chanukah.

One cannot quarrel with her concern over the tendency to equate Chanukah with Christmas at the commercial level. But one can quarrel with her claim that Chanukah is a lesser of "our real holy days." If "the Torah knows nothing of Chanukah" it is only because the early rabbis willed it so. To determine what significance should be attached to the Jewish Festival of Lights, it is necessary to be more aware of the history of the Maccabean struggle.

The Maccabees were not fighting only the Syrian Greek Hellenizers. They were also in competition with the Pharisees who developed rabbinic Judaism. The Pharisees did not look with great favor on the Maccabees because their victory brought the restoration of priestly Judaism. Thus the early rabbis agreed to recognize only the first phase of the Maccabean victory leading to the recapture of Jerusalem around 165 BCE. And they added the "miracle" of the one day supply of oil which burned for eight days.

But there is much more to the history of the Maccabees than the events to which the celebration of Chanukah is limited. The descendants of the original Maccabees ruled Judea as high priests and kings, for the better part of two centuries until Roman power took over. The Maccabean rulers included Queen Salome Alexandra (not to be confused with the Salome of the seven veils), who brought peace to the land and reached an accord with the Pharisees.

The Maccabean era is recorded in the books, Maccabees I and II, which the rabbis refused to include in the Jewish Holy Scriptures. These books went into the Apocrypha.

The historic significance of the Maccabean era, which started with the rebellion launched by Mattathias, the Hasmonean, and his sons, who became the Maccabees, has been reassessed by modern Jewish historians. One contemporary scholar, Nathan Ausubel, has called it somewhat "baffling" that Chanukah is included with "minor" Jewish festivals. In the "national consciousness" of the Jews, Ausubel states, Chanukah ranks "second to Passover in historical significance."

Moreover the Jewish Festival of Lights is at least two centuries older than the Christian festival of light. Chanukah and Christmas might possibly be traced back to the ancient festival of the Winter Solstice when primitive peoples lit bonfires to bring back the sun. Today, however, we don't have to light bonfires. By the light of the chanukiah we may relate the full story of the Jews in the Maccabean era, a chapter a night for the eight nights.

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Here's more modern Chassidic tales...

The response was spectacular! The response was overwhelming! Well, let's just say that the response was "whelming." It seemed that *everywhere* I went that week — the week I published those powerful Modern Chassidic Tales which I uncovered through astonishingly complex research (not to mention writing them myself, which I just mentioned) — people stopped me on the street and yelled, "WHY DON'T WATCH WHERE THE HECK YOU'RE DRIVING. YOU IDIOT!" And others cried out at me, "DIDN'T YOU SEE THAT STOP SIGN, MANIAC? WHERE ARE THE COPS WHEN YOU NEED THEM?"

By Allan Gould

Well, a few people also said they really enjoyed that selection of Chassidic Tales. Which is why — now that the car is safely in the garage — I here share with you a further selection. See if they continue to move you as much as my driving seems to move others — especially when they are foolishly walking on the sidewalk . . .

THE OFFENSIVE NEIGHBOR

The Baronbinger Rebbe once noted, "If thy neighbor offends thee, refrain from wrath, because a lawyer can cost you a bundle, and the courts are useless.

"On second thought, the lawyer who married my 14th daughter is really struggling to make a living, and could probably give you a deal. Just tell him the Baronbinger Rebbe sent you. Then go ahead and sue the offending neighbor from here to Halifax; life is too short to let some naar push you around, and the judges have to make a parnossa too, you know."

THE MARKHAM REBBE ON WEALTH

Once, the Markham Rebbe was asked about wealth. And, since he always had a lot of time on his hands, being generally unemployed, the Rebbe replied.

— "He who makes fun of others will never be wealthy, especially if it is the boss who you are mocking."

— "Wealth will not remain with that man who buys Lotto 6/49 tickets all the time, for they do not call lotteries 'Tax on the Stupid' for nothing."

— "Poverty is worse than the Ten Plagues. And speaking of 10 plagues, if anyone needs a great Rebbe at their seder table this coming Pesach, I'm available; my wife has threatened to throw me out with the rest of the crumbs."

— "Wine brings poverty, unless you sell it; then you will probably make a lot of money from the shikorim."

— "A change of name and residence often aids in securing a livelihood. Once, when times were tough, my no-good nephew changed his name and address a dozen times, and collected so much welfare, he was able to retire to Florida."

— "It is better to work than to watch daytime television. Actually, it's better to sleep than to watch daytime television. You wouldn't believe some of the garbage I've seen on *Oprah* and *Geraldo*. I really have to stop watching that stuff, once and for all."

THE REBBE'S TORAH LESSON

Once, the great Northend-Winnipegger Rebbe was invited to give a drash on Parshat Noah, and he rose and spoke before the hushed, worshipful masses in his congregation:

"Noah had three sons, as you all know. Yet two of them were good and one of them was rotten. Of course, if you named your son 'Ham,' you shouldn't expect a saint to come from this child.

"Still, the fact that all three sons came from the same mother and father, yet one turned out lousy, should teach us a lesson.

"You know, in the previous week's sedrah, both Cain and Abel were sons raised in the same family, and one even killed the other, heaven help us. And let's face it: both Isaac and Ishmael were sons of Avraham Avi-nu, and yet one was a much finer lad. Come to think of it, Jacob and Esau were womb-mates, and one turned out an awful lot better than the other. You know, there is a moral here, somewhere. Actually, my own brother isn't such a nice guy, either, whereas I am the Great Northend-Winnipegger Rebbe. Then again, of my nine children, there are at least three whom I'd prefer not to even talk about."

"You know," concluded the Northend-Winnipegger Rebbe, wiping away his tears, "It's all there in the Torah. Everything is there. Turn it, and turn it, and it's all there."

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Features

Cold peace warming up

Reporting from Jerusalem, Sheldon Kirshner assesses Israel's bilateral relationship with Egypt.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel's "cold peace" with Egypt — the first Arab nation to sign a peace treaty with Israel — has begun to warm up.

Yet in spite of the thaw, personally sanctioned by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, officials at the Israeli foreign ministry continue to believe that there is still room for improvement.

As one diplomat put it, "The Egyptians have removed many obstacles to better relations, but there's still a lukewarm official attitude toward Israel."

Israel and Egypt established formal ties in March 1979, less than two years after Anwar al-Sadat, the then Egyptian president, broke with the Arab world and visited Jerusalem. A year later, Israel and Egypt initialled the historic Camp David Accords.

In accordance with its provisions, the two countries signed a series of trade, tourist, agricultural and cultural agreements. But virtually all of them were still-born, the result of Egypt's reluctance to breathe life into them.

Egypt balked at normalization largely out of a strongly-held conviction that Israel was not fulfilling vital clauses in the Camp David Accords related to Palestinian autonomy.

Egypt's policy was also guided by a number of other factors — Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO, which Egypt recognized as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians; Israel's expansion of settlements in the territories; Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and its destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981; and finally, Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Shortly after Israel's thrust into Lebanon, Egypt recalled its ambassador from Tel Aviv. He did not return until 1986, following a Cairo summit meeting between Mubarak, Sadat's successor, and Shimon Peres, the Israeli prime minister.

Tensions flared again in 1987 with the outbreak of the intifadah, the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

These events exacted a terrible toll on normalization. Trade suffered, cultural agreements were sidelined, the flow of Egyptian tourists to Israel was pitiful, Egyptian intellectuals and professional associations boycotted Israel, Israeli diplomats in Cairo were socially shunned and became targets of Islamic fundamentalists, and the Egyptian media demonized Israel and caricatured Jews.

Despite Israeli protests, a deep chill set in. And it lasted, more or less, until earlier this year, when Mubarak declared an interest in improving relations with Israel.

Mubarak's decision was a function of Israel's rapprochement with the PLO, capped by the September 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP) and the May 1994 Cairo agreement which effectively activated the DoP.

Since then, much to Israel's satisfaction, Egypt has taken concrete steps to normalize relations.

The volume of trade has increased. In 1993, it reached the $30 million mark, up from $13 million in 1992. (Egyptian oil exports to Israel, which are substantial, are not included in these figures.)

"This is still peanuts," said an Israeli official. "But the Egyptian side wants to expand trade, which could reach $100 million on an annual basis."

Now that the Gulf States have abolished the secondary and tertiary boycott of Israel, many Egyptian businessmen are no longer afraid to deal with Israel openly, the official added.

Last month, a delegation of 40 Egyptian entreprenuers attended an economic conference in Jerusalem, the first time so great a number had come to Israel. "They established good contacts, and joint ventures were planned," the official said.

In essence, they were consolidating relations that had already been forged in May, when a consortium of Israelis and Egyptians agreed to build an oil refinery in the Alexandria Free Trade Zone.

Volume of trade has increased and better cultural ties seen imminent

Today, Egyptian businessmen are no longer obliged to apply for a special permit to travel to Israel. And in a departure from previous practices, their Israeli counterparts can now obtain multiple visas without running into bureaucratic roadblocks.

Egyptians wishing to visit Israel for pleasure can do so without requesting a "yellow pass," which has been suspended. Of late, about 1,000 Egyptian tourists have been visiting Israel each month. The majority are Coptic pilgrims.

Far more Israelis — some 10,000 monthly — visit Egypt, mainly the Sinai Peninsula.

By all accounts, Egypt, troubled by a drastic slump in tourist traffic caused by Islamic fundamentalist violence, is eager to increase Israeli tourism. Indeed, the Egyptian minister of tourism visited Israel recently, expressing an interest in joint ventures, especially in Sinai.

Cultural relations, the weakest link in Israel's bilateral relationship with Egypt, are on the upswing. Nearly a year ago, a new protocol was signed. And later this month, in an unprecedented gesture, the Egyptian minister of culture is expected to arrive in Israel.

Last summer, a prominent Cairo playwright, Ali Salem, toured Israel. His book, *a Visit to Israel*, published in Arabic, is considered something of a landmark — the first objective account of Israeli society by an Egyptian. A second edition is in the works.

Officials in Jerusalem also take note of other recent achievements in the cultural sphere — the permission given to Israeli archeologists to participate in Sinai digs; the first-ever appearance of Egyptian translators of Hebrew literature at a conference in Israel; the memorandum calling for joint television productions.

And now Israeli diplomats are pleased that Mubarak has finally deigned to honor Israel with his presence. He is expected in January, after President Ezer Weizman and his wife pay an official visit to Cairo later this month.

"No one really understands why Mubarak hasn't visited till now," a diplomat observed. "Your answer is as good as mine."

Despite Egypt's efforts at improving relations with Israel, much remains to be done.

Most Egyptian intellectuals and professionals are hostile to Israel, given their belief that Israel's ultimate objective is to dominate the Arab world. Not surprisingly, they attacked Ali Salem's book as Israeli propaganda.

And the Egyptian media is less than forthcoming toward Israel. "I won't say they want to break the peace with Israel and start a war," said a diplomat who has served in Egypt. "But they are anything but friendly."

The litany of accusations against Israel is familiar and absurd — Israeli tourists are spies whose objective is to corrupt good Muslims; Israeli agricultural advisors have deliberately released pests to damage Egypt's vital cotton crop; the Mossad has dispatched prostitutes to spread AIDS.

Israeli officials are still shocked that Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, had to be pressured into visiting the Children's Memorial at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial-cum museum when he stopped in Jerusalem last September on an official visit.

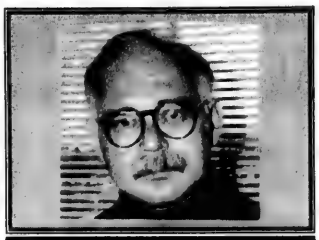
Moussa's insensitivity, an official remarked, was emblematic of Egypt's "lack of understanding of Israel and its values."

As well, diplomats here are concerned by a speech Moussa recently delivered at the United Nations linking normalization with Israel to Israel's nuclear disarmament.

Furthermore, they fear that Egypt has embarked on a campaign to persuade Arab League members not to forge relations with Israel until it signs a peace treaty with Syria. Last month, for example, Egypt blocked a move by the Comoros Islands, a predominantly Muslim state in the Indian Ocean, to establish ties with Israel.

Worrisome though these developments may be, Israeli diplomats here seem convinced that Israel and Egypt have opened a new chapter in their often tubulent relations.

Israel's relations with Egypt have improved of late. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak confers with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a 1993 meeting.



Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

Anxiety, disappointment, anger and disillusionment are gripping Israel these days. At least this was the lingering impression I left with after spending three weeks in the country last month.

Given Israel's historic and long-awaited peace treaty with Jordan, Israel's new above-board relations with Morocco and Tunisia, and the prospect of ties with Syria and the Gulf States, you'd think that Israelis would be in a better frame of mind.

But, sad to say, this is not the case. The cause of their gloom, as I discovered in conversations with friends, acquaintances and strangers, is terrorism.

It is sapping their optimism and dulling their enthusiasm, at a time when Israel's international situation has never been as promising.

Israelis, except those who oppose the current peace process, were surprised and heartened by Israel's September 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP) with the PLO. It seemed as if an era of confrontation, mutual suspicion and bloodshed that had pitted Israel against the Palestinians was finally coming to a close.

No one was under any illusion that the implementation of the DoP — the key to the exercise — would be trouble-free and not strewn with formidable pitfalls. The hard part, we instictively understood, would come only *after* the famous Rabin-Arafat handshake of reconciliation on the White House lawn. The gritty nuts and bolts of the process would indeed be the daunting challenge, the crucial difference between success and failure of a noble effort at peacemaking.

Nevertheless, even the most hardened cynic could not have imagined that one of the by-products of the peace process would be indiscriminate terrorism of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad variety.

Israelis, of course, were painfully aware that these fanatical groups were against peace as well as Israel's very existence. In this sense, they were not dwelling in a fool's paradise. But who among them could have known that the enemies of peace would strike with such heartlessness and ferociousness?

By official count, more than 100 Israelis — soldiers and civilians — have been killed since the DoP was signed. Every death has touched Israel, but none as much as the horrific Oct. 19 bomb blast in the centre of Tel Aviv which, in a single agonizing moment, snuffed out the lives of 22 innocents.

It was not by chance that Hamas targeted Dizengoff Street. It is Tel Aviv's main thoroughfare, a throbbing symbol of the practical Zionism that Arab rejectionists detest so much.

This suicide bombing not only shook Israelis, but also prompted them to wonder whether the PLO is capable of, or interested in, containing terrorism in areas under its jurisdiction. No one seriously believes that the PLO can stamp out terrorism. After all, Israel itself has not.

Yet as weary as they are of terrorism, Israelis know that the clock cannot be turned back, that a Palestinian state is inevitable, and that Arafat, for all his faults, is Israel's partner in shaping the contours of peace.

What are the alternatives? The status quo ante? Hamas? Islamic Jihad? Realistic Israelis realize that a long, hard road lies ahead.

Jewish Life

Happiness a product of Jewish way of life

TORONTO — In appearance and religious practice, Rabbi Ezriel Tauber is strictly Orthodox — complete with full beard and long black coat — but there's nothing traditional about his explanation of the Jewish way of life.

"The whole world is the hardware, the Torah is the software, and the Shulchan Aruch is our instruction book on how to operate this computer [called life]," said the New York-based rabbi, author and businessman at a recent Sunday program for women presented at Baycrest Terrace by the Women's Division of Aish HaTorah.

Rabbi Tauber, one of two keynote speakers at the program (the other was Christian-raised Tova Mordechai), spoke on Happiness: How To Get More From Your Life. The theme of the day was Enjoy Life! It's A Gift to Treasure.

People aren't happy because they don't know how to define the term, said the rabbi. He said the North American entertainment and food industries have derailed pursuit of self-awareness in favor of escapism. In Judaism, instead of "escaping life," you have to "appreciate your role, learn about your mission and pursue what G-d wants from you. Without that, happiness cannot be obtained."

Every moment of life is priceless, said Rabbi Tauber, whose family history bears dramatic testimony to his words.

Ezriel Tauber was born in 1938 in Czechoslovakia. By 1944, the 6-year-old boy had three little brothers and his mother was pregnant with a fifth child. The family had been living in Hungary since the previous year, passing as gentiles.

Against all odds, both parents and all four children survived the Holocaust, and the rabbi's mother subsequently had five more children.

In 1944, his very pregnant mother was sent to Auschwitz. When the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele asked for volunteers to have labor induced, the rabbi's mother came forward.

"She delivered a healthy baby girl, but she didn't want to look, since she knew she'd never see her again," Rabbi Tauber told the rapt audience of 200 women.

After the birth, she heard an announcement: " 'Everyone who is well should get back to work.' My mother said, 'I'm well,' and she smuggled herself back into the work camp. She didn't even have a number on her arm."

There she met her sister-in-law, who hid her and enabled her to survive the war.

"My mother was only fighting for a moment of life," Rabbi Tauber explained. Recently — 50 years later — both his parents shared in a family simchah when the youngest of his 12 children married.

— F.K.

Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI NANCY WECHSLER

Let me tell you about a dream. It is a vision for the Jewish community in Toronto, a potential idea for communities everywhere. It is based on the belief that there truly *is* a Jewish response to illness and that communities *can* unite to meet the needs of those who suffer. A possible name for the dream is "The Jewish Healing Centre."

What is a Jewish Healing Centre? It might be a place where Jews struggling with illness find spiritual support. Individuals, for example, who are fighting an illness would know where to call for accessible Jewish resources on healing, such as books, articles, tapes and videos, or to find counselling. It could also be a resource for the loved ones of those who are ill, by providing Jewishly-oriented and issue-specific support groups.

It might be a place where workshops and presentations on Jewish approaches to illness would be taught for health care professionals. Hospitals would be given opportunities to have seminars on the Jewish perspective of various bioethical issues taught by the staff of the Jewish Healing Centre.

The mandate of a Jewish Health Centre would not be to replace the synagogue or the synagogue rabbi. Rather it would be an organized place with the specific objectives of teaching, counselling and offering resources on the *spiritual* perspective of illness and healing.

A Jewish Healing Centre might offer a training and support group for local rabbis who want to further develop their pastoral work. Many rabbis visit the sick as part of their congregational service; however, to further expand chaplaincy skills through Jewish auspices would be most helpful.

The organization might also reach out to those who battle addictions. Our people, like society at large, confront a variety of addictions. Many churches give space to AA and other such recovery groups; yet, for a number of reasons, it is rare for a synagogue to house them. Having our own Jewish Healing Centre with trained professionals and materials might provide Jewish vocabulary and Jewish concepts for *our* people who are fighting addictions.

Perhaps more synagogues would be able to provide monthly help groups or healing services, assisted by a staff person from the Jewish Healing Centre. Ultimately, a Jewish Healing Centre could bring bikkur cholim and the Jewish commitment to the power of healing to the forefront.

One of the successful models of a Jewish Healing Centre exists currently in San Francisco. It was founded three years ago by rabbis whose desire was to make accessible the broad range of concrete responses that Judaism can offer to Jews struggling with illness. The wellspring of this vision was the knowledge that Judaism can and must bring comfort and spiritual healing to Jews who are in pain, for as the Talmud declares, there can be no greater mitzvah than bringing comfort to those who are ill.

In February of last year, the Jewish Healing Centre sponsored Refaeinu 1994: A Practicum on Healing and the Rabbinate, a three-day conference on Jewish responses to illness attended by more than 130 rabbis and other Jewish professionals from several denominations. The response was very positive.

This January, two congregations: one in Hamilton, the other in Thornhill will be sponsoring a family retreat called Body and Soul: How Judaism Heals. Issues related to the spirituality of well-being will be addressed. It is hoped that this retreat will be a model for other congregations to explore.

The dream for a Jewish Healing Centre beckons. Such a venture requires cooperation from the diversity of Jewish expression within our communities. The benefit from this work, for the sake of the ill and those who care for them cannot be overestimated. At a time when so many are challenged with illness, the establishment of a Jewish Healing Centre would allow the community to respond in a direct, compassionate and spiritually accessible manner.

A midrash is told in the Zohar, Behalotcha 15 about Moses praying to God for the healing of his sister Miriam's leprosy. The rabbis wonder why Moses uttered such a short prayer on her behalf in contrast to the more lengthy prayers he uttered for all of Israel.

And Moses cried out to God saying the words: K'el na refah na la (Heal her now, O God, I beseech You). Rabbi Shimon came and saw that when Moses ordered his prayers for the sake of all Israel, he offered a long prayer. Why was this so? Rabbi Abba said, K'el na refa na la is not just any prayer; it is the secret of God's holy name.

The most direct prayer to God on the behalf of the sick need not be long-winded or overly political in nature. The direct plea from Moses, K'el na refah na la (Heal her now, O God, I beseech You), was all that was required for his prayers to reach God. The intention behind Moses' succinct petition flowed powerfully from his heart and ultimately brought comfort to his sister.

It is in this spirit that the dream of a Jewish Healing Centre is offered. May it be God's will that such a centre is created, cooperatively, in our communities.

Rabbi Nancy Wechsler is the spiritual leader of Temple Kol Ami in Thornhill. Her rabbinical dissertation focuses on rabbinical attitudes toward healing.

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From coast to coast

Memory disorders being explored at Baycrest

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The scientist who discovered why people with brain disease can retain some memories while losing others was honored recently at a reception at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The work of Dr. Endel Tulving, who holds a major research post at Baycrest, may lead to breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairments, said research vice-president Dr. Donald Stuss.

Tulving, who holds the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience, this year was awarded the Izaak Walton Killam prize, Canada's most prestigious science award, and the Gold Life Medal Achievement Award from the American Psychological Foundation.

"Understanding memory disorders is crucial to understanding normal memory, and vice versa. They are two sides of the same coin," Tulving told *The CJN*.

His work has shown we have different memory systems for events and for learned skills, which is why people with brain disease can remember some things and not others. He is currently mapping the brain to discover the neural bases for these complex systems.

Tulving is involved in a cooperative project of the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest, the Clarke Institute and the University of Toronto, studying a method of measuring how the brain stores memory.

Dr. Endel Tulving

According to the Canada Council, which administers the Killam Prize, "Endel Tulving is regarded as the leading and most influential, original and productive cognitive scientist and research psychologist in Canada and as one of the outstanding cognitive researchers in the world."

The ability of Baycrest to attract Tulving to its research team is part of its aim to improve life for older citizens, chairman Stephen Cole said.

A lighter moment occurred when Cole presented Tulving, who is not Jewish, with eight cans of tennis balls, one for each candle lit at Chanukah. A new tennis racquet accompanied the balls in recognition of the scientist's excellence as a doubles partner.

Stuss paid tribute to Anne Tanenbaum for setting up the chair which brought Tulvig to Baycrest, and said he had worked with Tulving on frontal lobe lesions. "I'm going to have it marked on my tombstone that I was on Dr. Tulving's team."

Baycrest president Stephen Herbert presented Tulving with a ceramic sphere made by Michelle Aranoff, a member of the Wagman Centre.

The scientist said he'll study the sculpture at home to decide whether it represents an orb or a brain.

"I've had lots of fun in my scientific sand box," he said. "I love you all."

CORRECTION

The new $3-million Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre (*CJN*, Dec. 15) will replace only the Promenade location. The other three centres will remain. *The CJN* apologizes for the errors.

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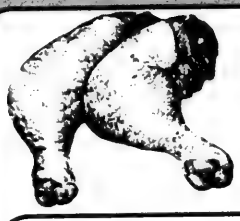

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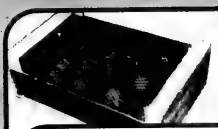

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JCC creditors back plan to restructure

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has cleared another hurdle on the road to its organizational restructuring.

Last week, a meeting of the JCC's creditors approved a proposal that will see the Bank of Montreal (BMO), the JCC's principal secured creditor, receive $9.1 million of the $10.5 million owed to it, and other secured creditors paid in full.

The proposal envisions payment in full to trades and suppliers, up to a total of $2.25 million; full payment of Honeywell's $990,000 claim and complete replenishing of $3.4 million in capital endowments.

If approved by the court, the restructuring and distribution to creditors could take place by February 1995.

Revenue Canada, which is owed approximately $500,000 in unremitted payroll deductions, will be paid out of the $2.25 million pool, as will the former JCC and Leah Posluns Theatre (LPT) employees.

According to the proposal, the employees will be paid "unpaid vacation pay; plus termination pay as stipulated under the Employment Standards Act; plus severance pay as stipulated under the ESA; plus the following enhancements: minimum severance pay equal to five weeks regular salary; plus further three per cent for each year of service at the [JCC]."

Should the total claims of the unsecured regular creditors and unsecured employee creditors exceed $2.25 million, Revenue Canada will receive $442,000 and the former employees will receive $2,000 each. The remaining funds will be distributed pro rata to the unsecured creditors and to the unpaid portion of the employee creditors.

Robert Harlang, spokesman for Richter & Partners, the JCC's court-appointed receiver, said the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto would be the principal source of funds for the creditors.

In a question period that preceded the creditors' vote (there was only one dissenting ballot), Harlang said the Federation would be on the hook for $4.5 million to the BMO for sale of the Bathurst property plus an addition $600,000 it will guarantee on closing the deal, $2.25 million to the unsecured creditors, $3.4 million to the endowments, almost $1 million to Honeywell and $250,000 per year for three years in guarantees to a new members' group which will take over the Bloor centre. It will also arrange a $2.5 million line of credit for the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), which will manage the Bathurst Street facility.

Kamin, who was representing his father's estate, which was part of the JCC's depleted endowment funds, said the Federation could have avoided a lot of anxiety and distress in the community if it had agreed in the summer to meet all the JCC's financial obligations.

Reva Stern, former artistic director of the LPT, said a vocal campaign by the terminated theatre staff was instrumental in seeing all unsecured creditors being paid in full. Stern said the sums to be paid fired staff under the ESA are inadequate and the staff is not finished fighting for better severance packages. Stern also said that should the LPT reopen, she would like to have her old job back at the head of the theatre.

Kamin to challenge arrangement

Another questioner pointed out that yerusha (lifetime) members had been told the yerushas would be treated as an endowment fund.

Harlang said the JCC's records do not disclose that yerushas were treated as endowments and the current proposal does not contemplate the yerusha holders as creditors. He said about 100 yerusha members were affected.

Bernard Kamin, a former president of the JCC, said he objected to a proposal that will see the Federation, which is replenishing the endowments, appoint half the board of directors of the BJC, which will administer the endowments. That would be a conflict of interest, he asserted.

Kamin later told *The CJN* he planned to challenge that arrangement in court.

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Boris (left), Nahum and Dora Liberman proudly display the citizenship certificates awarded them in a special ceremony last week. (Paul Lungen photo)

CJC hosts citizenship court to welcome new Canadians

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was Canada's reputation as an "open country" which welcomes people from abroad that prompted the Liberman family to choose to build their futures in Canada, said 30-year-old Boris Liberman.

"Everybody is from someplace. They all came from somewhere," he said.

A native of Kiev in the former Soviet Union, Boris, along with his parents, Nahum and Dora, became three of Canada's newest citizens last week at a special sitting of the Court of Canadian Citizenship, hosted by Canadian Jewish Congress at the Lipa Green Building.

The event coincided with United Nations Human Rights Day.

The Libermans were among 70 new Canadians from 27 countries of origin whom Citizenship Judge Margarita Okhovati urged to add their talents to Canada's "treasure trove."

Canada is a land built by immigrants, one whose culture is enriched through the work, talents, customs and traditions of newcomers, Okhovati told the new citizens.

Okhovati urged the new Canadians to participate fully in Canadian society and adopt Canada's tradition of tolerance to others.

With the exception of Native peoples, "we are all newcomers to Canada," Okhovati said.

Joining the new Canadians in affirming their allegiance were several leaders of ethnocultural organizations such as the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals, the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the Canadian Hispanic Congress. Also present was Maurice Benzacar, president of the Ontario Sephardic Association.

Gerda Frieberg, chair of the Ontario region of Congress, compared Canada to a bouquet of flowers, adding that Congress fights racists and bigots, the "weeds" in the garden.

Irving Abella, national president of Congress, said new Canadians can look forward to a future of unlimited prospects, but that has not always been the case. A generation ago, Canada was often bigotted, xenophobic and closed inwards against immigrants.

Abella, co-author of *None is Too Many*, a history of Canada's closed-door policy towards Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis, paid tribute to "pioneering immigrants" whose goals of equity, civility and diversity helped make Canada a more hospitable country for immigrants.

He urged the new citizens to take part in the ongoing debate on Canadian self-definition. Canada's pluralist nature welcomes their input, and unlike the land of birth for many of them, it accepts the premise that citizens can criticize the country while still loving it, he said.

Boris Liberman echoed those sentiments, saying he looked forward to the responsibilities of citizenship and the right to vote.

He and his wife of three years, Maya, a Hebrew teacher at Holy Blossom school, have already put down substantial roots. Their son, Arik was born less than a year ago in Mount Sinai Hospital, becoming a citizen ahead of his father.

Winterlude at BJC

TORONTO — Registration at the Bathurst Jewish Centre's unique winter day camp is up 30 per cent from last year.

About 150 children are attending Winterlude, the Jewish community's only camp this season. The two-week camp includes Jewish content, swimming, arts and crafts, music, dance, sports and trips. The BJC will not accept campers just for the day.

According to the BJC's programming director, Karen Nusbaum, Winterlude is the perfect solution for keeping kids busy over the holidays when parents have little time off, or can't afford a vacation in the sun.

Winterlude welcomes special needs children. The low counsellor-to-camper ratio allows staff to pay special attention to each participant.

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Murdered soldier's mother comforted by peace hopes

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — It has been a long autumn for Esther Waxman and her family.

It is only now that the tragedy of losing her 19-year-old son Nachshon Oct. 14 to Hamas terrorists has really started to sink in.

In an interview with *The CJN* during a stopover in Montreal to deliver a talk sponsored by the Hillel Jewish Student Centre, Waxman at times struggled to keep her composure.

But she continued to maintain the same air of stoicism and to express the same fervent desire for peace — and not revenge — that seemed to set her family apart from many other victims of terror in Israel and galvanized an entire nation.

"I believe the drama of the kidnapping and the mobilization in prayer and hope was unprecedented in modern Jewish history," said Waxman, a 47-year-old New York teacher, who moved to Israel in 1969 with her husband, Yehudah. "That's what made it unique."

Since her son's death, which took place during a failed attempt by Israeli commandos to free him from captivity, Waxman, who is Orthodox, has resumed her teaching career.

But she also has been striving to keep Nachshon's memory alive by speaking out for peace and by having memorial funds established in his name.

Her message in Montreal, where she was to speak at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue, would be one "of solidarity and unity," she said.

Earlier, Waxman was in Chicago to address a Friends of the Israel Defence Force dinner launching a scholarship fund in Nachshon's memory and in New York to see members of her family.

Esther Waxman

Other projects in Nachshon's memory have included a Jewish National Fund forest and even Torahs being written in his honor, his mother said.

These endeavors, she said, have brought the family a measure of comfort.

During and since their week-long ordeal, the Waxman family, she said, received some 13,000 messages of support — from Jews and non-Jews alike.

But Waxman claimed media reports that the family would now be prepared for Israel to make conciliatory overtures to Hamas are false.

"We are not forgiving or understanding towards them," Waxman says.

She does not, however, preclude the possibility that Israel will one day negotiate with Hamas, as it eventually did with the PLO.

This, however, should only take place if, and only if, Hamas "advocates peace.

"But they do not [yet]," she said. "Several years ago, it was a felony in Israel to speak to the PLO, but now they hug and kiss each other."

Waxman also says she has never blamed the Israeli military for the raid that ended in her son's death, although "we would have done anything to save him, even more negotiations.

"If they sent in dozens of troops, they intended to succeed," says Waxman. "But they failed."

Waxman says her religious faith has not been shaken by the tragedy.

"People have a mission in life," she said. "Nachshon made a greater contribution in his 19 years than others do in 90 years and we're very proud of him.

"Faith doesn't lessen pain, but it does give some sort of meaning to continue."

Bronfman fellowships send youth to Israel

ALBANY, New York — Applications are available for the 1995 Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel.

The fellowships, now in their ninth year, offer an opportunity for 26 students entering Grade 12 to spend five weeks in Israel this summer.

Fellows will be chosen on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. In the competitive selection process, merit, not financial need, is the standard for selection.

While living in Jerusalem, the Bronfman Fellows participate in seminars and dialogues representing a wide range of Jewish perspectives. They explore Jewish texts against the background of Israel's land, culture and customs. In addition, fellows will meet with some of Israel's prominent political and literary figures to examine contemporary issues in light of Jewish history and tradition.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel is a program of the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, Inc., which is chaired by Edgar M. Bronfman.

The program begins on July 10, 1995 with a two-day seminar in New York City. The students return from Israel on August 16, 1995. All meals will be kosher, and Sabbath activities will be in the spirit of the day. All expenses are covered by the program, including round-trip international transportation, room and board, travel in Israel and incidentals.

High school students in the United States and Canada who will be in Grade 12 in the fall of 1995 may obtain aplication forms and detailed information by writing: The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, 17 Wilbur St., Albany, N.Y., 12202, or by calling (518) 465-6575.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 1995. Finalists will be notified March 5 and finalist interviews will be held during the week of March 27. Names of the 1995 Fellowship recipients will be announced on April 7.

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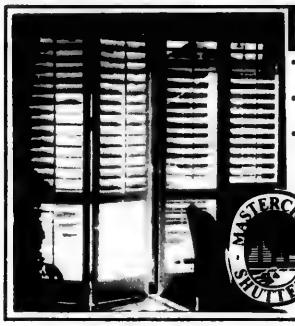

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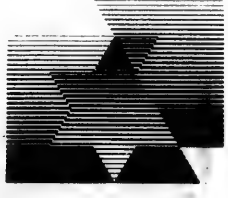

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that due to the holiday schedule, Wednesday, Dec. 21 is the deadline for the Jan. 12 issue. I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, Dec. 25

SURVIVAL SEMINAR

Jews for Judaism is offering its counter-missionary seminar in a one-day format, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 296A Wilson Ave. Seminar contents include the obsession to convert Jews, missionary tactics, dialogue with a former Jew for Jesus, screening of missionary videos and why Jesus wasn't the Jewish Messiah. Cost of $36 includes kosher lunch. To register call 789-2851.

Monday, Dec. 26

AT OHR SOMAYACH

Discover the Torah's attitude toward diet and physical well being with **Yisroel Idels**, 8 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St. Related topics such as vegetarianism, ecology and the welfare of animals will be discussed. Call 785-5899 for information.

Saturday, Dec. 31

FIRST NIGHT CONCERT

Cantor Ronald Graner presents a concert with the Jung trio, 9 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 60 Simcoe St. featuring the lost music of **David Nowakowsky**. For information call 658-3610.

Sunday, Jan. 1

ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION

All women are invited to attend Rosh Chodesh Shevat, 7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Maariv followed by shiur by **Ellie Gellman** who will discuss Did Chazal Care About Day Care and Other non-Ritual Issues? — A Look at Women's Issues During Mishnaic Times.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The topic of the next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 7:30 p.m., 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224 ABC, is Getting the Help you Need: Accessing Health Care Services. Admission free.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

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Minyan, Monday-Thursday 1 p.m. at 35 East Beaver Creek, Suite 1A (Highway 7/Highway 404 area). For more information call 783-0064.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Trouble at work? Something else bothering you? Sensitive listeners are available at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line. All Tel-Aide volunteers have taken an extensive training course and are well qualified to listen. Call 636-9610.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Retirees are needed for a mentoring program with students age 10-15 who have special academic, social and emotional needs. A commitment of one hour per week for the school year could help give a young person the support and motivation they need to realize their potential. Training begins in January. Call the Volunteer Centre, 631-6117.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Synagogue Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, Jan. 7 at noon following services, features **Dr. Rose Geist**, psychiatrist and chair of Israel action committee, Beth Tzedec who will speak on Human Dilemmas and Divine Solutions: The Story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar and their Sons. Reserve no later than Wednesday, Jan. 4 by calling the Synagogue office, 781-3511.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv 4:35 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information call **David**, 256-1600.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Jewish Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Jan. 16-April 24, 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Jan. 17-April 25, 7:30-9 p.m. The promise is that beginners will speak, read, write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Beginners' course instructor is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Teaching staff also includes **Dina Eylon, Ivetta Isakovan** and **Yael Milman**. Free introductory lessons for beginners. Call 787-0197.

VOLUNTEER AT BETEL

The Bernard Betel Centre, which offers a wide range of recreational, educational, cultural and social activities for seniors has a variety of volunteer positions available. Call the Volunteer Centre, 631-6117.

HIGH BEGINNERS HEBREW

University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies offers a Hebrew course for people who have completed an introductory course in Hebrew or who have basic Hebrew skills. The course, held at the St. George campus, runs Wednesdays, January 25-March 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and emphasizes oral communication through conversation practise and activities related to everyday situations. For registration and information call 978-3800, fax 978-6666 or register in person at the school's registration office, main floor, 158 St. George St.

FOUNDATION FOR SENIORS

Don Mills Foundation for Senior Citizens, 1 Overland Dr., needs volunteers to choose from a number of positions including meals on wheels delivery, friendly visiting, shopping, transportation and gift shop. Call 447-7244.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Looking Ahead After Separation, begins Jan. 11; Young Widows/Widowers, begins Jan. 19; For Women Only which explores self-esteem, stress management and inter-personal relationships, begins in February. For more information concerning fees and regisration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

JEP'S UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The following classes for college students are given by **Rabbi Benjie Jacoby**, director, JEP University programs: Lessons in Talmud, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. at JEP Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning; Jewish Law and Philosophy, Wednesdays, 4 p.m. University of Toronto, Jewish Student Union, Spadina; Jewish Ethics, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.; The Weekly Portion, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. York University Jewish Student Federation. For information call 785-5899.

TALMUD CLASS

Beth Tzedec Talmud class meets Saturdays, 3 p.m. Starting new Tractate, with instructor **Dr. Isadore Cass.** New students welcome.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family. At present, there are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. For more information call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261.

GIFT OF LIFE

December is often a difficult time for the Red Cross to collect blood. The society encourages healthy people ages 17-70 to give the gift of life by giving blood. Donors are reminded to bring photo or signature identification. For clinic information call 974-9900 or a local branch of the Red Cross.

SUCCESSFUL STEP-PARENTING

Jewish Family & Child Service is running a group for couples living with other people's children to discuss the myth about step families, building a solid couple relationship, guidelines and strategies for step-parents and helping children adjust to step-family life. Begins Feb. 7. For details call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

at the JCC/BJC

Israeli folk dancing at Bloor JCC every Monday 8-10 p.m. with instructor **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Beginners from 8-9 p.m. and intermediates 9-10 p.m. Cost, $5. For information call Marco (905) 771-0363 or **Lindsay**, 924-6211. Classes begin Jan. 9.

Israeli folk dancing at BJC: Beginners 8-9:15 p.m., intermediates 9-10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Intermediate and advanced, Sundays, 8-11 p.m. All classes in main dance studio. For information call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dance in the clubhouse, Jan. 7, 7-10 p.m., members free, non-members, $1. Sunday dance with live band Dec. 28, 7:30-10:30 p.m., community centre, members $4, non-members $5. Movie, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2 p.m., clubhouse *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*, members free, non-members $1. New Year's Eve dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m., community centre, members $30, non-members $35. Local day trip to be scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12. All courses offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education resume week of Jan. 9. For information, 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information call 661-4689.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Boardroom. Next meeting is Friday Dec. 23. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services starts its winter session of North York Board of Education classes the week of Jan. 8. Ballroom, Monday 9:30-11 a.m.; Beginners bridge, Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Intermediate bridge Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.; Needlecrafts, Tuesday 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Line dancing Friday 1-3 p.m.; Beginners Tai Chi, Thursday 2-3 p.m.; Intermediate/advanced Tai Chi, Friday 9:30-11 a.m.; Yoga, Thursday, 12-1:30 p.m. For information call **Yvonne**, ext. 259.

Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. features film collector **Aldo Maggiorotti,** who will showcase a collage of Warner Brothers films, Thursday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Admission free but make reservation by calling **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning Florida trip to the newly renovated Crown Hotel, as well as the Saxony and Sassoon. Details on Artpark musicals coming soon. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923.

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DOLLARS FOR DAVID

The children and staff of PlayLearn Preschool are seen here with the 120 Na'amat Dollars for David boxes the children have been filling since erev Yom Kippur. Na'amat representative Millie Siskind (standing, third from right) accepted the donations during the organization's Chanukah drive.

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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Young at Heart Seniors has a few seats left for the Miami trip to Frontenac Hotel, Feb. 1-March 1. $1950 Canadian includes taxes, hotel, plane, airport pickup, entertainment and more. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**.

A joint trip to Daytona Beach is being planned by Bernard Betel Centre and Bathurst Jewish Centre Jan. 19-Feb. 2 at the Ramada Resort. Cost $1,431 twin occupancy, $1,832 single. For details and reservations, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880 ext. 364 or **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents Music of the Big Band Era with **Harold Cable**, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1 p.m., synagogue.

New Years Eve party in the auditorium featuring dinner, dancing and entertainment. Members only, $30. For information call **Irina**.

Wednesday afternoon social, Dec. 28, 1:30 p.m., *Sound of Music*, no charge.

About People

Shelley Stillman

STILLMAN NAMED CHAIR

Trustee **Shelley Stillman** has been acclaimed chair of the North York Board of Education for a second term. Elected to the board in 1985, she has chaired many committees including budget and property. As chair, she will also serve as one of the five North York Board representatives on the Metro Toronto School Board.

Stillman said the coming year presents "a challenge to meet higher public expectations for education in a time of shrinking tax resources. I will continue to emphasize themes of school board accountability to the public for student achievement as well as for high standards of quality and service in public schools."

Teaching sex to teens

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — How to help teenagers resist pressure from peers, movies, television and society in general to have sex was the topic of a recent panel discussion.

"We cannot equivocate on this," said Rabbi Marvin Pachino, headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

The discussion, held at Adath Israel and attended by 50 adults and 20 young people, also included mention of the controversial decision to place condom machines in North York schools and a debate on the role of parents and the schools in teaching about sex.

Rabbi Pachino said CHAT's sex education policy is being revamped, with the program to begin in Grade 9 instead of Grade 12.

The Ontario ministry of education specifies that Grade 9 students must receive sex education and condom information.

Quoting a report that 20 per cent of 14-year-olds and 50 per cent of 16-year-olds are sexually active, moderator Rabbi Steven Saltzman of Adath Israel asked Rabbi Pachino: "How can you expect people to put off sex until they are married?"

Rabbi Pachino replied: "It has to be a realistic expectation from where I sit."

The CHAT headmaster, who has taught in Jewish high schools for 22 years, said attitudes and behaviors have changed noticeably, mainly because of the influence of mass culture and "mixed signals" from parents.

"We can't vacuum pack our kids and break the wrapper when we march them down to the chupah," he said.

To redirect energy, the North York Board of Education asks senior students to encourage younger students "to put off sex" and take up other activities, said panelist Mac Bury, the board's coordinator of physical and health education.

He also said it is important for teens to have more than one group of friends in case there is too much pressure to go the sex route from one group.

As for the board's decision to put condom machines into its schools, Bury, a father of adolescents, said despite his feelings to the contrary, he accepted the policy "as a way of preventing deaths from sexuallly transmitted diseases."

Psychologist Alan Bardikoff said both girls and boys are now reaching puberty at an earlier age and this complicates the situation.

Since in his view most 16-year-olds aren't mature enough for sexual relationships, Bardikoff said malaise lay behind their behavior. "I don't know whether it is true of the Jewish community, but I do know that in the inner cities adolescents feel there is nothing ahead of them," he said. "They have a sense of this is the way it is."

Bury believes parents need to play a role in to avoid this. "Sex education is a shared responsibility with families. The government is making it more and more clear that schools must reflect basic human values," he said. "They cannot be value-neutral."

In answer to a question from the audience, Rabbi Pachino said a Jewish sex ethic does not allow sex outside of marriage, even between two individuals committed to each other.

Susan Haber, head of the shul's adult education committee, chaired the meeting.

CHANUKAH PARTY

Reena residents and staff were invited to celebrate Chanukah with members of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Enjoying the festivities are (from left) Fern Arnoff, Lionel Bulkin, David Taub and Phil Lepofsky.

Associated scholarships

TORONTO — The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto has announced it will be accepting applications for scholarships in higher Jewish studies.

These scholarships are granted annually to qualifying candidates, with the monies from a special fund established by friends of Associated who are interested in higher Jewish education.

Louis Weisfeld is chair of the scholarship committee. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 1995. Applications should be made for courses taken in the following academic year. Awards cannot be retroactive.

The awards are designed to assist graduates of Associated who propose to pursue post-secondary Judaic studies in a recognized institution in Israel. Priority will be given to applicants who seek to prepare themselves for a career in teaching in the Hebrew studies department at Associated Hebrew Schools.

Candidates must be graduates of Grade 8 at Associated and graduates of a recognized Jewish senior day high school or yeshivah, who have completed their formal studies (at high school, university or yeshivah).

All awards are for a single year but the School will entertain applications for renewal. Payment of awards and renewal of awards will be conditional on receipt of satisfactory evidence that the candidate has successfully completed the program for which the award was made.

Requests for a scholarship grant must be made on forms obtainable from the Associated Hebrew Schools scholarship committee, 3630 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2B3 (789-7471).

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Dr. Allan Gordon (far right), president of the Toronto chapter of Weizmann Institute of Science and head of neurology at Mt. Sinai Hospital, moderated a recent Young Leadership Group panel discussion entitled Mind, Body, Soul: Managing Your Stress. With Gordon are, from left, Dr. Gregory Hamovitch, clinical psychologist; Rabbi Sharon Sobel, assistant Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple; Lisa S.K. Winston, chair of the Weizmann Young Leadership Group; Dr. Gretchen Kerr, professor, University of Toronto.

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Age no barrier to active senior

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 83, Romanian-born artist Tutzi Seguin is busier than many people half her age.

She welcomes a reporter to her modest mid-town Toronto house with a cup of coffee and a serving bowl filled with European-style nothings topped with a sprinkle of fruit sugar.

"You have to taste some of my specialty," she insists, settling into a chair to discuss her upcoming appearance on Vision TV's *The Time of Your Life*. The show, hosted by Jan Tennant, profiles people whose lives show that the years after 40 can offer options, growth and change.

Seguin's art, unlike her baking, isn't confined to one specialty. (Actually, she has taught classes in strudel-making.) The house she shares with her husband of 68 years, George, 89, and their 13-year-old dog, Leroy, is filled with evidence of the multi-media artist's creativity.

On the living room walls hang framed prints, collages, watercolors and oil paintings. The dining room table is piled with unframed works, in preparation for an upcoming sale. In the front window hangs a stained-glass piece. Even the lamps and end tables bear Seguin's artistic touch.

A recent painting rests on an easel in a back room that serves as her studio. Nearby hangs a series of hand-painted silk scarves heated in Seguin's microwave to set the colors. Ceramics, stained glass, and colorful glass bowls are all part of her repertoire. A few years ago she began a "recycling project," using her kiln to transform beer bottles into objets d'art.

Her works range in price from $15 to over $1,000 and include Jewish, floral and mother-and-child themes.

Ever since the oldest of her three children died of a congenital heart condition in 1955, Seguin's art has been her compulsion, her therapy and her way of giving to herself and others. Only one of her three children is still alive; a daughter died of cancer in 1983.

Seguin's life revolves around her art; a joint exhibition last year with her granddaughter, artist Kim McNeilly, was a high point.

The television episode was filmed in one day; a crew followed the energetic artist from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. — preparing breakfast for George and a guest, driving herself to a local community centre to teach an art class, taking a tai chi class, having lunch with her granddaughter, bargaining over art supplies at Gwartzman's on Spadina, and returning to her studio.

Seguin has taught art for years, and has continued to study and experiment with different art forms.

The *Time of Your Life* segment profiling Seguin will appear on the Women's Television Network (WTN) on Jan. 3 at 8:30 p.m. and on Vision TV on Jan. 6 at 10 p.m. Upcoming segments include profiles on Adele Fogle, who got her pilot's licence at age 40 (second week in January) and on Lois Lilienstein of Sharon, Lois and Bram (Feb. 14 on WTN, Feb. 17 on Vision).

Coles founder dies

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Carl Cole, the man who revolutionized bookselling in Canada with Coles Book Stores, died Dec. 12 in Toronto. He was 82.

The cause of death was cancer, said his son Ted.

Cole began Coles Book Stores in 1934 while studying commerce at the University of Toronto. The original Book Exchange store, which bought and sold used textbooks, was a way for Cole and his brother and two sisters "to make money," Ted Cole said. "They didn't know a thing about books."

The store moved to its flagship location at Yonge and Charles streets in 1940, and eventually grew to include 137 North American outlets before it was sold to Southam Inc. in 1978.

Richard King, president of the 1,200-member Canadian Booksellers Association, said the Coles and the Melzack family, founders of Classics, invented the modern book store. "We wouldn't be in business today in my store if it weren't for them," he said from Montreal.

The self-effacing Cole supported many Jewish charities in Toronto and in Israel. The Pearl Cole Endowment Fund at Baycrest was named after his late wife, and the Carl and Pearl Cole Athletic Wing was opened at the Bathurst Jewish Centre 12 years ago after sons Ted and Bruce donated $500,000 in their parents' name.

Cole is survived by brother Jack and sister Mary Gold, sons Ted and Bruce, and seven grandchildren.

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From coast to coast

Torontonian helps promote hockey in Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

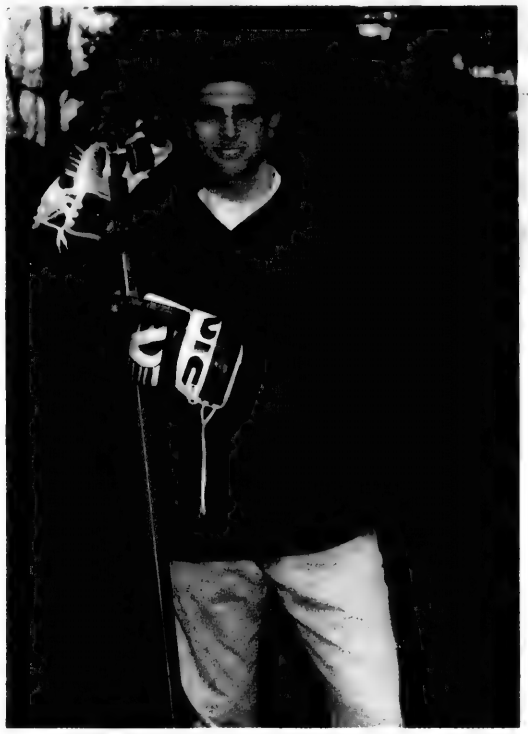
TORONTO — If small town Canada has become a fertile breeding ground for some of the best hockey players ever produced in the Great White North, there's no reason to believe Metulla can't do the same for Israel.

At least that's what promoters of the sport in the Jewish state are hoping. The latest Canuck to pack his equipment bag and fly over to "the Haliburton of Israel" to try to give the local hockey programs an assist is Jonathan Graff, a 24-year-old volunteer in a joint Metulla/United Israel Appeal (UIA) program to staff Metulla's Canada Centre hockey rink.

Graff will be joining Waterloo native and good friend Jeff Budd in helping Israeli kids learn hockey fundamentals, Canadian style.

A native of Toronto, Graff played many years for Forest Hill, making his way through the peewee, bantam and midget programs. He played some high school hockey as well as intramural shinny at university.

Now, with his broad background in Canada's national pastime and equipped with copies of Don Cherry's *Rock 'Em Sock 'Em* videos and the movie *Slapshot*, Graff is going to Israel to teach some Sabras the finer points of the game — everything from skating, shooting and strategy to the manly art of dropping the gloves and saying, "You wanna go?"



Jonathan Graff

Yikes, here come the Metulla Chiefs.

Graff had his tongue planted firmly in his cheek when describing the roughhouse hockey he hoped to bring to the Holy Land, though his repeated references to Eddie Shore and "oldtime hockey" might suggest otherwise. Instead, he focused on the opportunity he is receiving to combine a love of Israel with a passion for the game of hockey.

Canada Centre rink proves a hit with kids in Metulla

For the next four months, Graff will join his bud, Budd, manning the trenches at Canada Centre and moulding young Israelis in the finer points of Canada's game.

Canada Centre is the recreational complex built with Canadian contributions provided by the UIA. Its hockey rink has proven a smash hit with kids in Metulla and the surrounding communities, as well as a Mecca for visitors to Israel's north. Construction is underway to add an Olympic-sized ice surface alongside the current, quarter-size rink.

Graff's role as on-ice instructor is a volunteer position. He's paying for his own airfare but once in Metulla, the city will provide him with either an apartment or a room at Canada Centre while the UIA will ante up $400 per month for living expenses.

Graff and Budd could be merely the advance wave of other young Canadian volunteers working in Israel, said UIA spokesman Eli Rubenstein.

Like the old Zionist credo that called on Jews to build and be built by Israel, current thinking reflects the view that volunteers can form a living bridge between the Diaspora and Israel, Rubenstein said.

Budd, a participant in the Anguish to Hope program, was the first volunteer. He is now a full-time employee of Canada Centre. The UIA's computers contain five names of other young people who have expressed interest in making the move to Metulla.

Meanwhile, the UIA is already planning next May's Anguish to Hope trip that will include stops in Poland, the Czech Republic, Jordan and Israel. Some of the participants may be bringing along their skates for a challenge match set for May 17 when the Sabras will take on the Canucks in an exhibition match, hopefully in the new Olympic-sized ice rink.

"We'll see how good they are," said Rubenstein. "It'll be the first-ever Canada-Israel faceoff."

A word of warning to the Canucks. If you see three sabras wearing thick, black-framed glasses rounding the net and heading up ice, duck.

Rabbi marks 50 years at shul

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Spending 50 years in one job is almost unheard of today, but Rabbi David Spiro believes that "when you love something, nothing is difficult."

Rabbi Spiro, spiritual leader of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton, N.B., has had a 50-year love affair with Fredericton and its people.

"[In 1944] there were 30 families in the congregation, many from the European element who respected the ways of Orthodoxy," said the 72-year-old rabbi. "Today it is different. The intensity factor is not there. The desire to have a minyan is not there, particularly with an older congregation, from which many members go to Florida in the winter."

The Sgoolai Israel Synagogue's 65 families, which 10 years ago numbered 90, have aged along with Rabbi Spiro. Members consider him as more than just a leader of the Fredericton Jewish community.

"He has been a friend and an advisor on everything," said Miriam Green, who helped coordinate a 50th anniversary dinner.

"He has guided us in the kitchen, sometimes not so positively as far as we were concerned, but always doing the right thing. 'It's not me,' he would say to us. 'I'm just doing what's written in the Torah.' "

One woman, whose two children attended the rabbi's Hebrew classes, said his teaching "prepared them to daven in any shul in the world. The bar mitzvah boys could read from the Torah and lead services."

Frank Budovitch, a senior congregation member and former synagogue president, said "if we had to get a rabbi tomorrow, we would probably get a man who would give only 50 per cent of what Rabbi Spiro has given."

Budovitch said Rabbi Spiro's giving likely includes areas "that I don't know about." Rabbi Spiro has served on the boards of the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Children's Aid Society, and as treasurer of Fredericton Hospital Pastoral Care Advisory Committee, comprised of 250 Fredericton-area clergy.

He also lectures on Judaism at the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University, and estimates he has led more than 15,000 people on tours of the synagogue.

Rabbi Spiro has never had a contract with the congregation. "I told the board in 1944, 'If I don't like you, I'll leave. If you don't want me, you can let me go.' I've never left so I guess we liked each other."

He and Edith, his wife of 49 years, raised two sons and a daughter, and have 17 grandchildren, all but three of whom attended the recent commemorative dinner; the remainder are studying in Israel. All family members are observant Orthodox Jews.

Rabbi Spiro said his 50-year commitment is "a record for Atlantic Canada, and perhaps for the entire country."

After looking after births, bar mitzvahs, marriages and deaths for 50 years, is he ready to retire?

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Jewish Agency evacuates Chechnya Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Israel Line

MOSCOW — The Jewish Agency last week began evacuating Jewish families from the besieged Russian breakaway republic of Chechnya, the Israeli daily newspaper *Yediot Aharonot* reported.

Out of 80 Jews in the capital, Grozny, "some" have been moved "to a Russian city" outside Chechnya, while others were evacuated to Azerbaijan, reports say.

It is not known how the evacuation is proceeding or if any families were brought to Israel.

It is estimated that between 50 and 80 Jewish families live in Grozny, which came under Russian rocket and missile attack over the weekend, causing a huge outpouring of refugees and an unknown number of casualties.

Russian troops and tanks stormed the republic earlier this month, but stopped short of Grozny, until Sunday's pre-dawn attacks.

Jewish leaders here and abroad are worrying about how to protect and evacuate the few remaining Jews in the volatile region.

"All roads are blocked, but at the first opportunity they will leave. The conditions there are very, very bad," said Alla Levy, a deputy director at the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

"They didn't leave already because they had problems with their families or their property, and now they are very sorry about it," Levy said prior to reports that the agency had begun its evacuation.

Levy said a number of Jewish refugees have escaped to Nalchik, a city in a nearby republic.

"We are taking care of them and trying to take them to Israel," she said.

Located in the Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia, Chechnya is home to about 1.2 million people, mostly Muslims.

It has an old but small Jewish community, which, according to legend, dates back as early as the sixth century B.C.E.

In 1897, a census reported between 1,000 and 2,000 Jews in Grozny.

In the past few years, however, most of its members left for Israel or the United States.

Most of Chechnya's Jews were "Mountain Jews," the name given to Jews from the Caucasus who continued to follow their religious traditions even while adapting culturally to local life.

Michael Chlenov, who oversees the Vaad, the federation of Jewish institutions in Russia, recently visited Vladikavkaz, the capital of the neighboring republic of North Ossetia, where some Jews from Grozny have fled.

He said the Jewish refugees were reporting that Grozny had become overrun with crime and that they had fled the political instability.

According to Chlenov, Chechnya and other Muslim republics within Russia do not have a tradition of anti-Semitism.

However, Chechnya does have a strong independent streak, and anti-Russian feelings run deep.

The republic declared its independence from Moscow in 1991. The Russian leadership has since covertly backed the republic's political opposition as part of an attempt to topple the government of President Dzhokhar Dudayev.

Until now, however, the Russian government has avoided direct military involvement in Chechnya.

But earlier this month, 40,000 troops were sent in, the biggest Russian military action since the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

Numerous protests against the invasion took place in Moscow, as many expressed opposition to a renewed reliance on force by Russia.

"I think the situation is terrible for all the people in this country, Jews and Russians," said Alexander Lieberman, the director of the Moscow office of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

"If we have war, it could mean the end of democracy and free speech and the return to the time when we were a great empire, but a strong army with not enough food."

Taking a more cautious approach, Chlenov from the Vaad said, "The events in general are very important because they symbolize a change in the political situation in Russia." However, he said it is too early to analyze the implications of this change.

Chlenov noted that the Vaad signed a statement released by the recently formed Congress of National Minorities in Russia expressing disagreement with solving the problems in Chechnya through violence and bloodshed.

Instead, the congress suggested creating a new policy with input from representatives of the different peoples in the region.

Russian missiles fall on Grozny

Iraq's Jewish community declines as exodus continues

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Over the past three years, 80 Jews have left Iraq, while a similar number still reside in Baghdad and Basra, ex-Knesset member Mordechai Ben-Porat, revealed last Wednesday.

Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket sharply criticized the release of news of the exodus, saying it was "insensitive and irresponsible," and could damage the Jewish community left behind.

The Jews who left were granted visas by the British and Dutch embassies, said the Iraq-born Ben-Porat, head of the Babylonian Heritage Centre.

The visas were issued before the Gulf War, but Iraqi authorities did not permit the Jews to leave until after the hostilities ended. In the past year, 10 Jews have left.

In 1948, Iraq was home to some 140,000 Jews.

Until now, there has been a news blackout on activities of the small community. Jewish Agency officials refused to comment on whether any of the Jews had come to Israel.

The Jewish community, consisting mainly of elderly people, is permitted freedom of worship. It does not have a rabbi, but there are a few cantors. Naji Elias, 70, whose relatives live in Holland, heads the community and meets two or three times a year with Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein, Ben-Porat said.

He said Baghdad was sending a signal to Israel and the West and that Jerusalem should regard Iraq as a bulwark against Iran, "our ultimate foe."

The heritage centre last week screened a one-minute clip from a recent video showing some 30 men and women praying at a Baghdad synagogue. Ben-Porat said there is also one class for the handful of Jewish children. They are permitted religious instruction and to pray in Hebrew, but no teaching of Hebrew is allowed.

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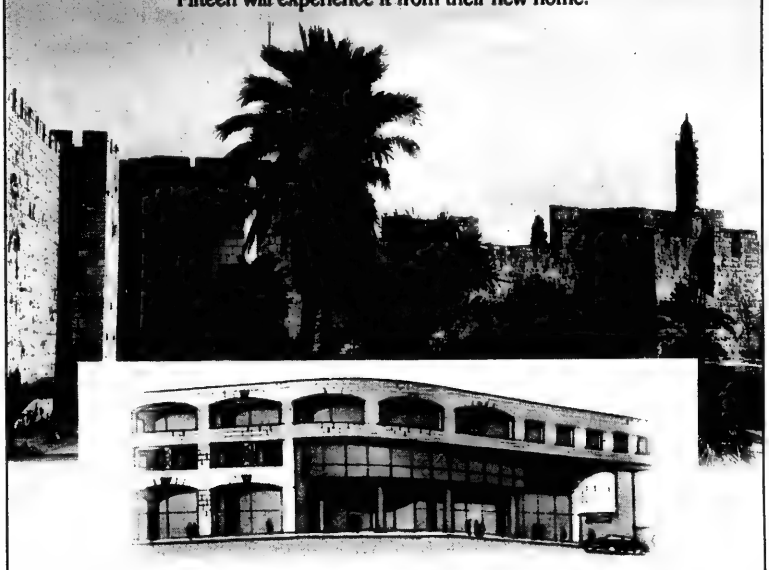

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Arms sales slammed

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SEOUL — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week accused North Korea of selling medium range missiles to Syria and Iran.

Rabin, who made the charge last Thursday while on a state visit to South Korea, also said North Korea was developing, with the financial backing of Iran, a long-range missile capable of hitting targets over 1,000 km away.

A missile with this range, Rabin pointed out, could be fired from Iran at Jerusalem.

Speaking at a joint news conference after holding talks with South Korean President Kim Young-sam, Rabin said North Korea is supplying Iran and Syria with technology that could be used to build missile launching systems.

Rabin said he urged South Korea and the United States to use their influence to stop North Korea from selling arms in the Middle East.

He added that he and the South Korean leader discussed areas of cooperation between the two countries, including economic issues and security.

"We focused on many issues on the civilian side, but we mentioned also the possibility of future cooperation in the defence area," he said.

During Rabin's stay in Seoul, Israel and South Korea signed agreements on establishing direct Tel Aviv-Seoul air links, cultural exchanges and cooperative ventures in agricultural technology.

Also last week, Rabin held talks in Tokyo with Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono and Defence Agency chief Tokuichiro Tamazawa.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (left) is greeted by his Japanese counterpart, Tomiichi Murayama, in Tokyo last week. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

While in Japan, Rabin repeated the same charges about North Korean arms sales to Arab nations and the growing threat of Islamic fundamentalism.

The issues are sensitive for Tokyo, because there is concern in Israel that some Japanese aid to Tehran may have been diverted by Iran to help fundamentalists.

Rabin said an international effort was needed to end poverty in the Middle East because "terrorism" was bred by poverty.

The Japanese foreign minister offered Tokyo's help in repairing the Allenby Bridge to Jordan.

Rabin asked for Japan's assistance in building a dam on the Yarmuk River, in a meeting with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama last Monday.

'King David' remark causes Knesset furor

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The governing coalition of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was bracing itself for — but expected to survive — a no-confidence motion this week in the wake of controversial remarks from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres regarding King David.

The motion, introduced by furious Orthodox Knesset members, threatened to be particularly awkward for the ruling Labor Party and its coalition ally, the secularist Meretz bloc.

The government has long been courting the Orthodox Shas Party in efforts to get it to rejoin the coalition. Shas's inclusion in the government would give the coalition an outright parliamentary majority as it continues with attempts to forge peace with the country's Arab neighbors.

But Shas, which has been fence-sitting for months, was under intense pressure to join with the other Orthodox parties in the no-confidence vote.

Labor and Meretz officials summoned home all their Knesset members from overseas trips. They also appealed to Arab Israeli members of the Knesset to vote against the no-confidence measure.

At the same time, the chairman of the governing coalition, Labor Knesset member Eli Dayan, himself Orthodox, was trying to persuade Orthodox Knesset members and their rabbinical mentors to simply accept a letter of apology from Peres.

Shimon Peres

The furor erupted Dec. 14, when Peres addressed the Knesset during a debate on the peace process.

Condemning Israeli occupation as contrary to the heritage of Judaism, the foreign minister was challenged by a rightist Knesset member, who cited the Bible as stating that King David conducted wars of occupation.

"Not everything that King David did on the ground or on the rooftops is Jewish in my eyes," Peres shot back.

His reference was to a passage in the book of Samuel, in which King David watched from a rooftop as Bathsheba was bathing. Smitten with her beauty, David sent her husband, Uriah, off to his death in battle and subsequently married her.

Peres' remark triggered loud and sustained protest from Orthodox members.

One parliamentarian, Avraham Verdiger of the United Torah Judaism bloc, became so overwrought, he passed out and required medical attention at the Knesset infirmary.

Orthodox Knesset members countered with Talmudic passages that put David's actions in a more positive light than the literal scriptural account would indicate.

They, along with incensed writers in the Orthodox press, accused Peres of gross disrespect for King David.

Peres sent a letter last Friday to Israel's chief rabbis and other religious leaders in which he disclaimed "any intention of insulting the 'Sweet Psalmist of Israel' " — the traditional title of King David.

But in a declaration published Sunday, the Rebbe of Gur, Rabbi Pinchas Menachem Alter, rejected Peres' letter as falling far short of a genuine apology.

While the government was expected to squeak past this latest test of its strength in the Knesset, the episode was widely seen as dooming any hopes that Labor would be able to woo Shas back into the coalition.

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Knesset, Supreme Court clash at conference

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — A Canada-Israel legal conference on judicial review became embroiled in a heated debate between Israel's Knesset and its Supreme Court last week.

As justices and legal experts from Canada and Israel gathered in Jerusalem to discuss the nature and legitimacy of judicial review, the academic subject quickly became a hot political one.

The controversy began last week when several Members of Knesset demanded that the Supreme Court's authority be curbed, in the wake of a recent decision granting homosexual live-in companions the same company benefits as heterosexual ones. The ruling, which incensed the religious establishment, was the latest in a series of decisions that have prompted sharp criticism of the Supreme Court.

Much of the criticism has been directed at Justice Aharon Barak, who is slated to become the next president of the Supreme Court. Several politicians have accused Barak of allowing political considerations to determine his decisions and some are lobbying to prevent his appointment.

"I am a judge, not a politician, and I do not have a political agenda," said Barak at the Hebrew University conference, held under the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program. "I have no interest in imposing my subjective views on the political establishment."

For many of the Canadian judges, the Israeli debate had a familiar ring to it. "As soon as a country adopts a bill of rights, the judiciary is accused of politicization," said Ontario Court of Appeal Justice Rosalie Abella. "If people don't like the judge's decision they say the judge is being political."

As Barak defended himself, the Knesset's law committee met to discuss whether the court's authority should be limited, whether judges should be selected on the basis of their ideological views, and whether such measures would compromise the independence of the judiciary.

The same issues were addressed at the conference by key players in the controversy, including Israeli Supreme Court justices Barak and Yitzhak Zamir, Justice Minister David Libai, Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet and Likud MK Dan Meridor. Foreign participants included Canadian Supreme Court justices Peter Cory, Frank Iacobucci and Gerald La Forest, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsberg.

Hebrew University Law professor Mordechai Kremnitzer warned that the American system of choosing judges according to ideological considerations would not work in Israel.

"There are simply not enough excellent people to allow us to strive for political pluralism in the courts," said Kremnitzer. "If you take into account political views, you will compromise on standards of excellence. The judiciary will lose prestige and public confidence."

But Shetreet countered that "the Supreme Court will not enjoy the confidence of the public if its composition doesn't reflect that public."

Shetreet also argued that the court must justify any ruling that interferes with government decisions. Israel's Supreme Court has been criticized for taking an overly interventionist approach.

However Zamir defended the Court's approach, arguing that Israeli political culture makes this necessary. In other Western countries, ministers charged with serious offences would automatically resign. However, in Israel, this is not the case. If the Supreme Court had not recommended that Shas MK Aryeh Deri step down, the former minister of religious affairs — who is charged with numerous counts of corruption — would have continued to serve, thereby eroding public confidence in the Knesset, Zamir said.

Abella maintained that if a judiciary is doing its job properly, it will inevitably provoke controversy and criticism. "The judiciary is either taking stands which the legislature has refused to take for fear of electoral punishment, or restricting stands that the legislature has taken in order to get

Rosalie Abella

electoral approval. In 100 per cent of the cases, 50 per cent of the people are unhappy with the results," she said.

In his closing speech, Barak argued that most cases involving conflicting values must be decided by the court, and not the government. "To remove such cases from the court is to destroy the constitution of the state, and to deprive human rights of any constitutional protection," he said.

In resolving cases of conflicting values, a judge does not have absolute discretion, he said. But Barak added that in exceptional cases a judge has no choice but to resort to his subjective beliefs. .

Other conference participants were Chief Justice Catherine Fraser of the Alberta Court of Appeal, Canadian law professors Lorraine Weinrib (U of Toronto), Stephen Toope (McGill) and Irwin Cotler (McGill), one of the organizers. Legal experts from the United States, Europe and Israel also attended the meeting, which marked the second international conference of the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program (CILCP).

The last conference in December 1992 was also held in the eye of a major political storm. While Israeli and Canadian judges discussed human rights, some of the Israeli participants — including Barak — had to decide whether to allow the deportation of some 400 Hamas activists to Lebanon.

The CILCP was founded in 1992 as a joint venture in human rights and law reform between Canada and Israel. It is co-chaired by Barak and Cotler.

UTJ CELEBRATES SURVIVAL

The New Jersey-based Union for Traditional Judaism (UTJ), which represents the right wing of Conservative Judaism, recently held "A Celebration of Survival" in New York City. From left are UTJ executive vice-president Rabbi Ronald Price; Rabbi Philip Scheim of Toronto's Beth David Synagogue; Rabbi David Halivni, rector of the Institute of Traditional Judaism, the UTJ's rabbinical seminary; and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel. Rabbi Halivni and Wiesel both grew up in the Transylvanian town of Sighet and both survived the Holocaust.

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Prosperous seasonal sales are predicted

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Retailers are in a festive mood this holiday season. Consumer spending is up.

"There's much more cash around" said Saul Korman, owner of Korry's Clothiers for Gentlemen on Danforth Avenue. "We're gearing up for the best season ever."

"People are out there shopping," said Mel Fruitman, executive vice-president of the Retail Council of Canada. "We should wind up the season showing a six per cent increase over last year."

Chris Kubas, a retail consultant, expects a prosperous season for retailers, especially for stores selling sporting goods and sportswear, computers and electronics, and ancillary items like CDs and computer games.

However, "clothing is not as strong as we like to see it," Fruitman said, adding lowered sales reflect changing customer needs. People dress more casually so they're buying less clothing. Women are looking for more durable styles with the result being less wardrobe turnover from year to year, he said.

Fruitman foresees only modest gains for this industry. "There are signs of growth, but we won't see the same kind of money as the '80s."

Fruitman said he expects high consumer spending on toys and jewelry because they are traditional items for the season. The holiday season is also the busiest time for the Children's Book Store, said owner Judy Sarick. "We start increasing our inventory all through November and December. You never know what's going to sell."

While sales have improved recently, consumers are still cost-conscious, Sarick said. "People are watching what they spend. One of the reasons they buy books is because they can get nice things for under $10."

The weather also can impact holiday sales. Sarick reported that warmer weather in November slowed sales, and Kubas said the recent cold snap has helped many retailers. "Psychologically shoppers need that snow on the ground to put them in the frame of mind [for holiday shopping]."

The holiday shopping season traditionally winds up with the Boxing Day Sale, which is already underway at Korry's because owner Korman says "it's wiser to get a little more margin in December than in January."

Sarick is also planning another Boxing Day sale, with 20 per cent off on everything in the store.'

Stores aren't legally allowed to open on Dec. 26 so shoppers will have to wait until Dec. 27 to get into the fray of hunting. Those chomping at the bit can always shop till they drop south of the border, where the stores are open on Boxing Day.

Fruitman doesn't believe cross boarder shopping poses a serious problem for Canadian retailers. "The cachet of cross border shopping has faded substantially," he said. "Prices in Canada are more competitive and with the decline of the Canadian dollar there are not so many bargains."

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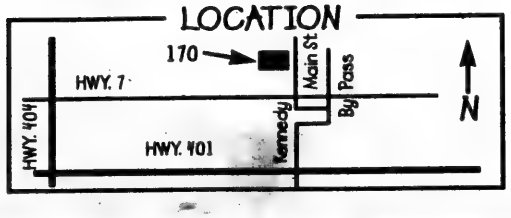

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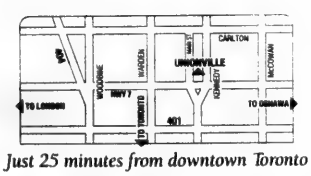

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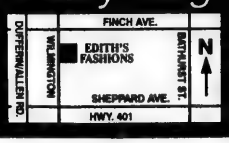

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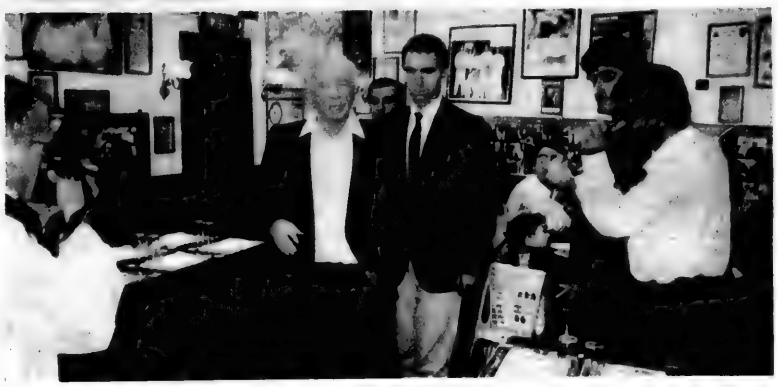

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, accompanied by a bodyguard, checks in for a meal at the Yehuda Avazi restaurant.

Mouthwatering kosher dishes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TEL AVIV —Israel's creme de la creme know where to dine when they're in this bustling, fun-loving city.

If they've got a hankering for classic Middle Eastern cuisine, they head for the Yehuda Avazi restaurant at 54 Etzel St. in southern Tel Aviv.

There they can partake of appetizers like hummus, main courses like shish kebab and desserts like creme Bavaria.

With its white stucco ceiling, dark brown tables and bright neon lights, the Yehuda Avazi is anything but understated.

But it's not the decor which attracts the likes of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, IDF Chief of Staff Ehud Barak and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo to its precincts.

In a word, it's the food, the great, mouth-watering kosher dishes which are cooked, grilled, barbecued and baked to perfection.

Invariably crowded, particularly at night, the Yehuda Avazi is virtually unknown to foreign tourists. It's in a rather delapidated part of town, Hatikva, far from the glitter of Dizengoff's cafes and the Hayarkon Street hotel row.

Although I'm an old Israeli hand, I'd never heard if it either. I owe my introduction to the Yehuda Avazi to Ezra Zur, a Tel Hashomer advertising executive who prides himself on his palate.

Prominent Israelis

Ezra and his elegant wife, Yael, invited my wife and myself and our mutual friends, Ida and Aryeh Heilweil, to the restaurant.

The walls are a testament to its drawing power. They are covered with photographs of prominent Israelis who've supped there — top-ranking politicians (such as David Levy, the former deputy premier and foreign minister), ex-Israeli presidents and local sports and entertainment figures.

Almost immediately after being seated by Shimshon Amrani, one of the proprietors, we were served an array of starters on small platters.

The appetizers were dazzling — a variety of eggplant salads, tehina, green salad, mixed pickles, peppers, olives and hot mushrooms.

They went exceedingly well with the delicious, chewy, steaming hot Iraqi-style pita bread, baked next door by an Israeli Arab who learned the art of pita making from his grandfather.

Now it was time for the main course. I ordered lamb shashlik, garnished with crisp french fries. The meat was tender and juicy. I washed it down with a non-alcoholic black beer known in Hebrew as nesher shachor. Etti, my wife, had beef shashlik. She, too, was impressed by the quality of the meal.

Ezra and Yael had lamb ribs, while Ida and Aryeh feasted on roast chicken.

The English menu also features such exotica as "beff tonsil's," turkey and veal testicles and "skred of fish."

For dessert, we shared cream caramel, malaby (a Turkish delight), jello, Oriental pastries and coffee.

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Yiddish theatre in Warsaw

By GIDEON KEREN
Special to The CJN

One of the more surprising discoveries to be made in Poland is that of the active professional Yiddish theatre company working in the centre of Warsaw.

Maybe it shouldn't be all that surprising since before World War II, there were 3.5 million Jews living in Poland. But now, with 10,000 Jews living in the country, it is curious that the Warsaw theatre is virtually the only Yiddish theatre in the world to be funded by the state.

The Jewish theatre's beginnings in post-war Poland were very modest. A Yiddish concert was given in Lublin in 1945 by the Jewish actress Diana Blumenfeld for a small group of Jewish survivors from the Treblinka concentration camp. There were still some 250,000 Jews living in Poland then, many in Lower Silesia, where Soviet Jews had settled.

In 1946 the 23rd Congress of the Union of Jewish Actors merged the various Jewish theatre groups into two permanent theatres in Lodz and Wroclaw, and in 1950 the Polish Government agreed to form the Ester Rachel Kaminska State Jewish Theatre, managed by her daughter, Ida Kaminska. The two theatres in Lodz and Wroclaw continued to function until 1955, when they were replaced by one theatre in Warsaw.

The repertoire consisted of established classics such as Sholem Aleichem's *Tevye the Milkman* (which in turn inspired the American musical *Fiddler on the Roof*), I. L. Peretz's *A Night at the Old Market Place*, Anski's *Dybbuk*, Goldfaden's *Two Kuni-Lemels*, Gordin's *God, Man and the Devil* and *Stars on the Roof*, about vanished shtetl life.

There were also contemporary pieces which followed, or more to the point, had to follow a certain ideological line.

Polish authorities wanted the Jewish theatre to focus on issues affecting Jews and Poles in modern Polish society. These would include Yiddish adaptations of Polish plays with a Jewish theme, such as *Korczak and his Children*, about the Jewish doctor who chose to die with his charges in the Warsaw ghetto, and the historical *The Song of My Nation* which, according to the original program, "reveals the traditions of cooperation of the Jewish and Polish people in defence of their mutual country, the period when they have met in the ranks of the revolutionary movement, then the tragic years of World War II and their joint struggle against the Nazi invader, and finally the period of People's Poland, the socialist country of all working people, irrespective of their origin and nationality, of which Polish and Jewish revolutionaries have been dreaming."

Szymon Szurmiej

In 1970 the company moved into its current home on Grzybowski Square. Faced with audiences who did not understand Yiddish and suffering the loss of a large number of experienced Jewish actors who left the country following the anti-Semitic upheavals of 1968 and 1969, director Szymon Szurmiej knew there had to be changes.

An agile and prepossessing man who is fluent in four languages, Szurmiej looks younger than his 72 years.

Born in Volhynia in Eastern Poland, he grew up in a Yiddish-speaking household. When the Germans invaded Poland in 1939 he escaped to the Soviet Union, was promptly arrested and sent to a camp in Siberia. From there he was sent to Kazakhstan and managed to enrol in acting school in Alma Ata. He went on to become art director of the Opole theatre and director of the Powszechny and Wspolczesny Theatres in Worclaw. In 1968 he was dismissed from his post and began working with the State Jewish Theatre.

Szurmiej is adamant that Yiddish theatre was his first love and he never deserted it. "I have always been proud to be a Jew and a Yiddishist. I never changed my name or pretended to be a Pole. I was born with this language and ... since childhood I have fought for Yiddish culture."

That fight includes establishing an actors' studio and a mime school for young drama students of all religions.

Szurmiej becomes defensive when asked how many of the theatre's members are actually Jews. "To me, this question smacks of nationalism. One should not ask how many Jews there are, but how many actors."

There are 33: 21 in the studio and 12 in the mime school. All but four are non-Jewish. "After all, they have the Polish theatre school," Szurmiej says. "They don't have to come here. But they do so because they are fascinated with Jewish culture."

The truth may be a little less idealistic. Many of the actors are there because they failed to get into Polish drama school. One company actor said, "If they could get into a Polish drama school now, they'd all jump at the chance."

So enthusiastic is Szurmiej about Yiddish culture, he has tried to start Yiddish theatre groups in Moscow, Kiev and Vilnius.

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Travel

Desert resort town enters new era

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

EILAT — Thanks to Israel's peace treaty with Jordan, this desert resort town has entered "a new era," claims its mayor, Gabi Kadosh.

Eilat, he believes, is poised to become the hub of a Red Sea Riviera running from Petra in Jordan to Sharm al-Sheikh in Egypt.

Kadosh, Eilat's first Likud mayor, says he devised the Red Sea Riviera concept during last year's municipal election campaign.

And he is positive it is achievable. "It is not just a dream. It is a campaign promise I intend to fulfil."

Kadosh's proposal has the support of Israel, Jordan and Egypt. The question is when, not if, it can be put into effect, according to analysts.

In the meantime, Kadosh hopes that Arab tourists in Jordan will be tempted to visit Eilat, a free trade zone with a population of 30,000.

Education programs

"If we market ourselves correctly," he observed, "10 per cent to 20 per cent of our tourists in the future will be Arabs."

Although Kadosh has yet to visit Aqaba, the neighboring Jordanian port across the Gulf of Aqaba, he envisions cooperation in such fields as tourist promotion, aviation and water desalination.

Eilat, he added, continues to promote itself as a prime tourist destination. It boasts 6,000 rooms in 32 hotels. An additional 6,000 rooms in 14 new hotels, are scheduled to be completed soon.

A casino managed by the municipality is a project he champions. However, Kadosh is not in any hurry to build one. "We're studying the idea and its implications."

Nevertheless, Kadosh feels that one-fifth of the profits generated by a casino should be ploughed into social welfare and education programs.

Looking still further ahead, Kadosh hopes to widen Eilat's economic base by transforming it into an international financial centre. "The Ministry of Finance is working on it," he said.

And he wants to attract hi-tech industry to Eilat so that it can become Israel's Silicon Valley. "I'm optimistic that this can happen," he declared.

Finally, Kadosh wants to build a full-fledged university which will attract Jewish and Arab students.

Judy Ostfeld, the mayor's assistant, said that Eilat has received millions of dollars worth of free publicity since the signing of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty near Eilat in October.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

In 1992, Spain celebrated the 500th anniversary of the first New World voyage by the Italian-born navigator Christopher Columbus, who sailed in the service of Spain and is commonly and erroneously described as the discoverer of America. It is a lamentable fact of Jewish history that the very same Queen Isabella, who hocked her jewellery to fund the voyage, signed the expulsion order against the Jews only two weeks before the explorer's departure.

Sepharad '92, which focused the eyes of the world on Spain in 1992, was a country-wide celebration during which a World Expo unfolded in Seville, the Olympics were run in Barcelona, and Madrid was deemed the cultural capital of Europe. It was also a time of official acknowledgement of past sins. On March 31, 1992, in a public ceremony in Toledo, the King and Queen of Spain formally cancelled the law that required the expulsion of the Jews, an edict that initiated one of the darkest episodes of Jewish history.

The Jews had enjoyed a Golden Age in Spain, and remains of their civilization, even after half a millenium, are still being uncovered. "They recently discovered a synagogue beneath an old building in Zaragoza, and they immediately declared it a national monument," reports Margarita Ramon, public relations director for the Tourist Office of Spain in Toronto. "This is happening continuously. We are excavating and finding more and more all the time."

This synagogue is an example of Jewish architecture that can be found in Spain.

The Spanish Tourist Office and Petach Tikvah Synagogue on Danby Road in North York recently concluded a week-long joint promotion of Jewish Spain as a tourist destination. Within Spain, academic and popular interest in the country's Jewish past is very strong, Ramon reports, and there are numerous related exhibits and events occurring continuously.

Several town councils within Spain are working to establish a Jewish Communities Route, says Ramon. The goal is to design an itinerary and print a brochure detailing hotels, synagogues, the availability of kosher foods, and other services. "It will be filled with specific information for the Jewish traveller. There may even be a kiosk along the route where travellers can get more information."

Eli Abitbol, president of the travel company Gateways International, says he is astonished by the occasional emergence of new Jewish sites in Spain. "It's a miracle that we can find anything after 500 years," he says. "Look at Poland or Germany, where we can hardly find anything after 50 years. To find synagogues and streets with Jewish names in Spain, that's a definite miracle."

Gateways (905-475-5758 or 800-268-0900) is one of several Canadian companies which have organized group tours of Sephardi Spain. Another is New Wave Travel (416-928-3000), which is offering a Jewish heritage tour of Spain, set to depart July 2, 1995. The itinerary includes Cordoba, Barcelona, Gerona and other cities.

(Also of interest to Sephardi travellers is Gateway's upcoming tour of Morocco, set to depart May 16. "After Lag B'Omer, Sephardi Jews traditionally visit the tombs of famous rabbis and holy men," Abitbol explains.)

The Tourist Office of Spain offers many worthwhile brochures about Jewish Spain, all at no charge. They include the wonderful, fully illustrated, 64-page booklet *A Trip Through Jewish Spain*, as well as the smaller *Exploring the Jewish Heritage in Spain*. Brochures on individual cities are also available. Write or telephone the Tourist Office of Spain, 802 Bloor St. W., Suite 1400, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1M8. Phone (416) 961-3131; fax (416) 961-1992.

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Jewish Geography: As they prepare an exhibit on Four Hundred Years of Jewish Life in Ichenhausen, Bavaria, members of the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland are seeking anyone with ancestors from Ichenhausen to join them at the opening reception Jan. 8. Contact Emmy Mogilensky, (410) 732-6400.

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Lufthansa flights are testing wines from the Golan Heights

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TEL AVIV — Lufthansa German Airlines has added yet another feather to its cap.

Last year, when the Frankfurt-based carrier marked its 25th year of operations in Israel, it had the distinction of becoming the first foreign airline to dispense Israeli wines aboard its flights.

Since then, passengers flying to and from Israel have enjoyed Carmel Mizrachi wines as part of Lufthansa's service.

Now Lufthansa has expanded its Israeli wine list by introducing a selection from the Golan Heights Winery on its first-class flights to and from Ben-Gurion Airport.

Lufthansa, which offers regularly-scheduled flights to Germany from Canada, bought about $90,000 worth of Golan's Cabernet Sauvignon for a four-month trial period.

"Let's hope it will be successful," said Izhak Zaroni, Lufthansa's public relations manager in Israel.

"It's a tremendous honor for us," added Adam Montefiore, Golan Heights Winery overseas sales manager. "We're in a very competitive market."

Lufthansa, Zaroni explained, is known for being exceedingly discriminating when it comes to fine wine. As he put it, "We choose only high-quality wines."

Lufthansa and Golan Heights Winery, which has won numerous awards at international competitions, were matched up at a fair in Germany.

"Lufthansa experts tasted their wine and they liked it," Zaroni said.

Lufthansa, which serves fresh kosher meals upon request, was pleased to offer its passengers a greater variety of Israeli wine because it is good for business.

Thanks to its marketing strategy, Lufthansa has made some inroads into the Jewish religious market in Israel.

Golan Heights Winery, whose wines are kosher, produces three basic brands — Yarden, Gamla and Golan. They run the gamut from dry reds to semi-dry whites.

Interestingly enough, its wines were used at the recent Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo, Norway, which honored Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

And recently, Hollywood filmmaker Steven Spielberg bought seven cases.

Golan Heights Winery vineyards are situated at an altitude of between 400 and 1,200 metres. The climate — cold in winter and dry in summer — and the soil — volcanic basalt — are ideal for the production of top-quality grapes.

Established in 1983, the winery is owned by eight settlements — seven on the Golan and one in the Galilee.

In an interview, Montefiore said that it combines state-of-the-art technology with traditional vinification techniques.

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Lufthansa, whose security measures are extremely strict, was the first foreign airline to resume flights to Israel after the 1991 Gulf War. It was also the last foreign airline to suspend flights before that war.

Lufthansa plays an integral role in the flow of German tourist traffic to Israel. During the first nine months of this year, 141,883 Germans went to Israel, an 11 per cent increase over 1993.

Now that Israel and Jordan have signed a peace treaty, Zaroni expects Lufthansa to increase its service to the Jewish state. Details have yet to be worked out.

Rumors quashed over capital gains

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has quashed speculation that the Israeli government might back away from implementing the recently enacted capital gains tax.

The Tel Aviv stock market has fluctuated in response to rumors that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would shelve the controversial 10 per cent tax on Israeli investors that was enacted in November.

At a stormy Labor Party caucus meeting, Shohat lashed out at party members opposed to the tax. He dismissed the rumors that Rabin was considering abolishing or delaying the tax and said it would take effect as planned.

Detrimental effect on stock market

One of the critics of the tax, Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet said it would have a detrimental effect on the stock market and would erode public confidence in the economy.

"The drifting of the tax has caused some confusion and loss of confidence in the economy and capital markets."

Also, because Israel has not resolved the issue of taxing foreign investors, they are showing great hesitation in going into our market, Shetreet told Israel Radio.

Aharon Fogel, director-general of the Finance Ministry disagreed saying there was no connection between the tax and the recent market fluctuations.

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Business & Finance

Inventors pitch ideas to hi-tech Israeli firms

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PALO ALTO, Calif. — It's a warm afternoon at the Albert L. Schultz Jewish Community Centre, and scientist Sheldon L. Matlow is explaining his scientific discovery to a reporter as though he were selling a spot remover with a money-back guarantee.

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Matlow was one of 15 inventors, creators and scientists who brought their ideas to the JCC hoping to become part of the hottest Israeli hi-tech and business trend: the incubator.

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The government spends up to $300,000 on each project, including the cost of developing the product and paying the salaries of the inventor and four full-time scientists.

Incubators, the brainchild of Israeli chief scientist Shuki Gleitman, were introduced four years ago by the Israeli government to provide new emigre scientists with jobs, as well as opportunities to develop ideas they were working on in the former Soviet Union but did not have the resources to complete.

A total of 280 products are currently being developed in 28 incubators throughout Israel, according to the Santa Clara office of the Government of Israel Economic Mission.

In an effort to drum up more hi-tech projects, one of the incubators, Ofakim Innovative Technologies, sent managing director David Dolev-Lipitz and board member Yaacov Sella — a former Israeli consul general in San Francisco — to the Silicon Valley in June.

At the incubator in the small town of Ofakim west of Beersheva in the Negev, scientists are working on 11 projects.

Among them are a new kind of foam to combat oil spills, a computerized heart and lung monitor, skin grafting equipment and a way to freeze hemorrhoids.

The June session, co-sponsored by Ofakim Technologies and the Government of Israel Economic Mission, was attended by about 30 people, half of them inventors.

Dolev-Lipitz and Sella explained how Ofakim works and what it would mean if the inventors got their projects accepted into the incubator program.

"We are here to attract projects to the incubator that are more market-driven," Sella said after his presentation was over.

Across the room one inventor was opening a large, three-ring binder to show Dolev-Lipitz his hi-tech water compressor.

In Silicon Valley, Dolev-Lipitz believes, people understand and work with market-driven concepts better than people who have just come to Israel from a small town in the Ukraine, for instance.

That hunch was correct. Two days after the conference, Dolev-Lipitz predicted that five of the 15 hi-tech projects that he looked at will probably make it all the way to Ofakim, although he would not say which projects.

"The results surpassed all our expectations," said Dolev-Lipitz, who explained that typically, 90 to 95 per cent of proposed projects are not accepted.

He also was proud of the fact that those whose projects look good will consider making aliyah.

"For us, it was a very useful conference," he said. "It will take us five or six months just to digest the success we had here."

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First round of talks targeting free trade

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Canada and Israel have agreed on the main principles of a free trade agreement following the first round of talks held in Israel last week.

Zohar Peri, the chief Israeli negotiator, said the two sides are not far apart. He expects an agreement to be signed by next year.

"The leaders of both countries have decided to give top priority to reaching a free trade agreement," announced the Israeli ministry of industry and trade.

During the two days of talks, Israel said it would exempt all Canadian industrial exports from customs in return for the same.

The main stumbling block in the talks is the level of protection to be granted to various agricultural products. Canada expressed willingness to allow duty-free agricultural imports if Israel would do the same. However each side has a list of exceptions requiring special treatment in agriculture.

Israel is anxious to sign a free trade agreement with Canada because of the adverse effect the North American Free Trade Agreement is expected to have on Israeli exports to Canada. By allowing U.S. companies to export duty-free goods to Canada, NAFTA makes it more difficult for Israeli firms to compete with American ones. Israel is also interested in signing a free trade agreement with Mexico for the same reason.

Israel's own free trade agreements — with the United States and Europe — put Canada at a trading disadvantage. Because of high tariffs, Canadian companies, particularly in the potentially lucrative construction industry, cannot compete with American firms exporting to Israel. This has prompted Canada to change its longstanding opposition to a free trade agreement with Israel.

In 1993, trade between the two countries was $310 million. In the first half of 1994, Israeli exports to Canada fell five per cent, and consisted of precious stones and metals (27 per cent of the total), machinery and equipment (15 per cent), and agricultural and food products (12 per cent).

By contrast, Canadian exports to Israel jumped 33 per cent. The main products were machinery and equipment (26 per cent), metals (16 per cent), and paper and cardboard (nine per cent).

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Arts

Jr. Judaica books bridge age gap

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Encyclopedias for the younger set often suffer from an excess of cuteness, pretention or superficiality that render them of little use to the serious youngster.

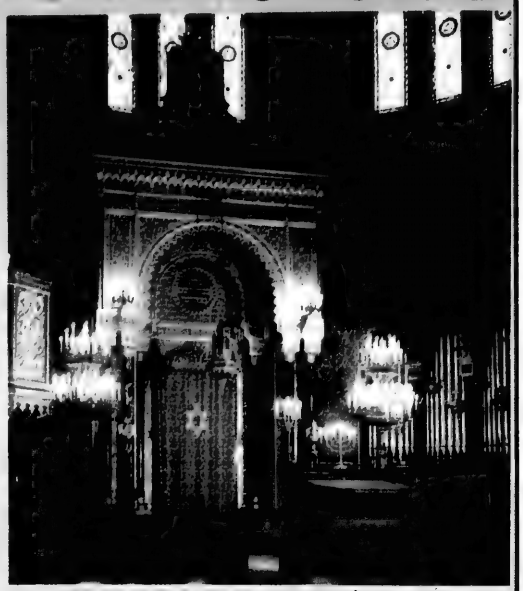
Junior Judaica: Encyclopedia Judaica for Youth (Keter Publishing House, 1994 revised editon) manages to avoid these pitfalls. The six volumes are packed with interesting articles, effective pictures (many in color), and a wide enough range of material to bridge the gap until the user is old enough to turn to the regular *Encyclopedia Judaica.*

Like its adult counterpart, *Junior Judaica* deals with history, religion, geography, art, biographies and issues of concern to Jews, such as anti-Semitism, biblical archeology and music.

The sections on Israel are particularly good, replete with fascinating photographs, stamps and color reproductions.

Canada is not extensively covered (if one takes it seriously, Judaism only exists in Toronto and Montreal), but what is covered is reasonably accurate and interesting. Even if one is left to ponder where a pictured synagogue in Don Mills called Beth El actually is.

Like regular *Judaica*, the index is excellent, an essential aid to the effective use of the encyclopedia. In the index volume one also finds the very useful 100-year calendar, covering the years from 1920 to 2020.



The eastern wall of the Great Synagogue in Florence, Italy, completed in 1882. [Junior Judaica]

While the language is somewhat simplified, it is by no means elementary. The younger child may well need a dictionary for certain parts, but on the whole, those able to use it should not find it a problem.

Editor-in-chief Raphael Posner notes in his introduction that *Junior Judaica* is "for continuous reading as much as it is a reference book," and there is no doubt this is so.

Youngsters will find it not just invaluable as a reference source, but will enjoy just browsing through it. Where else can you find out the Jewish view of angels, vegetarianism and mathematics all in the same set of books?

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Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Bell Curve: Intelligence & Class Structure in American Life, by Richard J. Herrnstein & Charles Murray (Distican, $40).

This book, co-authored by a recently deceased Harvard psychologist (Herrnstein) and a well-known political scientist (Murray), has caused a fire storm of debate and acrimony.

It is doubtful, however, that many who decry or praise its findings have read it. It is a pedantic study of almost 850 pages filled with statistics, charts, tables, graphs and technical verbiage.

What has caused the brouhaha?

The authors maintain that IQ (intelligence quotient) as measured on standardized tests is a determining factor in success or failure in life. The North American economy is demanding high intelligence to perform complicated and involved work. As a result, smart people are winning a larger share of the important jobs as well as wealth and power.

"It is likely that 70 to 80 per cent of persons in the top decile of intelligence have been channeled into this narrow world."

To the contrary, people of low intelligence are being left behind and account for a disproportionate number of social ills: unemployment, poverty, illegitimacy, welfare dependency and crime.

The most incendiary of the book's conclusions is that blacks on average are less intelligent than whites, scoring about 15 points lower on intelligence tests, and that East Asians are brighter than whites, scoring about three points higher.

Moreover, contend the authors, success or failure is a result of inherited genes: as much as 40 to 80 per cent of cocognitive ability is genetic. Thus, the slow witted are doomed to a lower economic and social position. "The problems associated with low cognitive functioning cannot be solved through intervention outside the home."

From their findings, it would be reasonable to reassess or abolish projects such as affirmative action, Head Start projects for disadvantaged pre-school aged children and widespread welfare subsidies.

Aware their conclusions will strike many as elitist and racist, the authors stress the true challenge for society is to achieve a social framework within which everyone is able to find a valued place that provides lasting satisfactions.

Cultural factors

Those who denounce and oppose all of this argue that intelligence comes in many forms and is not easily measured. Our complicated gender inheritance involves as many as 10,000 genes and we are only beginning to discover how complicated it is. In addition, many of the IQ tests simply reflect existing socio-economic inequalities and do not take into account a host of cultural factors.

It is ironic that in the early years of the 20th century Eastern European immigrants — largely Jewish — were considered undesirable because of their low intelligence. Today their descendants score among the highest on the IQ tests.

Finally, the critics are outraged because the book's questionable conclusions give comfort to the most bigoted and mean spirited elements in North American society and confirm unproved stereotypes. They also provide a political agenda for reactionaries who want to transform the nature of modern society.

Undoubtedly, *The Bell Curve* is the latest broadside in a protracted battle about race and class in our society, with additional salvos from both sides to be anticipated.

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Arts

Cantorfest boasts 11 tenors and pack a full house

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Los Angeles may have recently featured three tenors in recital, but Toronto can now boast of a concert featuring 11.

Cantorfest was held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue by the Toronto Council of Hazzanim to celebrate Chanukah and raise money for various Jewish charities.

Not only did the event attract a packed house, but gave audience members an in-depth look into the art of chazzanut.

Participating cantors came in all shapes, sizes, ages and vocal ranges. Not all were in perfect voice, an occupational hazard given the cold and flu season, but that did not stop them from expressing their joy of music from the heart.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda's cantor Louis Danto sang first. The dean of Toronto chazzanut, Danto still delights with the sweetness and expressiveness of his operatic delivery. Danto was later paired with one of the new kids on the block, Beth Tikvah's Efraim Sapir, in the lyrical duet *Areshet S'gateinu*, which brought two generations of cantors delightfully together.

Sapir and Beth Radom's Hesh Meyersdorf impressed the crowd with their energetic singing, but the biggest applause of the evening went to Holy Blossom's Benjamin Maissner for his comical rendition of the Yiddish folk song *The Chazzan and the Gabbai*.

Different cantors brought different strengths to the evening. Har Zion's Martin Steinhouse and Beth Jacob's Moishe Ginz are blessed with wonderful lower registers which add weight to their voices, and Ginz in particular is very expressive of face and voice. Temple Sinai's Thomas Schwartz is another weighty singer who is also a good interpreter.

Probably the most flexible vocal instrument belongs to Beth David's Yehuda Rottner, while Beth Tzedec's cantor Paul Kowarsky possesses a strong voice and ringing tones. Shaarei Tefillah's Chaim Weiner and Adath Israel's A. Eliezer Kirshblum asppeared under the weather but still negotiated complex chazzanut with panache.

Traditional Hebrew and Yiddish songs were scattered throughout the formal chazzanut arias, making for a fast-paced and interesting evening. Choirs from Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Adath Israel contributed back up in two numbers, and musical accompaniment for the evening was ably provided by pianists Brahm Goldhamer and Nathan Rosen along with The Ted Labow Instrumental Ensemble.

Charles Heller, the music director of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, arranged six of the selections, and Kowarsky composed *Al Hanissim*, the spirited song that closed the concert. A special kudo belongs to Doron Ophir and his Adath Israel Choir who displayed impressive harmonic and vocal tightness.

An evening of modern music, dance

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish themes intermingled with modern music and dance at the first of three musical evenings presented by Musica Beth Tikvah at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue in north Toronto.

In the first half of the evening, flautist Susan Hoeppner and pianist Lydia Wong played their lush interpretations of compositions by Ernest Bloch, Darius Milhaud, Paul Ben-Haim and the synagogue's programming director, Srul Irving Glick.

Filled with resonant folk images and hints of Oriental mystery, Bloch's *Suite Modale for Flute and Piano* was the perfect opener. Hoeppner and Wong were equally adept at presenting the wide range of colors to be found in the *Sonatine* by Milhaud, a French composer who preferred lighthearted, joyous music over the serious, heavy German music once in vogue.

Haunting and passionate, Ben-Haim's *Sephardic Melody* was a suitable warm-up piece for Glick's *Sonata for Flute and Piano*, which the composer introduced by saying that Hoeppner and Wong had already recorded "the ideal performance of this work." If so, their rendering of it for Musica Beth Tikvah must have been a close second.

The second part of the evening featured modern dance by members of the Me'Irim Dance Company, a Toronto-based group that explores Jewish history through music and dance. The works performed were *Tehilot* (excerpt), To the Four Corners of the Earth, Shabbatai Tzvi and *Out of Eden*. The audience, consisting of about 200 people, seemed highly appreciative.

"Me'Irim is the only dance group that is performing works of Jewish significance in the city," Musica Beth Tikvah publicist Marilyn Birenbaum told *The CJN*. "There is no other group that performs works that have to do with Jewish history and Jewish ideas. They're completely unique."

About 60 people turned up for an informative pre-concert discussion featuring Hoeppner, Glick and Me'Irim artistic director Shula Saltzman.

As part of the Musica Beth Tikvah series, the Toronto Children's Chorus performs on Feb. 4, and Chazzan Efraim Sapir sings with special guest artists Brahm Goldhammer, Yitchak Argaman and Kathryn Moses on April 2. For tickets, call (416) 221-3433.

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

"Do We Not Bleed?": In October, the respected British journal *The Spectator* ran a three-page article by William Cash, a British writer based in Los Angeles, asserting that Hollywood is run by a Jewish cabal of studio kingpins whose ranks include David Geffen, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Mike Ovitz, Sidney Sheinberg, Steven Spielberg and Lew Wasserman.

These and other members of Hollywood's "New Establishment," Cash alleged, exclude non-Jews from the upper ranks of America's entertainment industry. He described the case of one professional, a gentile, who allegedly found it necessary to wear a gold Magen David around his neck to further his career. According to Cash, the media do not expose this Jewish conspiracy because they are part of it — the cabal's "official mouthpiece is the *New York Times*," he wrote.

The "inevitable shrieks of 'anti-Semitism' " that Cash predicted would come after his accusations were not long in arriving. Neville Nagler, chief executive of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, wrote a letter to *The Spectator* in which he noted the sneering tone of the article and called it "deeply unpleasant and distasteful ... filled with unjustified generalizations and unwarranted stereotypes." Board member Mike Whine said "the article purports not to be anti-Semitic while perpetrating the very myths that feed prejudice."

The controversy quickly reached across the Atlantic. "Cash rightfully accuses the likes of Lew Wasserman, Steven Spielberg and Michael Ovitz — who happen to be American Jews — of one sin, success," wrote Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper of the L.A.-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre in a letter to *The Spectator*.

"But by labelling these individuals ... as an insidious 'cabal,' Cash has actually plagiarized a page from the playbook of Julius Streicher and Joseph Goebbels. In the 1920s and '30s, those masters of racist stereotyping identified Jewish involvement in financial markets as a justification for, and a means to, fanning the flames of bigotry and genocide."

Hier and Cooper also noted that Cash neglected to mention the considerable influence of "the Oprahs, the Cosbys and some of the investors in Tokyo, who have a little bit to say about how their studios in Hollywood are run."

The *Los Angeles Times* and the *New York Times* both reported on the controversy, the latter in a front-page article headed, Stereotype of Jews is Revived. Last month, in a wordy analysis, *Spectator* editor Dominic Lawson (who is Jewish) acknowledged that Cash's use of the word 'cabal' was unfortunate, but argued that the widespread negative reaction was a form of political correctness that could threaten freedom of speech.

Responding to the deluge of complaints, Cash admitted "the glib tone of my piece ... badly ruffled sensitive egos," but complained his meaning had been misconstrued. "If I have injured any feelings, I apologize, but certainly no anti-Semitism was intended or felt." Several letter-writing apologists for Cash noted that he, being a British journalist, made a stock in trade of being scurrilous and offensive.

As *The Spectator's* Letters page indicates, the tempest shows no signs of abating. "Conspiracy theories, 'facts' with little or no basis in truth, code words like 'Jewish cabal', all the usual canards are rounded up in this 'investigation' into the supposed dominance by a new elite," remarked a recent letter.

"We have seen it all before, from the Inquisition in [15th-century] Spain to the Holocaust of 20th-century Germany. We have seen the results of hateful scapegoating, of ascribing group traits, of baseless charges of exclusionism. What we have not seen lately is this type of racist creed aired in distinguished journals such as *The Spectator*."

That particular letter was signed by a cabal of Hollywood heavies: Kevin Costner, Tom Cruise, Bob Daly, Kirk Douglas, Charlton Heston, Jim Hilvert, Frank Mancuso, Michael Ovitz, Sidney Poitier, Bruce M. Ramer, Sidney J. Sheinberg, Steven Spielberg, Barbra Streisand, Jack Valenti and Lew Wasserman.

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Thespian Arts: First Words, an organization established to promote readings and discussions of plays with Jewish content, recently held a reading of *Crime or Justice*, a Holocaust-related drama, at the Bloor Street JCC. In January, First Words presents Mitch Moldofsky's lighthearted look at the contemporary Jewish scene. (416) 924-6211.

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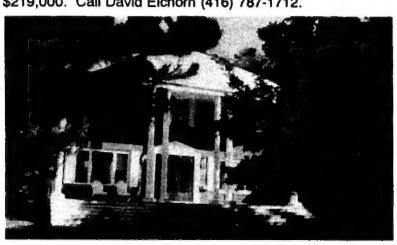

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Annie Gertner on November 25, 1994, late of 550 Cummer
Sarah Shuster on November 25, 1994, late of 371 Ellerslie Avenue
Bessie Fox on November 24, 1994, late of 680 Roselawn Ave. #508
Max Wainstock on November 25, 1994, late of 37 Shallmar Blvd.
Molly Greenwood on November 25, 1994, late of 23 Markdale Ave. #1
Lenni Reine on November 26, 1994, late of 30 Tanbark Cres.
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9:00 AM	PICK UP AT Cedarcroft & Bathurst (Cedarcroft next to Royal Bank)	9:35 AM	PICK UP AT 135 Antibes Dr. (in front of apartment building)	9:45 AM	PICK UP AT 15 & 25 Canyon Ave. (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)	9:50 AM	PICK UP AT 4455 Bathurst St. (in front of apartment building)	10 AM	ARRIVES AT SUNNYBROOK	11 AM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK
12:40 PM	PICK UP AT JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. (at main entrance)	12:45 PM	PICK UP AT B'nai Brith Building 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)	1:00 PM	ARRIVES AT SUNNYBROOK	2:00 PM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK				

Bus Shuttle runs Thursdays only and will not run Jewish or Civic Holidays

Advertised specials effective WED. DEC. 21 - TUES. DEC. 27. Produce specials effective until TUES. DEC. 27 at Bayview only. We reserve the right to limit quantities to normal family requirements. Limited quantities on some items. We reserve the right to correct printer's errors.

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